

**EASTER SUNDAY—Resurrection of the Lord's Passion**  
Acts 10:34. 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9  
5th April 2026

Easter Sunday	7:30pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30am
	4 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April
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**29th March - 4th April 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,  
Daphne Bankien, Jose Thomas, and Don Fabricante

**RECENT DEATHS**

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.  
Pauline Braden-Brown

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death  
Francis Joseph Huwyler, Bryan William Westley,  
Allegonda (Connie) Duin, Joan Mary Wallace, Laurence Noel O'Toole,  
Agnes Alma O'Connor, Joyce Mary Nicol & Mary Annie Wallis.

May they rest in peace. Amen

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**PALM SUNDAY - 29th March 2026**

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27,66

**From the discourse "On the Palm Branches" by Saint Andrew of Crete**

**"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the King of Israel."**

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will towards his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: "He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets." He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him, by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and Godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptised into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel."

**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 family haven't registered online yet, Please visit our website at [www.papakuracatholic.org.nz](http://www.papakuracatholic.org.nz) to register. Alternatively you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office and we will be happy to help you get connected. Thank you.**

## Welcome to St Mary's Parish

**Holy Rosary:** 8:30am, 5:30pm Monday to Friday

The statue of Our Lady is available for families, contact 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, stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs\_. Next youth session is: **24th of April. 6 - 9pm.** All welcome

**Legion of Mary Senior Presidium:** Mondays 6:15pm, hall committee room.

**Legion of Mary Junior Presidium:** Fridays 5:00-6:00pm, Fr. Ryder room. Celerina 298 4080

**Medjugorje prayer meetings:** Every other Thursday, Com. Rm after 9:30 am mass. Joseph 298 2297

**Meditation Groups:** Tuesdays 9:30am Fr Ryder Room. (St Anne's Manurewa every Monday 5-6pm in the Chapel.)

**Knitting group:** each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 1:00- 3:00pm 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 9:30-3:00pm Sat 9:30 - 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.

**Safeguarding Co-ordinator** - Jackie Whitham, 021 02358939 safeguarding@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

**St. Mary's Women's Group** - Friday, 1:00-2:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAKURA 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.

## 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)

### Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**Diamond Jubilee** - The Catholic Parish of Wellington South All former and current parishioners are invited to a celebration of several historical milestones on Sunday, 19th April 2026. The first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17th April 1966, 60 years ago. The weekend of celebration will also acknowledge 100 years since the opening of the St Madeleine Sophie primary school, the forerunner of the current primary school of St Francis de Sales. A special Mass of remembrance and thanks featuring past and present priests will be followed by a lunch at the Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay. Registrations of interest are welcomed by providing contact details at: [office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](mailto:office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

**Lent Reflection** at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg

### 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.

### The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend! When : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"

Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals

To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code on porter attached OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

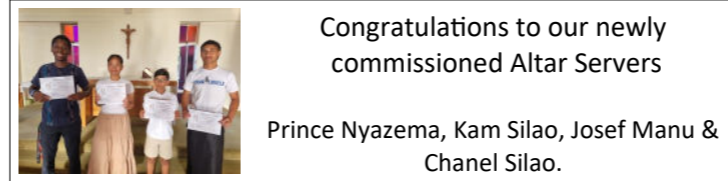
### WYD 2027 Webinars

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

## Parish News and Updates



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



	<b>Collection Report</b> 20th - 26th March
<b>Pledge</b> - \$ 3,872.70	<b>Building Fund</b> - \$ 2,225

**St. Mary's Women's Group**  
John 9: 1-27. Jesus heals a man born blind - from birth, darkness shaped this man's entire life. Jesus said, he is the light of the world and to follow him we would not walk in darkness. This gospel shows his teaching in action. Putting a dirt paste on the man's eyes, he sends him to wash in the pool- sight fully restored. Neighbours, disbelieve and reject him. He assures them 'I am the man' 'I was blind and now I see'. Whatever Jesus had done somehow changed the man's identity, shaped him - he stands in the light giving his testimony - Jesus calls all people, to embrace the light, walk in it and testify to it- like the blind man - worship God.

**Important Notice!**  
A friendly reminder to the children on your piggy bank savings for the poor. You are to bring them on Easter Sunday Mass, Fr Tony will call you up and he will give you a blessing together with your donations before placing them in front of the Altar. Parish Secretary will record them and inform you of how much was collected before sending them to Caritas in Wellington. Please, don't forget to put your name on your Piggy bank Tin/Boxes.  
May you all have a blessed Holy week and Easter Triduum Celebration  
Deacon Sanele

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Tue, 31 Mar</b>	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, 6:30pm
<b>Tue, 31 Mar</b>	Chrism Mass, 7:00pm, St Patrick Cathedral
<b>Thu &amp; Fri 2 &amp; 3 Apr</b>	Holy Thursday and Good Friday - No morning Masses. Refer to our Parish Lenten and Easter Activities
<b>Sat, 4 Apr</b>	No morning Mass. Confession, 9:00 - 10:30am Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, 11 April only for this month then back to First Saturday.
<b>Sat, 11 Apr</b>	Fundraiser 2026 Walkathon, Totara Park Pools, 9:00am
<b>Sun, 12 Apr</b>	Filipino Mass, 2:00pm (next month back to First Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm)

**Second Collection - Collection for Holy Places Good Friday, 3 April**  
This collection goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Christendom.

**Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish,** 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. **You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.** Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

**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.

### Weekday Readings, 30th March - 4th April

Monday	Ps.27; Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Ps.71; Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Ps. 69; Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ps. 116B; Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13;1-15 Washing of the Feet
Friday	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Collection for the Holy Places Ps.31; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; Passion John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Easter Vigil Ps.118; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10