

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER
Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
4th May 2025

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Filipino Mass Sun, 2pm
Welcome / Intercessions	Georgina Lautua	Tevita Koloamatangi	Jane Fetuú	Weng Canares
Ministers of the Word	Margrette Soo Choon Lumepa Soo Choon	Mahonri Auvaa James Bingwor	Rosaline Petelo Ofu Schmidt	Jovy Villafuerte Belle Oliveros
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Kumi Kaloni Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Jovita Parker Elizabeth Tugaga	Annette Bingwor James Obeng Atelina Hunt Fakalelu Paseka Letisia Koloamatangi Bernadette Pause Tolotea Sharp Filimoni Feagaiga	Marietta Vaotuuu Anna Cullen Fuli Vaasili Ana Silva Telesia Tuala Caron Marnewick John Franks Kumi Kaloni	Aran Ferranti Carlos Silverio Aries Ortiz Chi Alimario Geraldine Cuya Chrisopher Cuya Jennifer Anacleto
Altar Servers	Emereziana Lautua Martin Thomas Obinna Njoku	Aja Vatau Luca Vatau Adrianna Anthony	Frankie Aita Edith Aita Katherine Farley	Kiean Platon Khayla Platon James Santos
Sacred Vessels	Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua	Annette Bingwor Letisia Koloamatangi	Anna Cullen Marietta Vaotuuu	Chi Alimario Jennifer Anacleto
Projector	Jovita Parker	Lusia Koloamatangi	Rosaline Petelo	Miriam Mantes

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT
"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



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Your support is most appreciated!

27th April - 3rd May

SICK PARISHIONERS
We pray for those who are sick, especially:
 Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell,
 Brian O'Leary, John Ram Krishna, 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.
 Graham Reed

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 Margaret Banks, Maria Buxton, Marguerite Jocelyn Brunton, Patricia
 mary Finestone, Lionel (Peter) O'Reilly, Therese (Pam) O'Reilly

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 and register online or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office. (Office hours 9:00am– 3:00pm, Monday - Fridays) Thank you




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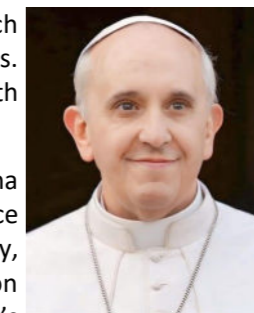
SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31
27th April 2025

Pope Francis: A Shepherd with the Smell of the Sheep

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With heartfelt sorrow and deep gratitude, we join the universal Church and all people of goodwill in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. After years of devoted and courageous leadership as the 266th Successor of St. Peter, he has now entered into eternal life.



Elected on March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina chose the name *Francis*, honouring St. Francis of Assisi. This choice reflected the direction of his pontificate - a Church marked by humility, closeness to the people, and a special care for the poor, and those on the margins. From the outset, his heart was with those on society's peripheries.

From his first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, asking for the people's prayers, Pope Francis revealed a new style of leadership: personal, pastoral, and grounded in mercy. He called for a "poor Church for the poor" and lived this out through simple living and compassionate outreach. His visits to prisons, refugee camps, and shelters for the homeless were vivid signs of a shepherd who walked with his flock, especially the most forgotten.

Pope Francis constantly encouraged us to go beyond our comfort zones and to live as missionary disciples. He envisioned a Church that "goes forth" - open, welcoming, and merciful. His papacy was marked by bold acts of solidarity: washing the feet of prisoners, embracing people with disabilities, and standing with the victims of war and poverty.

On the global stage, he addressed major concerns such as climate change, human trafficking, inequality, and the plight of migrants. Through key documents like *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, he offered a prophetic voice urging all people to care for creation, work for peace, and uphold the dignity of every person. He truly became a moral leader beyond religious boundaries, inviting all to a culture of dialogue, fraternity, and love.

Yet his papacy was not without struggle. Within the Church, some of his initiatives stirred debate, and his call for synodality and reform met resistance. Yet, he remained prayerful, patient, and committed to the Gospel. He reminded us that the Church is not a fortress but a field hospital - open to all, especially the wounded.

With hope we commend him to God's eternal embrace. We give thanks for the gift of his life, his witness, and his deep love for the Church and the world. May his legacy continue to guide us and the Church he so dearly loved.

God bless.

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil

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 - 12:00noon

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
Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 9:30am - 12:00noon

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 Tuesday, 10:30am

Parish News and updates

Site development Update

St Marys submitted our application for Extraordinary Administration to the diocese on the 4th March. (IE our application for release of funds to progress to the concept design stage only) We were informed that our application was very well presented and comprehensive. We have been waiting since then for the official response. This arrived on the 11th April. The good news is that the Bishop acknowledged our need for a better Church and facilities.

However he has deferred his decision until the Site Development Committee consults further with the Parish and wider Catholic community in Papakura about our building plans . He wants us to look at the demographic projections for the Parish East of the Motorway down to the Bombay range for the next 20 to 40 years. He wants us to talk to schools and neighbouring parishes and the Diocesan property team and Auckland City council planners about projected growth in our Parish and how we can respond to future pastoral needs. He also wants further work on financial modelling. At this stage this would be done without a concept plan to assist us.

Since the response letter The SDC Chair, Chris Martin, has met with Michael Butler from the building team at the diocese to start the ball rolling on this research.

We have already considered all of the points outlined by the bishop but now we need to provide this information in a detailed presentation. We have several initiatives proposed to enable wider consultation with the Stakeholders to be announced soon.

We remain positive and optimistic that we can progress this project in the near future.

Thank you very much for your patience and support.

St Marys SDC

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism and Reception of baptised to Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church



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| Julliane Madhizon De Guzman | Rizza Marie Diquit |
| Juliana Diquit | Buell Ellis |
| Bridie Rosa Wagner | Eva Mouroa Ellis |
| Finn Thomas Wagner | Shane Ellis |
| Violet James Power | David John George |
| Olive Dulcie-Mae Power | Isobel Leibbrant |
| Jethro Robert Waltham | Apurva Sanket Solanki |
| Gunnar Stephen Waltham | Casey Wyren Stenson |
| Jordan Walter Elmes | Fairlane Stacey Tiniteila |
| Blake Audrey Stenson | Flynn Van Lierop |
| Emeli Jane Murphy | |
| Charlotte Ruegg | |
| Natalie Judith Ruegg | |
| Heidi Rae Murphy | |
| Timothy Leibbrant | |

Importance of Catholic Education

The Father Brian Wilkinson Charitable Trust was established in 1992 to honour and commemorate the life and work of Rev Father Wilkinson - Parish Priest of St Patrick's Pukekohe from 1987 until his passing in 1991. The trust currently supports 39 students with their attendance fees at St Joseph's, St Mary's, Holy Trinity, St Ignatius and Sacred Heart College. The trust is seeking donations from potential donors to enable this support to continue.

For further information please contact Noel Surrey 0274927186 or Bede Mills 021932383

St Mary's Papakura Samoan Aulalavou

Ave lou ola mo le Atua e ala i lau auauna i le aulalavou. Tatalo atu i aiga Samoa uma o le tatou Palisi o loo manaomia oe i le tatou aiga aulalavou. Afai e te fia tautua i le Atua e ala atu i le aulalavou, fa'afeso'otai le susuga ile Peresitene Ishmael Fiamme Semi 021 022 59201 poo le Teuolua Ana Silva 021 142 4963. Fa'afetai.

We humbly invite all our Samoan people in the Parish to come and join our Samoan Youth. We are a vibrant group with a passion to serve and to grow in our Catholic faith. Please don't hesitate to contact us with the numbers above.

Want to become a Catholic?

Looking to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? Our Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (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

Parish Invitation: Nurturing Young Lives

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Stakeholders in the lives of our Children and Youth,

You are warmly invited to a special **Parish Meeting / Hui** dedicated to the **spiritual, human, and social formation** of our young people.

Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Venue: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Theme: *Nurturing Young Lives*

This is a valuable opportunity for all who care about the growth and future of our children and youth to come together, share ideas, raise concerns, and collaborate on how we can better support their formation in faith, character, and community life. We invite representative from all State and Catholic Schools and Colleges, and other groups and organization working within the parish boundary.

Your voice and presence matter. Let's work hand in hand to nurture the next generation.

Let's shape their future—together!

For more information, please contact: St. Mary's Parish Office.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

- Weekly washing of the church linen like Purificators. Training will be provided for washing and ironing.
- ONE HOUR a week as Power point operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR a week as Eftpos operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR per week to count the mass collections
- ONE HOUR OR TWO to clean the Church, Hall or Ryder room (choose only one per group or family)
- ONE HOUR a week to take Holy Communion to the homebound.
- ONE HOUR a week to manage our car parks for each mass on the weekend.
- You may have talents which you want make known to parish. Contact us.

Building Maintenance

We earnestly seek parishioners / volunteers who can help with minor repairs and maintenance around the church grounds and buildings, whether it's tightening a loose hinge, patching up a wall, or helping with basic upkeep, your time and talent can make a big difference in keeping our parish home welcoming and in good shape. If you're able to lend a hand—even occasionally—please reach out to the parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPA KURA FOOD BANK



Thank you for your Easter offerings.

Our current needs are used egg cartons.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Wed, 30 April	Memorial funeral service for Pope Francis, 6.30pm to show our respect for "His Holiness" and to offer prayers for his soul and the Church.
Thu, 1 May	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder Room
Sat, 3 May	Parish Walkathon Fundraising, Totara Park, 9:00 am. All proceeds goes to church building project.
Sun, 4 May	Annual General Meeting (AGM), 12:00 noon, Parish Hall
Thu, 8 May	Change of the date for Training for Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 7:00pm, in church. To register call parish office. Commissioning on the weekend, 17th May at all masses.
Sun, 11 May	SPECIAL COLLECTION IN AUCKLAND DIOCESE Seminary Collection The monies collected help towards the fees for the Auckland students for the priesthood.
Fridays 9 & 16 May	Enquiry day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 7:00 pm, Ryder Room
Thu, 15 May	Nurturing Young Lives: Parish Meeting / Hui, 3:00 pm, Parish Hall
Thu, 15 May	Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder Room
Saturdays 24 & 31 May	Enquiry day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 12:00 noon, Ryder Room
Sat, 31 May	Parish Hui - Site Parish Development Plan

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

"Mulligan's Musings"

Book by Fr James Mulligan

You are all warmly invited to attend the launch of my new book "Mulligan's Musings" - reflections on God's unchanging Word in changing times – Ordinary Sunday and Seasonal / Festive Readings for Year A. The book launch will be held on Sunday May 4th, from **3.00pm - 5.00pm at St Mary's School Hall, 54 Clark Rd Papakura**. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at \$20 each. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Cheers and Easter Blessings, Fr James Mulligan.



Weekday Readings, 28th April - 3rd May

Monday	Ps.96; Acts 13:44-52; John 15:12-17; Luke 6:27-38; John 12:26
Tuesday	Ps.93; Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
Wednesday	Ps.34; Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday	Ps.34; Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday	Ps.27; Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday	Ps. 19A; 1Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6.9

You're invited!

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has food, a talk, space to discuss and ask any question you want.

Starts April 30, 2025 Wednesday, 06:45 PM at St. Mary's School, 54 Clark Rd Papakura



Scan to Register



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



Collection Report 17th - 23rd April

Pledge - \$ 7,552.20
Build. Fund - \$ 2,958