

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
22nd March 2026

5 th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm	8.30am	10.30am
	21 st March	22 nd March	22 nd March
LEADERS	Caroline Thomas	Lupea Kaloni	St Mary's School
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PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



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15th - 21st March 2026

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially;

Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell, Brian O'Leary, Anne Wallbank, Margaret Fairweather, Morris Pele, Brian Goldfinch, Daphne Bankien, Jose Thomas, and Don Fabricante

RECENT DEATH

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.
Elizabeth Mary Walsh and Brian Vincent Goldfinch

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
Dora Alice Hayes, Kenneth Kailill, Joan Frances Williams, Regan Tait Stanners, Anthony Gilder, Leaupepetele Siasoi, Samir Josif Dawoud Yassi, Aleksander Goryl, Filippo Vitolio, Veronica Joan Davies, Ailao Maria Paulo, Nina Monica Wilkins and Joan Frances Williams

May they rest in peace. Amen

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - 15th March 2026

Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop

Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practise mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defence, a threefold united prayer in our favour.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

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

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month
during 10:30am mass

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, 19th April

RECONCILIATION

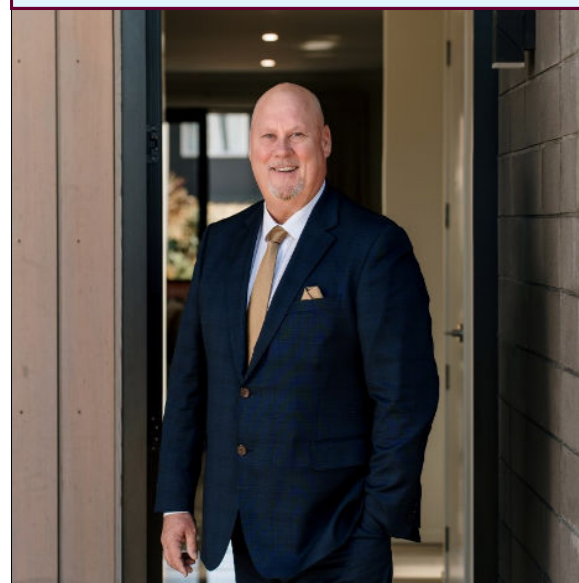
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

Fridays 9:30am - 12:00noon
Saturdays - 9:00am - 10:30am

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 9:30am
Summerset - 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am



New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. If you and your whanau (family) haven't registered online yet, Please visit our website at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz to register or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office and we are happy to help you get connected. Thank you.

Parish News and updates

SITE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Dear friends of Saint Mary's

We are pleased to report that the Bulk and location survey has now been completed.

Your site development committee has deliberated carefully on the options identified in the report and reached a decision on the way forward.

We will shortly be submitting the report along with our preferred options to the Bishop and will then wait for his decision.

We will share the outcome with you as soon as we can.

Thank you once again for your patience.

Part of the discernment process has been to communicate in a synodal way with our Parish and Catholic neighbours.

Please read the brief summary of how this process has unfolded over the last 18 months.

Kindest regards

Chris Martin
SDC Chair

Incorporating Synodality When Building a New Church By Diane K Sumner

Applying a synodal approach to building a new church means treating the construction process not merely as a technical, architectural project, but as a spiritual, communal, and participatory journey—a "walking together" of the People of God, clergy, and planners.

Embracing synodality invites a broad range of voices into the decision-making process. Ours included clergy, laypeople, parish team leaders, parishioners, local schools, neighbouring Catholic parishes and members of the wider community.

Engaging in open dialogue and listening sessions ensures that the vision for the new church reflects the spiritual, inclusiveness, cultural, and practical needs of all parishioners.

Practically, St. Mary's synodal approach involves the following:

Representative Committee: Our Site Development Committee (SDC) was formed to ensure inclusive, collaborative planning. Our group consists of our parish priest and people from several ethnic backgrounds reflecting the diversity of the

community (age, culture, gender). Our focus was to identify site selection, building parameters, parish requirements, budget and design. Updating and liaising with our parishioners on our progress is most important.

Parish Cooperation: The SDC liaises closely with the Finance Committee, Fund-raising Committee & Parish Council. Ensuring decision-making processes are transparent, building trust within the community throughout the planning, financing, and design stages.

Community participation: We instigated community dialogue to gauge the sentiment of our parishioners, church group leaders, local schools, and neighbouring parishes regarding the building of a larger church for the Papakura parish. This came in the form of:

Our Forum – Discussed the need to build a larger church and requested feedback from the participants to understand their views on the subject.

Our Hui – Using a Matrix system, participants voted on a series of suggested locations to identify their preference where the new church should be built.

The outcome of these two major discussions clearly indicated a strong need for a larger church. Parishioners and church partners agreed that they wanted a new church built on the existing site in Papakura.

Purposeful Design and Structure

Design for Participation: The architecture should encourage active participation in the liturgy and foster community building, rather than just acting as a "maintenance" space.

Inclusivity and Accessibility: The building should be welcoming to all, with careful consideration for accessibility and creating spaces that connect with the local community, especially those in the peripheral or marginalized areas.

"Going Forth" Orientation: The physical structure should reflect an "outgoing" church—an open, inviting space.

By applying these principles, we trust that our new church building will become a living testament to a community that has "walked together" to create a space for worship and mission, rather than simply a structure built for a community.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, PAPAURA PARISH LENTEN AND EASTER ACTIVITIES 2026

	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	Every Friday
	Palm Sunday 5:00pm	28 March, 2026
		29 March, 2026
	8:30am 10:30am	
	Holy Thursday 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30pm - 12:00am - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Hall	2 April, 2026
	Good Friday 10:00am - Stations of the Cross 3:00pm - Veneration of the Cross	3 April, 2026
	Holy Saturday 7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass	4 April, 2026
	Easter Sunday 8:30am 10:30am	5 April, 2026

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7:00pm except on the 20th March at 6:00pm

Prayer Leaders:
February 20- Liturgy Committee
February 27- Parish Pastoral Committee
March 6- Senior Leadership Team
March 13- Fund Raising Committee
March 20- Couples for Christ
March 27- Legio Mariae

COME AND JOIN ALPHA

Location: St Mary Parish Papakura, Ryder room
Dates: Every Monday, from 09 Feb. - 20 Apr
Time: 6.30pm
Silent Eucharistic Adoration:
Saturdays - 9:00am to 10:30am. Come and spend a silent moment with the Lord.

We welcome new member to our parish community through Baptism



Dacia Reese Guerrero, Maggie Jillings, Oliver Jillings
Ethan Vu Nguyen, Emerson Catherine Park,
Maisie Francis Park

NOTICE

Please make sure to park your vehicles in the correct designated parking areas and avoid parking on broken yellow lines. Proper parking helps ensure safety and convenience for everyone and keeps the area orderly and compliant with local parking rules. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your Diary

Fridays during Lent	Station of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm Except 20th March at 6:00pm
Sun, 15 Mar	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Ryder rm, 4:00pm
Tue, Wed & Thu 17, 18 & 19 Mar	Parish Lenten Recollection - Encounter the Lord this Lent by Fr. Alliston Fernandes, Church, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Wed, 18 & 25 Mar	No music choir practice. Next practice will be on Friday, 27th March after Stations of the Cross
Fri, 20 Mar	First Reconciliation, Church, 6:30pm - Sacramental Programme
Sat, 21 Mar	Commissioning of New Altar Servers, Vigil Mass
Wed, 25 Mar	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, Church, 7:30pm
Thu, 26 Mar	Baptism Preparation Course, Ryder rm, 7:00pm
Sat, 11 Apr	Fundraiser 2026 Walkathon, Totara Park Pools, 9:00am

PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION

"Encounter the Lord this Lent"

TOPICS:
March 17, 2026
Father's Merciful Heart
March 18, 2026
Restoration in Christ
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the talk.
March 19, 2026
Empowered for Mission

7:00-8:30PM | CHURCH
Rev. Fr. Alliston Fernandes
 Recollection Master

Weekday Readings, 16th - 21st March

Monday	Ps.30; Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	St Patrick - Principal Patron of Auckland Diocese Ps.117; Jeremiah 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Luke 10:1-2,17-20
Wednesday	Ps.145; Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday	St Joseph Ps.89; 2Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; 2Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 or Luke 2:41-51
Friday	Ps.34; Wisdom 2:1,12-22; John 7:1-2,10.25-30
Saturday	Ps.7; Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52

Collection Report
6th - 12th Mar.

Pledge - \$ 4,752.50
Build. Fund - \$ 700

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College

Host Families Needed

If you are interested in becoming a homestay family, please email international@ignatius.school.nz

Announcements from Diocese

please visit their website at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA

Food Bank

Our current requirements are: Biscuits, Chopped Tomatoes, Canned Fruits, Snack Foods, Toilet Papers.

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.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Please call parish office to book an appointment.