


SECOND WEEK OF EASTER
Acts 2:42-47; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
12th April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30am
	11th April	12th April	12th April
LEADERS	Leni Erlano	Mariana Laupepa	Tiffany Eastgate
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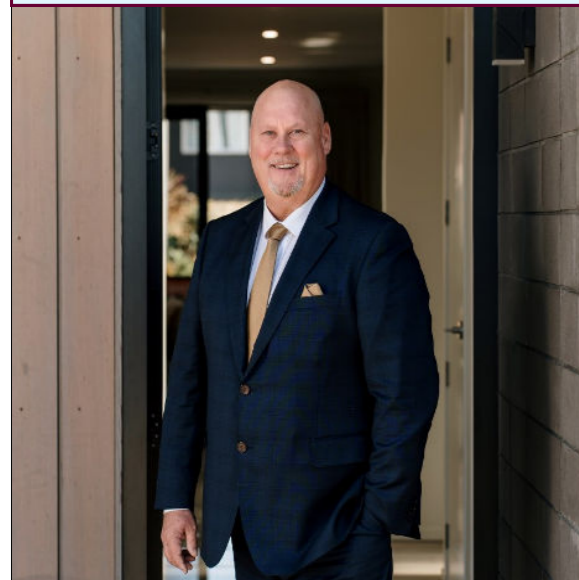
Your support is most appreciated!
Please contact Parish office for receipts.

5th - 11th 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

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,
Rose Violet Martinovich, Siaso Setefano, and
Neil Augustine Stewart

May they rest in peace. Amen




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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 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.

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Presbytery: 09 298 5134
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St Mary's Catholic School
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Principal: Peta Lindstrom
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St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College
Principal: Catherine Bamber-O'Malley
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EASTER SUNDAY—Resurrection of the Lord's Passion - 5th April 2026
Acts 10:34. 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9

From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday

The Lord's descent into the underworld

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now, by my own authority, command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

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

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 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAKURA 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.

St. Mary's Women's Group

John 11: 38-44 Lazarus raised from the dead.

A Gospel of hope; Lazarus - 4 days in the tomb. Grieving Martha went out to meet Jesus, "if you had been here my brother would not have died" she said. "Your brother will rise again" said Jesus "I know he will rise again on the last day" Jesus states a central truth to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will never die." Gospel -promises God's empowering presence in our lives - eternal life with our eternal God.

(No meetings during school holidays)

Announcements from Diocese

NZ Catholic

The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter NZ Catholic is now available on our [website](#).

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>

Diocesan Youth Mass
Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February – November At St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: youthmin@cda.org.nz

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

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Lent Reflection at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay

Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg

Rise up and Shine Festival

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! 30th of May, 2026. Starts at 10am with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls on 17-24 May. Gather your people, join us and the other Christian Church communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00pm on Friday 29th May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Owairaka and Three Kings parishioners encouraged to attend. Let us respond to Christ' prayer to the Father, "That may they all be one." It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic

Please visit aucklandcatholic.org.nz for more announcements

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.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Please call parish office to book an appointment.

Parish News and Updates

Site Development Committee Update

We have now met with the Diocese and submitted the bulk and location survey along with our recommendations. We were asked to justify our decisions by answering their questions and explaining the pros and cons of the various options open to us.

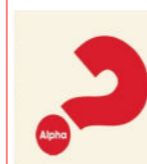
We have also written to Bishop Steve Lowe and asked for his endorsement to proceed with a design brief.

He will consider our submission at the next meeting of the College of Consultors on May 10th.

Meanwhile we continue to to fundraise and wait patiently.

Kindest regards,
Chris Martin

COME AND JOIN ALPHA



Location: St Mary Parish Papakura, Ryder room

Dates: Every Monday, from 09 Feb. - 20 Apr

Time: 6.30pm

MISSION NZ

MISSION AOTEAROA is NZ Charity. It is part of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS), or the Pope's International Mission Agency, In New Zealand. The PMS support and help children, communities, and future Church leaders in many area including education, healthcare, and spiritual care, standing in solidarity with those in need. For more information visit <https://missio.nz> Newsletter available in the church foyer.



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.

Dates for your Diary

Thu, 9 April	Parish Finance Committee Meeting, Ryder rm, 7:00pm
Sat, 11 April	Fundraiser 2026 Walkathon, Totara Park Pools, 9:00am
Sun, 12 April	Filipino Mass, 2:00pm (next month back to First Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm) Celebrant: Fr. Ryan Sy
Thu, 16 April	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, Ryder rm, 7:00pm
Sun, 19 April	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Ryder rm, 4:00pm
Thu, 30 April	Baptism Preparation Course, Ryder rm, 7:00pm

Special Collection - Seminary Collection Vocations Sunday, 26 April

The monies collected help towards the fees for the Auckland students for the priesthood.



Collection Report

27th March - 2nd April

Pledge - \$ 10,912.40

Building Fund - \$ 2,314.44



Weekday Readings, 6th - 11th April

Monday	Ps.16; Acts 2:14,22-32; Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Ps. 33; Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Ps.105; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Ps.8; Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Ps.118; Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Saturday	Ps.118; Acts 4:13-21; Marks 16:9-15