

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - 6TH APRIL Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (Year C, Saturday Vigil & Sunday 10:30am) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (Year A, Sunday 8:30am)				
<b>Welcome / Intercessions</b>	Saturday 5:00 pm Georgina Lautua	Sunday 8:30 am Tevita Koloamatangi	Sunday 10:30 am Rowena Hernandez	Sunday 2pm Filipino Mass Lisa Gurney
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Rosalie Petelo Sela Kaloni	Danae Anthony James Bingwor	Ofu Schmidt Cyrila Asseervathan	Weng Canares Flordelis Tanyag
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Kumi Kaloni Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Jovita Parker John Franks	Antonette Bingwor James Obeng Atelina Hunt Fakalelu Paseka Letisia Koloamatangi	Marietta Vaotua Filimoni Feagaiga Fuli Vaasili Ana Silva Telesia Tuala Tea Sharp, Anna Cullen	Geraldine & Christopher Cuya Mary Jane Deuna Jennifer Anacleto Jane Castrillo Arnel Mantes Rolando Reyes
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emereziana Lautua Martin Thomas Obinna Njoku	Aja Vatau Luca Vatau Adrianna Anthony	Lupea Kaloni Mele Kaloni Kaveinga To'ofuhe	Jaron Castrillo Kiean Platon Khayla Platon
<b>Sacred Vessel</b>	Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua	James Obeng Letisia Koloamatangi	Telesia Tuala Tea Sharp	Geraldine Cuya Christopher Cuya
<b>Projector</b>	Jovita Parker	Lusia Koloamatangi	Rosaline Petelo	Miriam Mantes

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"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



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Please Note  
(Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)

**31st March - 5th April**  
**SICK PARISHIONERS**  
We pray for those who are sick, especially:  
Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell, Brian O'Leary, Rosario Tamin, John Ram Krishna, Rodolfo Tolentino, Graham Reed, Anne Wallbank, Margaret Fairweather, Morris Pele, Brian Goldfinch, Ofa Soakai and Leanne Sharp

**RECENT DEATHS**  
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.  
Josephine Onerio, Raaja Yacoub

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death  
Francis Joseph Huwyler, Bryan William Westley, Allegonda Duin, Joan Mary Wallace, Laurence Noel O'Toole, Agnes Alma O'Connor, Joyce Mary Nicol, Mary Annie Wallis  
May they rest in peace. Amen

New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please visit our website at [www.papakuracatholic.org.nz](http://www.papakuracatholic.org.nz) and register online or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office. (Office hours 9am- 3pm, Mon-Fri ) Thank you

## St Mary's Catholic Church

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Presbytery: 09 298 5134  
Fr. Mathew: 021 2090210 (Preferably text messages)

**Parish Secretary: Roleta Aranda**  
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**St Mary's Catholic School**  
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**Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School**  
Principal: Peta Lindstrom  
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**St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College**  
Principal: Dean Wearmouth

**30TH MARCH 2025 - FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**  
Joshua 5:9-13; Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3.11-32 (Year C, Saturday Vigil & Sunday 10:30am)  
1Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (Year A, Sunday 8:30am)

### Support for Lent Appeal is an 'act of generosity'

*A statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand*

Every year at this sacred time, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference asks Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand to run a six-week fundraising campaign on their behalf called the **Bishops' Lent Appeal**.

The money raised during this time is essential to the mission of Caritas. It provides much of the funding necessary for them to continue their life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific and beyond.

This year's appeal is even more urgent than usual. The US government recently stopped almost all foreign aid. France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and the UK have also cut their overseas development aid budgets. These decisions will cause significant suffering for those facing poverty, conflict, disasters and the effects of climate change. Your support is needed so that Caritas can step in across the Pacific as donor governments withdraw.

Every year, individuals and parishes across New Zealand demonstrate great generosity by donating to this appeal. We hope that this will continue for this Lenten season.

The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is **Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te Tūmanako**. Caritas' mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, is of vital importance to us all. The **Bishops' Lent Appeal** is the best way to directly fund Caritas' work – supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

For the Catholic community, Caritas is how we help our brothers and sisters in need, upholding their human dignity through local partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching.

Over the last few years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund the programmes that serve those most in need. We ask that during this time of preparation, prayer and almsgiving, you make a special donation to the **Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025** at [caritas.org.nz/lent](http://caritas.org.nz/lent) or by using the envelopes provided at Mass.

This act of almsgiving is an act of generosity. It will mean so much to the people Caritas serves across our region.

In Christ,

- ✠ Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Auckland
- ✠ Richard Laurenson, Bishop of Hamilton
- ✠ John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North
- ✠ Paul Martin SM, Archbishop of Wellington
- ✠ Michael Gielen, Bishop of Christchurch
- ✠ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

**MASS TIMES**

**WEEKEND MASS**  
Saturday  
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday  
8:30am & 10:30am

**BAPTISM**  
Second Sunday of the month  
during 10:30am mass

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Monday - 9:00am  
Tuesday - 6:30pm  
Wednesday - 6:30pm  
Thursday - 9:30am  
Friday - 9:00am

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Mass - 10:00am  
Adoration - 10:30am - 12:00pm

**FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

**ETHNIC MASSES**  
Filipino language 1st Sunday,  
2:00pm  
Samoan Language 3rd Sunday  
12:00pm (dates to be confirmed)  
Tongan Language 4th Sunday of  
Mar, Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**  
Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
Evening Prayer (VESPERS)  
Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm

Morning Prayer (LAUDS)  
Sunday - 8:00am

**RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS**  
Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 11:00am  
Summerset - 3rd Tue, 10:30am

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## Welcome to St Mary's Parish

**Holy Rosary:** 8:30, 5:30p.m. Monday to Friday  
**Stations of the Cross:** 5pm Fridays. Michael 298 9295  
**The statue of Our Lady** is available for families, add your name to the list in the foyer or ph Jean 027 2982327  
**SMYFs (St Mary's Youth Family)-** Bringing Youth Closer to Christ. We welcome all youth aged 10 & up to join us for our monthly youth sessions. We delve into scripture while growing closer with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact 021 084 04602, smarysyoungfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs\_.  
 Next youth session is: **4, 11 & 28 April 7-8:30pm.** All welcome  
**Legion of Mary Senior Presidium:** Mondays 6:15pm, hall committee room.  
**Legion of Mary Junior Presidium:** Fridays 5-6pm, Ryder room. Celerina 298 4080  
**Medjugorje prayer meetings:** Every other Thursday starting 13th March, Com. Rm after 9:30 am mass. Joseph 298 2297  
**Meditation Groups:** Tuesdays 9.30am Fr Ryder Rm. (St Anne's Manurewa every Monday 5-6pm in the Chapel.)  
**Knitting group:** each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 1- 3 pm Ryder Rm. Jenny 297 7292  
**St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Office:** Food parcels please phone for an appointment. Mob: 021 026 71430  
**St Vincent de Paul Shop:** Mon—Fri 10:00-3:00pm Sat 10:00-1:00pm 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052  
**The Knights Of The Southern Cross**—Richard Power  
**Lay Camillian Family NZ Ministry to the sick**—Dennis Sanga dtbsanga@gmail.com  
**Music Ministry Team** - Singing and music practice for our Sunday Masses - Wednesday at 7:15pm. All welcome.  
**St. Mary's Women's Group** - Friday, 1:00-2:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 02358939. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA FOOD BANK



The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Lenten Appeal for Foodstuffs will be held on Holy Thursday 17th April.

Please assist us by donating tins of foodstuff for our pantry for the winter

To request food assistance please phone 021 02671430 to give your details and you will be given an appointment time for collecting a food parcel.

Thank you.

#### Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey?  
Contact Fr. Mathew

#### SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.  
First Wednesday of the month, between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk - in are all welcome.

## Announcements from Diocese

### Join us for the 17th Annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD!

Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral. 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

### St Gianna's Mothers & Children's Group (South Auckland)

Welcoming all mothers and their children (Under the age of 5). Come and meet likeminded mothers, deepen your friendship with God, and enjoy a free lunch!

The morning starts with an element of formation and group discussions while your children enjoy a safe area to play. Followed by Mass and a free lunch.

### Second & Fourth Tuesdays of the month 10am-1pm. Commencing Tuesday 29th April 2025.

At St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies in Pukekohe, Auckland. Contact Amie for more details: 027 350 8227 [werthenextgen@gmail.com](mailto:werthenextgen@gmail.com)

**Singles Ministry** is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner **on Sunday 18th May to 2025.** For more information kindly contact: Clytie: 021836705, Reena 0278387151.

**Bishop Steve Speaks** tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW\\_gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW_gsxny4e)

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Bible Stories - What do they mean?** with Beate Matthies Sunday, 06 April 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-12/>

**YouTube Recording - Snippets from Muffin Talks:**

**The Prodigal Son & the Parables of Compassion** - with the late Br Kieran Fenn: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/03/25/kieran-fenn-fms-snippets-from-muffin-talks/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

## Parish News and updates

### THANK YOU, BENITA KIUTAU

We wish to thank **Benita Kiutau**, our Parish Pastoral Associate, who has now finished in this role. Benita had been in this role for over 5 years, and we thank her for the valuable contributions she made to our parish and community. We wish Benita all the best in her future endeavors. We are planning to cover the pastoral duties of this role with small groups of volunteers. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved.

### Pastoral Visit

Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with you over a cuppa. He is happy to pray and bless your home should you consider. If you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit, contact the parish office.

### LENT 2025

We are seeking your help

To organize sound system for Good Friday Stations of the Cross, for Palm blessing ceremony in the garden on Palm Sunday, and for the Solemn Beginning of the Easter Vigil

### Easter Obligation

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Holy Trinity Sunday. If you have family members or friends who are housebound and wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, kindly contact the parish office.

Catechists / volunteers are sought to join the RCIA/RCIC Team to prepare those seeking Catholic faith for the Sacraments of Initiation.

We ask parishioners of all ages, background and talents to write the stories of their faith journey. What does faith mean to you? How does your faith help you to live your life with its promises and hopes? What does your prayer life mean to you? It is for faith sharing and encouraging one another and to get to know the members of our parish family. The stories can be a maximum of 500 words. Please email it with a passport size photograph to [office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)

### Weekday Readings, 31st Mar - 5th Apr

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21; Ps.30; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; Ps.46; John 5:1-3.5-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; Ps.145; John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; Ps.106; John 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1.12-22; Ps. 34; John 7:1-2.10.25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; Ps.7; John 7:40-52

### Dates for your Diary

Thu, 3 Apr	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Centre
Sun, 6 Apr	Last date to submit nominations to Parish Pastoral Council.
Tue, 8 Apr	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, 7:00 pm
Thu, 10 Apr	Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder Centre
Sat, 12 Apr	Baptism Celebration. We move to 12 April, 11:00am, as Palm Sunday falls on April 13th this year.
Sat, 3 May	Parish Walkathon Fundraising, Totara Park, 9:00 am. All proceeds goes to church building project.
Thu, 8 May	Change of the date for Training for Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 7:00pm, Church. To register call parish office. Commissioning on the weekend, 17th May at all masses.
Fridays	<b>Praying for World Peace</b> An opportunity to pray for world peace on Friday during Lent, 6:15pm <b>Friday Station of the Cross 6.30pm</b>

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

### Want to become a Catholic?

Looking to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? Our Parish RCIA/RCIC program welcomes you on a journey of faith, learning, and community - come and discover the beauty of the Catholic life!

Registration for RCIC/RCIA 2025-2026 is now open.  
Please contact Parish Office

Enquiry dates:  
Fridays, 9th & 16th May, 7:00pm  
Saturdays, 24th & 31st May, 12:00pm

To host for our Parish Communi-Tea please call parish office.

**Collection Report 21st - 27th Mar**  
Pledge - \$ 5,436  
Build. Fund - \$ 3,127

### Parish Car park

Since we have very limited availability for parking, we encourage all parishioners to leave the car park for the elderly, the sick and the mobility card holders.  
Thank you for your understanding.