



**Next Week: 8th November 2020**  
**32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13**

Sunday	5pm	8:30am	10:30am
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Margaret Fairweather	Joy Treasurer	Rosaline Petelo
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Jennifer Fyn Dana Cardoso	Angela Hodge James Bingwor	Glinn Cortez Normita Tolentino
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Helen Miller David Miller Miriam Mantes Mercylou Tejada Jeanette Cobbald Gerhard Witbooi Jovita Parker	Gary Biggelaar John Frings Anna Everatt Peter Everatt Mary Fitness John Curtin Fuli Vaasili	Yolande McLeod Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Nathalie Tolentino Cecila Santos John Franks Tolotea Venu Josh Gray
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Devandre Horner Nicole Horner Sebastiano Simonetti	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Emereziana Lautua Georgina Lautua Volunteer



Fr John Vianney in Uganda is putting together a scholarship fund for students at a high school he has established. Some students are not able to continue their studies owing to lack of funds.

If any of you want to contribute he has an account with **BNZ: MAKANDA JOHN MARY VIANNEY**  
**Acc Number: 02-0400-0111981-097**  
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship

He is creating a website at the moment for the school.

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# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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How many of us have heard of the Sherpas? Native to the mountainous regions of Nepal, they are highly regarded as elite climbers, guides and porters for climbing expeditions in the Himalayas. They always carry the heaviest loads and pay the highest human costs for eking out an existence on the roof of the world. One such Sherpa was Tenzing Norgay who guided Ed Hillary to the top of Everest in 1953. Tenzing once said that in the mountains worldly attachments are left behind and that in the absence of material distractions we are opened up to spiritual thought, that we should be attempting to carry the spiritual experience of the mountains with us everywhere. Heroes are just ordinary people who do extraordinary things in the business of everyday living. As Canadian author Barry Finlay writes in "Kilimanjaro and Beyond": *Every mountaintop is within reach if you just keep climbing...*

On this our Feast of All Saints, the Beatitudes of Jesus illustrate a very similar lesson in heroism. However strange they may seem to modern ears, there is nothing at all ironic about the blessings that Jesus bestows on those who dare to be different! In the biblical tradition, a beatitude is a declaration or recognition that certain individuals or classes of people are in a happy circumstance. The basic idea is not too far away from what we do when congratulating a person on some achievement or good fortune: graduating, getting a job, getting married – even winning an election! In a religious sense, beatitudes are spoken in respect to those seen to be in a good situation because they have been "blessed" by God. But Jesus isn't piling on pious platitudes here! For the ordinary people of Jesus' time and place, whose everyday lives were an uphill climb for survival, the beatitudes not only acknowledged their very real vulnerability and disadvantages, but were a way of congratulating them in advance for the blessings that would eventually be theirs in the future. Far from being a tight, prescriptive list of moral musts or a foolproof recipe for success in conventional terms, the Beatitudes are simply the way by which we can claim the love that the Father has lavished on us already, our measure of holiness as an act of Christian heroism in a less than ideal world. To use a play on words, the Beatitudes present a positive attitude for being to keep us grounded in reality as we scale the heights of Christian virtue. Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing.... As indicated in John's vision of the victorious multitude who follow God and the lamb in our second reading from Revelation, today's feast calls to mind not only those whom the Church has officially recognized as saints but all those whom we have known and loved whose personal examples continue to influence us even now. In our own community, many unsung heroes can be numbered among those whom Pope Francis has called "the saints next door." As we continue to scale the mountain that is COVID, how best can we witness to the Beatitudes at this time? Are we able to rise above ourselves to help guide others to the summit of the Kingdom, as missionary disciples? Now seated on that mountain where heaven is wedded to earth, the saints are able to do so much more for us and share so much more with us in the presence of God than all that they did and shared with others whilst they lived. No matter how steep life can be at times, we can draw inspiration from their lives of faith and love, as we ourselves continue the struggle to be faithful and loving members of a listening, praying and servant community of saints-in-training. Kia mau ki te kupu a tou matua – let us hold fast to the words of your ancestors, for our reward will be great in heaven. Saints of God pray for us....

*Blessed are the poor...not the penniless but those whose heart is free.*  
*Blessed are those who mourn...not those who whimper but those who raise their voices.*  
*Blessed are the meek...not the soft but those who are patient and tolerant.*  
*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice... not those who whine but those who struggle.*  
*Blessed are the merciful... not those who forget but those who forgive.*  
*Blessed are the pure in heart...not those who act like angels but those whose life is transparent.*  
*Blessed are the peacemakers...not those who shun conflict but those who face it squarely.*  
*Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice... not because they suffer but because they love.*  
 (theologyofwork.org, A Modern Version of the Beatitudes)

**Me nga manaakitanga ki te katoa e te Whanau Parihā**  
 (With Blessings to All in our Parish Family), Fr. James

### Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am

Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm

Samoa Mass 4th Sunday 12.30pm

(Cancelled until further notice)

Clevedon Community 8.30am

1st Sunday of month

Clevedon District Centre

RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays

Weekday Mass:

Monday Liturgy 9.00am

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am

Fridays 9.00am

First Fridays of month 10.00am

Saturdays 8.30am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 9.30am - 12.00 noon

(10am—12noon First Friday of month)

AllSouls

Liturgy of the Word

(Year A)

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14;

John 3:1-3;

Matthew 5:1-12



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**Pastoral Associate:** Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)  
**Parish Office:** Angie Hodge Ph 299 6056  
**Sacramental Programme:** Parish Office  
**Parish Office/Library:** Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm **Parish Hall Hireage:** Parish Office Ph 299 6056  
**St Mary's Catholic School:** Ph 298 4450 **Web Site:** www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz

**Welcome to any new parishioners!** Please complete the form put in blue box in foyer or drop off at the parish office, thank you.

Mr/Mrs/Ms Family Name.....First Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Phone..... Email.....

## Welcome to St Mary's Parish

**Children's Liturgy:** 10.30 Sunday (Term time/not run on Public Holiday weekends) for children aged 4-8 years.  
**Holy Rosary:** 8.30am weekdays  
**Divine Office:** Morning Prayer of the Church, Tuesdays 8.10am  
**Stations of the Cross:** 5pm Fridays. Michael 298 9295  
**The statue of Our Lady** is available for families, add your name to the list in the foyer or ph Jean 296 5486  
**Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays 5pm, hall committee room. Celerina 298 4080  
**Medjugorje prayer meetings:** Mondays, @ 2/1 Clark Rd, Joseph 298 2297  
**Meditation Groups:** Tuesdays 9.40am Fr Ryder Rm. Tuesdays 5pm - 8A Ashdown Place, Bev 298 9943 (St Anne's Manurewa every Monday 5-6pm in the Chapel.)  
**Music for Mass:** Choir practice Wednesdays 7pm, come along or contact Judith ph 268 1884, newcomers welcome.  
**Knitting group:** each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 1- 3 pm Ryder Rm. Jenny 297 7292  
**St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Office:** Tuesday/Thursday 10-12noon ph 299 6056  
**St Vincent de Paul Shop:** 10-3pm weekdays, 10-12noon Saturdays; 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052  
**The Knights Of The Southern Cross -** John Curtin 021 995 302



**We pray for those who have died ....**

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Mary Bell, Veronica McKinstry, Johanna Browne, Martin O'Brien, Elaine Nikolao, Leydon Papps and Sandra Lynch

**We pray for those who are sick including:**

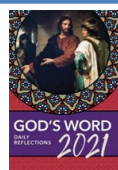
Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa and Seamus O'Sullivan

### Church Notice

This week is First Friday of the month. There will be an Anointing Mass at 10 followed by morning tea in the Ryder Room.

The Mass for Deceased Priests will be on Wednesday 4th November at 11:30 in Panmure

A very Happy 90th Birthday to Bruce McDonald who celebrated his milestone on Saturday 31/10/20



God's Word 2021. It is \$25 a copy. If anyone would like one please ring Monica on 296-1139.

### Blessing Of The Graves

The annual blessing of the graves will take place today, Sunday 1/11/20

2pm Papakura Cemetery  
 2:30pm Gatland Road  
 (Starting at Fr Ryder's grave)  
**Memorial Mass For All Souls**

The Memorial Mass for All Souls will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November at 7pm, followed by light refreshments in the Ryder Room

### PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



**Online Donations:**

**Acc. 02-0100-0120982-10**

**REF: BuildFund**

Include your pledge number or contact parish office for receipt.



**2021 Columbian Calendars** are now available. Still \$12.00 each

### St Mary's Parish - End of Year Variety Concert

**What?** An end of year variety concert  
**When?** Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> (after 5pm Mass)  
**Where?** Parish Hall **Time?** 7pm-11pm  
**Entry?** Gold coin Donation  
**Why?** To celebrate the end of a challenging year. To give thanks for the blessings we continue to receive. To remember those families most affected by Covid-19. To enjoy our Parish community in a social event through entertainment and sharing talents, sharing food...  
**How can I help?** We need...

Performers – a song, a dance, a mime, recite poetry, tell a joke etc

Stage hands – be part of a crew to help set up the stage for each act

Sound/Lighting equipment suitable for such a Concert  
 Sponsors – for miscellaneous expenses, refreshments, prizes for quick-fire raffles

This is about you and me – it is about our Parish – it is about our journey. Let's not just talk the talk – that we are one, united family of God. Let's walk the talk!

**Sign up today after Mass! Write your name, contact number and what you want to perform:**

A song? A dance? A poem? Play an instrument?  
 Tell a story? A joke?

It's a Variety Concert – so anything goes!  
 Don't miss out – First in, First served

**Enquiries: Samoa Meyer**

**Tel : 021-1087562 or e-mail: samoameyer@gmail.com**

### The Papakura Community Dinner

Is back up and running after the "Covid" break. It is open to all on a Tuesday

evening, with the meal served at 6pm. The dinner is hosted in the Crossroads Methodist Church Hall and is supported by Papakura Anglican Church, St Mary's Catholic Parish, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Papakura Methodist Church and many others.



Should you wish to donate to this worthy project, their bank details are:

BNZ: 02 0400 0026277 00  
 Code: A11 Reference PCD



**St Vincent de Paul Shop is needing NEW VOLUNTEERS, is this you?**  
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**For more information phone Rosanne 0210738236 or the shop 2965052.**



### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAKAKURA

54 Clark Road

We love being part of our parish community and actively participate in the evangelising mission of the Church. Our students thrive in a community of faith and grow in a loving relationship with Christ. We enjoy excellent academic achievement and a broad, active and engaging curriculum.

*Together we learn, we pray, we serve*

*Me whakakotahi, kia maarama, kia pono, ki te karakia*

**TAKING 2021 ENROLMENTS NOW!**

Visits welcome.

Contact our school office on 09 298 4450 or visit our new website.

[www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz](http://www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz)



### Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

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137 Airfield Road, Takanini

**2021 Enrolment Applications** now open for all year levels - Year 0 to Year 8 for boys and girls

Enrolment Forms available on line

1. School website: [www.holytrinity.school.nz](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)

2. School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)

Enquiries and school visits welcome -

Phone school office (09) 296 9039

### PROLIFE FACTS

Poland's abortion-rights activists and Leftist groups have reacted furiously to a recent ban on abortions on eugenic grounds. Some churches have been vandalised and public Masses invaded by shouting protesters. The trouble started following a cross-party parliamentary petition to the Constitutional Tribunal, seeking a ban on abortions performed on eugenic grounds. The Tribunal ruled that aborting babies with Down syndrome or physical disabilities is inconsistent with Article 38 of the Polish Constitution which provides every human being with legal protection of life. Article 30 was also cited which reads: "The inherent and inalienable dignity of man is the source of human and civil freedom and rights. It is inviolable and its respect and protection is the responsibility of public authorities." In New Zealand, the pre-born child has no rights, as he or she is not considered a human person until actually born. Consequently, abortions are routinely performed to terminate the lives of preborn babies identified as having Down syndrome or other disabilities.

**For more information on pro-life issues, visit**

### Quote On The Meaning Of Life

Why do we go on and on about individuality being the very essence of who we are, then accept a degrading level of conformity in virtually every facet of our lives?

### New to the Parish

Welcome

Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office ph 299 6056

	Monday All Souls Day	Tuesday	Wednesday St Charles Borromeo	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	27	22	27	105	122	112
<b>Reading</b>	Wisdom 3:1-9 1Cor 15:51-57	Philippians 2:5-11	Philippians 2:12-18	Philippians 3:3-8	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Philippians 4:10-19
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 11:25-30	Luke 14:15-24	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-8	Luke 16:9-15

### St Mary's Youth Group

'You are the Church of today'

Co-ordinators: Evangeline and Grace  
 E-mail: [stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com)

**Like us on Facebook: St Marys Catholic Youth**



**Join us Fridays During The School Term**

7pm - 9:00pm in the Hall  
 - 10yrs and over

**New dates for Term 4 soon.  
 Watch this space!**

### Sponsors Wanted for Youth Group

If you have, or know anyone with, a business within the scope of producing t-shirts and jumpers, please contact us. These can include printing, embroidering, or clothing businesses. If you would like to contact us, please call Fr James (through the Parish Office) or Evangeline on 0211768947. Alternatively, please email [stmaryspapakurayouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspapakurayouth@gmail.com)

### Beginning Experience ([www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz))

Widowed, Separated, Divorced? Begin your journey of moving through grief with a weekend away for a lifetime of change. 6-8 November 2020. Cost \$350 (accommodation, meals and course materials included). Contact Bev 027 248 1631 / 09 2989943 or Kelly 027 686 4416

### Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

All are invited to participate in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on **Sunday 1 November at 7:30pm**. Bishop Michael Gielen will lead the prayer hour. We pray in reparation for the babies lost to abortion, and for the healing and conversion of all those wounded by, and who participate in, this practice. Come be Christ's light outside AMAC, 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. Visit [fii.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fii.org.nz/prolifeevents) for more details or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or [michelle@fii.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fii.org.nz)



### Online Session (Evening):

**The Gospel of Mark** with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Fridays in November, 06-27 November, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-mark-2/>

### Online Session (Retreat Day):

**Who am I? - Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>