

PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday) Procession of Palms
 Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23
 13th April 2025

Welcome / Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
	Georgina Lautua	Mavicle Auva'a	Ofu Schmidt
Ministers of the Word	Margrette Soo Choon Lisa Gurney	Mohanri Auva'a Juvina Auva'a	Dane Anthony Jason Farley
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Jovita Parker A Paula Lautua Martin Lautua John Franks Aran Silverio Sahlee Cortez	Tea Venu Shyamalee Krone Filimoni Feagaiga James Obeng Atelina Hunt Telesia Tuala	Jane Castrillo Aurora Almario Ana Silva Bernadette Pause Jennifer Anacleto Miriam & Arnel Mantes Caron Marnewick
Altar Servers	Albertus Lautua Ethan Clarito Liam Clarito	Oliver Kiutau Luke Kiutau James Soo Choon	John Paul Feagaiga Kiean Platón Khayla Platon
Sacred Vessel	Aran Silverio Sahlee Cortez	Shyamalee Krone Atelina Hunt	Aurora Almario Jennifer Anacleto
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Please Note
 (Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)
 6th - 12th 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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
 We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 Kevin John Cole, Helena Joan Glen, Vaeamuni Otukolo,
 Aubyn John Gunson, Ruth Van Veen, Akanese Pati, Valerie Norma Morine

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 9am– 3pm, Mon–Fri) Thank you



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 Principal: Dean Wearmouth

6TH APRIL 2025 - FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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)

Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Professionals

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Professionals this weekend, we give thanks to God for the precious gift of life and for those who dedicate themselves to its care, especially in moments of suffering and vulnerability. This Jubilee is an opportunity to reflect on the beautiful and selfless service offered by doctors, nurses, health workers, volunteers, and pastoral caregivers who bring healing, comfort, and hope to countless individuals and families.

The work of healthcare professionals is more than just a career; it is a calling, a mission of love and mercy, of healing and compassion. Every day, in hospitals, clinics, homes, and hospices, they become instruments of God's healing grace. They offer:

Medical Care with Competence and Compassion – Doctors, nurses, and medical staff provide essential treatments, surgeries, and therapies with skill, patience, and deep concern for their patients. Their hands bring relief, their knowledge saves lives, and their presence reassures the sick.

Emotional and Psychological Support – Sickness can bring anxiety, fear, and distress. Healthcare workers not only treat physical ailments but also listen, encourage, and uplift those struggling with illness, helping them find courage and peace.

Palliative and End-of-Life Care – In the final stages of life, palliative care teams offer dignity, respect, and comfort to those who are dying. Their role is not only to ease pain but also to ensure that no one walks this final journey alone. They support families, helping them cope with loss, grief, and the transition of their loved ones into eternal rest.

The Service of Pastoral Health Workers – Priests, chaplains, and pastoral health teams bring spiritual healing, prayers, and the Sacraments to the sick. They administer the Anointing of the Sick, offer Holy Communion, and provide a listening ear, reminding the suffering of Christ's presence in their trials. Their ministry reassures patients that they are loved by God and their lives have meaning, even in sickness.

Volunteers and Family Caregivers – Many volunteers and caregivers serve quietly but with deep love. They sit with the lonely, feed the weak, pray with the dying, and bring comfort where it is needed most. Their kindness reflects the Good Samaritan's love and the Church's call to care for the sick.

The work of healthcare professionals is demanding, often exhausting, and sometimes heartbreaking. Yet, they continue to serve with tireless dedication and self-giving love. As a Church and community, we must pray for them, support them, and express our gratitude. To those who are sick, you are not alone. The Church prays for you and walks with you. We encourage everyone to be bearers of hope, showing kindness and presence to the sick in our families, hospitals, and homes.

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 - 12:00pm

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 (VESPER)
 Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm

Morning Prayer (LAUDS)
 Sunday - 8:00am

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

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

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: **11th & 28th 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 2nd & 4th 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 PAPAOKURA 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.



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



Collection Report 28th March - 3rd April

Pledge - \$ 5,003.30
 Build. Fund - \$ 312.04

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. 18th 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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next Retreat will be held at Mary McKillop Centre, **April 11-13, 2025.** For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz

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=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZxcTLhlpW-gsxny4e>

Portable Speaker and Microphone

We are kindly seeking a sponsor for a portable speaker and microphone for our parish activities. These items will greatly enhance our ability to serve the community, especially during outdoor events and Masses.

If you are able to contribute, please contact the parish office.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support.

Please support **St Mary's School fundraising** for earthquake victims in Myanmar

As a mission school established by the Sisters of our Lady of the Missions (RNDM), St Mary's School, is raising funds to support the sisters' pastoral care and earthquake recovery work in Myanmar, after the horrific devastation caused by last week's earthquake.

Please support by donating financially to this cause.

Donations are accepted in cash directly to the school or online deposit into the school bank account.

Bank account details are :

ASB Bank account number 12-3031-0725198-01
 Account Name : St Mary's Catholic School Papakura
 Reference : MYANMAR

We will transfer the funds to the RNDM sisters.

Parish News and updates

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dear Parish Communities and Small Group Leaders,

This is a kind reminder that our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 4th May at 12:00pm, Parish Hall.** To ensure a smooth and organized meeting, we kindly request that all reports from your respective communities and small groups be submitted no later than 23rd April. Your timely submission will help us prepare for the meeting and ensure that all necessary information is reviewed in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued dedication!

Parish Reconciliation Rite II, Tuesday, 8th April at 7:00pm

A special opportunity for reflection, renewal, and peace. This is a beautiful time to come together as a community and experience the grace of reconciliation.

Second Collection Good Friday 18th April Collection for the Holy Places

This collection goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Christendom.

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.

Catechists / Volunteers

We earnestly seek parishioners/parents to join the teams for RCIA/RCIC Team, Children's Liturgy & Baptism preparation.

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

Weekday Readings, 7th - 12th April

Monday	Daniel Ch.13; Ps.23; John 8:1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; Ps.102; John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20.24-25.28; Canticle Daniel; John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; Ps.105; John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps. 18; John 10:31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28; Canticle Jeremiah; John 11:45-57

Dates for your Diary

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
Tue, 15 Apr	6:15 pm, Vesper 6:30 pm - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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, in church. To register call parish office. Commissioning on the weekend, 17th May at all masses.

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

Easter Triduum Celebrations 2025

Holy Thursday, 17th April

9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's supper, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (up to midnight)

Good Friday, 18th April

9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
 10:00 am - Way of the Cross
 3:00 pm - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, 19th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:30 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
 7:00 pm - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, 20th April

8:30 am & 10:30 am - Easter Mass during the Day

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.

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.