


| <b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br>Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27,66<br>29th March 2026 |   |  |  |
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| Palm Sunday   | 5:00pm  | 8.30am   | 10.30am  |
|   | 28 <sup>th</sup> March  | 29 <sup>th</sup> March   | 29 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| <b>LEADERS</b>  | Barbrianna Soo Choon  | Phillip Soo Choon  | Marianna Laupepa   |
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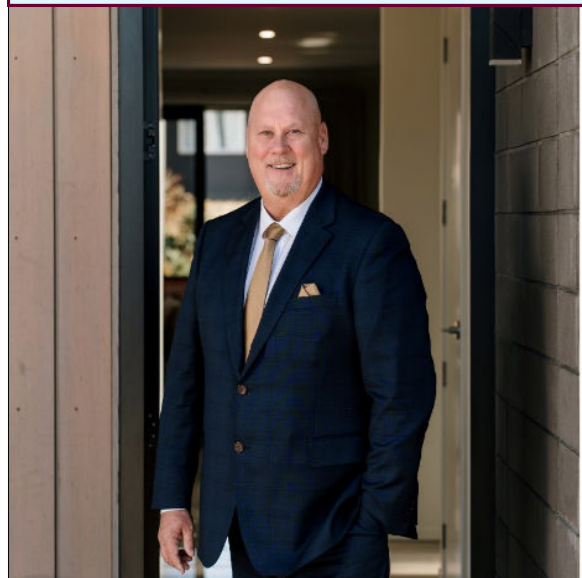
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**22nd - 28th March 2026**

**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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
*We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death*  
 Norman Scharvi, Marie Janet Stretton, Kathleen (Kath) Wannell,  
 Sosefina Ah Kau, Arthur (Don) Ralph-Smith, Hilda Daphne Gobie,  
 Josephine Enerio and Raaja Yacoub



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# St Mary's Catholic Church

**A listening, praying, servant community**  
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**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - 22nd March 2026**  
 Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

**"Charity Begins at home."**

This is a saying that is almost a cliché due to the number of times it is used and because it has spread so wide throughout society. However, this does not mean that there is no deeper truth to be gained from pondering this statement. In fact, the Church teaches that the home, the family, is the school of love, the place where we learn to love those who are closest to us. The place where we learn to love the people whom God has placed in our lives from birth.

We learn a great deal from those whom we spend our formative years with, and the home is truly where the journey of charity begins. During this time of Lent we are focused on the three spiritual aspects of prayer, fasting and alms giving (Charity). These three things really follow one another, for the first two, prayer and fasting only have their fullness expressed in the last aspect of charity. Whenever we do something, we have an underlying motive the prompts us to do the thing. If the motive is not good or just part of a pre-established routine, then the fruitfulness is limited but when it is done out of love (charity) God can use it to do great things both in our lives and in the lives of others.

When we pray, we are called to do so not just out of justice or routine but because we love God and want to deepen our relationship with the one who created us. When we do this it flows naturally into the desire to abstain (fast) out to love (charity), not just because it is part of our religious observance but because we choose to forgo something so that someone else can benefit. We see this clearly in family life, where a family will save, forgo things, in order to achieve another goal for the sake of the family. We are called to fast in a similar way, so that we are able to be generous (charitable) with others. We are called to do all things in charity. Even our acts of giving are called to be done in charity. The religious order of the Rosminians has the motto "Charity fulfills the law," which means that doing things out of love is the best way to do the things that God has called us to do.

This is why what ever we do we should do it with charity, in this way we live a life that is pleasing to God, because when we do this we participate in the divine life, we do things the same way God does things. God always treats us with love, and God calls us to do the same, to do all things in love, always keeping charity as the cornerstone of all our acts.

Fr. Tony King-Archer  
 Parish Priest

**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

## Announcements from Diocese

### BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL:

The New Zealand Bishops are encouraging the Catholic community to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to the annual Lenten Appeal. The appeal supports the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, which through its global network serves some of our world's most vulnerable and needy communities. The Bishops explain that acts of Christian charity can change the lives of those who benefit from that charity, but also can transform those who give with generosity — according to their own circumstances.

Find out more at [www.caritas.org.nz/lent](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent)

### LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.

Visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) and sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

### Lent Webinar Series - Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Journey

Registrations have now opened for the Lent Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops, for all dates: <https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1regiamong>. Please find attached the following documents/links for your reference:

1. Run sheet with the confirmed dates.
2. Flyer for the Webinar Series
3. Proposed talking points for Lent Webinar (In the attachment are some suggested talking points you may wish to incorporate into your reflection on the Lenten Sunday Gospel for your week, based on the Caritas Lent Reflection Programme (LRP). They are a guide only. Below that are other key elements from the LRP that will be used or referenced during the webinar, which may also inspire your reflection).
4. LRP Resource link which contains the Gospel readings - <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources>
5. LRP (finalised version)

Visit [aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz) for more announcements

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA Food Bank



In Holy Week on Thursday evening, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Feet are washed symbolizing that we are to be a servant people. This call to servanthood is also expressed by bringing to this Liturgy gifts for the poor. You are invited to bring to this Liturgy a non perishable food item. These food items will go to the Vinnies food bank for distribution to those in need. At the procession of the gifts, after the bread and wine have been carried forward and placed on the altar, you are invited to bring your food item forward and place it in one of the containers in the sanctuary.

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.

### Parish Lenten Retreat

17, 18 & 19th March 2026  
Led by Fr. Alliston Fernandes

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Alliston for leading our Parish Retreat over the past three nights. Your guidance, reflections, and spiritual leadership have truly inspired and enriched our parish community.

We are also deeply grateful to our musicians - Samoa, Judith, and St Luke's choir. Your music created a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere that enriched each evening.

These past three nights have been an amazing and grace-filled experience for all of us, bringing our community closer together in faith and reflection.

Again, Thank you so much Fr. Alliston. May God continue to bless you abundantly.



### St Mary's College Open Day

**Date:** Thursday 26 March  
**Time:** 2pm & 6pm- Both sessions deliver the same information. We welcome you to attend your preferred session. No need to RSVP.  
**Location:** 11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland  
**Details:** St Mary's College – A Catholic School for Girls Year 7 to Year 13. Enrolments for 2027 are OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels. Enrolments close shortly. St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions. We invite you to submit an online application [www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)

### NOTICE

Due to our very limited parking availability, we kindly ask all parishioners to reserve the car park for the elderly, and mobility card holders. We also encourage everyone to park only in designated spaces, helping to maintain safety and ease of access for all.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## Parish News and Updates



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

## 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.

## SMYFS 10 YEAR CAMP

**"HERE I AM"**  
*Isaiah 6:8*

**MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

REGISTRATION OPEN NEXT WEEK  
Interested in attending? Message us via email or Facebook Messenger.  
[stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com) • [smyfs.papakura](https://www.facebook.com/smyfs.papakura)

## Dates for your Diary

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|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Fridays during Lent</b> | Station of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm<br>Except 20th March at 6:00pm                                 |
| <b>Wed, 25 Mar</b>         | No music choir practice.<br>Next practice will be on Friday, 27th March after Stations of the Cross |
| <b>Wed, 25 Mar</b>         | Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, Church, 7:30pm  |
| <b>Thu, 26 Mar</b>         | Baptism Preparation Course, Ryder rm, 7:00pm  |
| <b>Sat, 11 Apr</b>         | Fundraiser 2026<br>Walkathon, Totara Park Pools, 9:00am   |

Hosted by the FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE for St Mary's Papakura WALKATHON FUNDRAISER 2026

**Date:** 11th April 2026  
**Time:** 9:00am  
**Location:** Totara Park Pools  
90 Wairere Rd, The Gardens  
Raising funds to build a new church

Free Sausage Sizzle & Drinks Provided!

Collect a form after any WEEKEND MASSES to join the fun!

### St. Mary's Women's Group

Woman at the Well John 4:1-42 Wonderful dialogue between two 'different' people at the well, lives are changed as a result of this encounter. Jesus tired, weary, resting, a Samaritan woman drawing water, expresses her astonishment at a man asking her for a drink. Jesus relates to her on a personal level, no condemnation, just compassion. He reveals to her that he is the Messiah offering eternal life, she responds to him and believes. Free of religious and cultural barriers and systems of discrimination and oppression, she goes off to tell the 'good news' of freedom, forgiveness and life.

## Weekday Readings, 23rd - 28th March

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| Monday    | Ps.23; Daniel Ch.13; John 8:1-11  |
| Tuesday   | Ps.102; Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30  |
| Wednesday | Day of Prayer for Family Life<br>Ps.40; Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;<br>Luke 1:26-38 |
| Thursday  | Ps. 105; Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59   |
| Friday    | Ps.18; Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42   |
| Saturday  | Ps.31; Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57  |