

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
15th March 2026

4 th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm	8.30am	10.30am
	14 th March	15 th March	15 th March
LEADERS	Normita Tolentino	Olivia Fitzpatrick	Kadisha Fetuú
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Your support is most appreciated!

Please contact Parish office for receipts.

8th - 14th 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

Colleen Ellen Young, John Charles Owens, Pelenatifa Gribben, Hilda Marjorie Carson, Saisirita Kriechbaumer, Dorasamy Naidoo, William Esmond Pemberton, Marie Teresa Hood, Lio Nu'u, Adrianus de Brouwer, Dennis Sewpershad

May they rest in peace. Amen

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT - 8th March 2026

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

Third Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday I reflected on the importance of growing closer to God by spending time in prayer. Prayer is often linked with fasting and fasting is one of the three elements that we bring to the fore during this time of lent. Prayer and fasting are both actions of sacrifice, going with out one thing in order to gain something greater. In prayer we offer our time and attention to God to receive the blessings and closer relationship that he wishes to bestow on us and when fasting we deny ourselves something to deepen our relationship with God.

We are made to love God and each loving relationship requires some level of sacrifice. Any relationship requires us to spend time and resources to help that relationship deepen. In friendships we give of our time and sometimes we might sacrifice in order to give a gift, and in family relationships this is even more pronounced. However, the type of relationship that God wants to have with us, his Church, is a spousal relationship. We see this through out the gospels in the wedding imagery that Jesus uses in his parables and in the prophetic words that are used in the book of Revelations. These words are spoken just before we receive the Eucharist, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb." This is taken from the book of Revelations and it points to the wedding feast of Heaven and indicates the type of relationship that God wishes to have with those he calls to himself.

It is easy for us to understand that we need to sacrifice for family and even more so to strengthen a spousal relationship. One way of doing that is through fasting, where we deny our body something that is good for the betterment of our relationship with God. Why do we fast? There are many reasons to do this from, the spiritual benefits, to the freeing up of resources and even the health benefits that come from it, which is recently trending on social media. For us as Christians the first two reasons are the primary reasons why we enter into this spiritual exercise. Firstly the act of fasting from something helps us spiritually, because it reminds us that we are more than just our body or what our body needs or wants. We have an identity which transcends this life and fasting is a way to remind us of this and also gives us something to offer to God when we pray. There is also a charitable benefit to fasting, for example we might decide to give up meat for some or all of Lent. And the money that we save can be used in a charitable way, it can be put towards supporting the St. Vincent De Paul Society, or Caritas or we might know of someone in our community who needs assistance. We are called to do all of this out of love, firstly out of our love for God and also for the love that God calls us to give to our neighbour.

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

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.

Bequests: Have you remembered St Mary's in your Will.

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: **13th & 27th of Mar. 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 2nd & 4th 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



Hosted by the FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE for **St Marys 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!

Announcements from Diocese

The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter **NZCBC Catholic** is now available on our [website](#), also attached.

Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention | 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland

Register NOW! <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

Liturgy Our last stock of Annual Resources are now on sale at cost price. Please order the limited stock here: <https://form.iotform.com/liturgycentre/annuals>

LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.

Visit 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.

A workshop for Church Organists

A free practical workshop helping beginner organists develop stronger hymn-playing skills. Presenter: Michael Cox. Saturday, **14 March 2026**, 1pm – 4pm. St. Patrick's Catholic Church Pukekohe 119-129 Seddon St Pukekohe. Registration Essential: Email office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

Challenge 2000 Seeks Youth Ministry, Formation & Charism Lead: (who are a similar youth focused organisation to The Logos Project) have a vacancy and they have asked us to promote this. The Seek advertising is [here](#).

Mission Hub

This March, join us at Mission Hub as we reflect on Ephesians 4 and the five gifts Christ gives His people: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher. **Monday 9 March**, 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time), Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

Lent Reflection at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay

Tuesday, 24 March, Lenten Reflection with Dianna Fouhy
 Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg



ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Host Families Needed!

We are looking for prospective families who could look after an international student. We have students this year from Japan, China and Korea

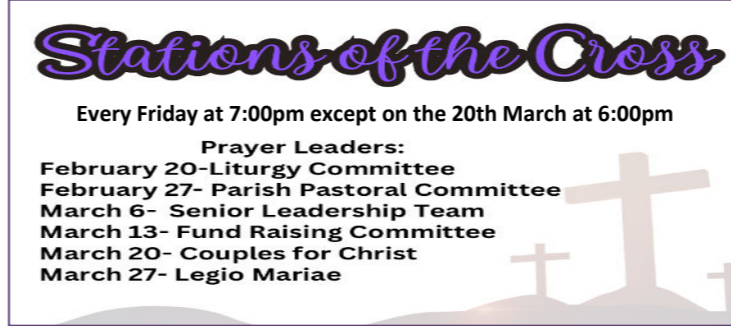
We are always keen to hear from families who may be interested in becoming homestay hosts. Our existing host families consistently share how rewarding the experience is — from building lasting relationships and learning about another culture, to seeing the confidence and independence grow in the students they welcome into their homes. Many families describe it as a genuine exchange that brings new energy, laughter, and learning into everyday life.

If you are interested in becoming a homestay family or would like more information about what this involves, please email international@ignatius.school.nz. We would love to hear from you.

Parish News and Updates



	Stations of the Cross Every Friday 7:00pm	
	Palm Sunday 5:00pm	28 March, 2026
		29 March, 2026
	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

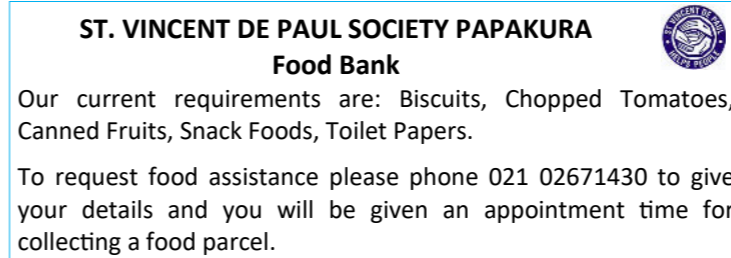
Prayer Leaders:
 February 20- Liturgy Committee
 February 27- Parish Pastoral Committee
 March 6- Senior Leadership Team
 March 13- Fund Raising Committee
 March 20- Couples for Christ
 March 27- Legio Mariae



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.

	Collection Report 27th Feb. - 5th Mar.	SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE
	Pledge - \$ 5,962.35 Build. Fund - \$ 631	Please call parish office to book an appointment.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPA KURA 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.

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 schedule will be on Friday, 27th March after Stations of the Cross
Fri, 20 Mar	First Reconciliation, Church, 6:30pm - Sacramental Programme
Wed, 25 Mar	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, Church, 7:30pm
Thu, 26 Mar	Baptism Preparation Course, Ryder rm, 7:00pm

St Mary's Catholic Church, Papakura PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION 17th, 18th, & 19th March 2026 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Encounter the Lord this Lent
 Led by Fr. Alliston Fernandes

Tuesday, 17th March
Father's Merciful Heart

Wednesday, 18th March
Restoration in Christ
with Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, 19th March
Empowered for Mission

SAFE GUARDING FACE TO FACE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 11th March, 7:00pm

Hosted by:
 Holy Cross Parish
 21 Carruth Road Papatoetoe

Weekday Readings, 9th - 14th March

Monday	Ps.42; 2Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Ps. 25; Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	Ps.147B; Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Ps.95; Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Ps.81; Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	Ps.51; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14