

14th March 2021 4th Sunday Of Lent

Readings: 2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; 1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; John 3:14-21

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30	Sunday 10:30					
Welcome/Intercessions	David Tennent	Tevita Koloamatangi	Siatua Gabriel					
Ministers of the Word	Dana Cardoso Arnel Mantes	Angela Hodge Dale Pio	Theodora Lautua Normita Tolentino					
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic Ministers	Judith Prince Catherine Venu Jenna Horner Telesia Tuala John Franks Celerina Balucan-Robertson	Shymalee Krone John Frings Fuli Vaasili Audrey Nesbit Kathy Smith	Tea Sharp Ruby Realon Peter O'Brien Tea Venu Nathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga Gerhard Witbooi					
Altar Servers	Destin Barte Nicole Horner Devandre Horner	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Keela Williams Emeresiana Lautua Georgina Lautua					



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. New website: www.sfahighschool.org

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



Papakura Community Dinner is back again every Tuesday evening from 6pm. It is still hosted at the Crossroads Methodist Church Hall, Broadway.

All are welcome to come and share in this wonderful weekly occasion.

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Parish Office/Library: Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 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 NameFirst Name					
Address					
Postcode					
Phone	Email				



St Mary's Catholic Church

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"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." The words of the late great Brazilian Archbishop Helder Camara are still as relevant as ever. Known as the "Red Bishop" by his critics, Camara was a familiar sight in the slums of his Diocese, aiding the poor while helping to distance the church in South America from what was its traditional role as the supporter of the privileged. As a servant of God, he is now in line to be canonised a saint. Those like Camara who dare to speak the inconvenient truth to power need nerves of steel. History is littered with examples of those in power who have done anything and everything to preserve their privilege at the expense of the common good. "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality (Desmond Tutu)."

In his "cleansing" of the temple, Jesus shows himself to be anything but neutral! By ejecting from the Temple, the livestock dealers and money changers whom he accuses of turning his Father's house into a marketplace, Jesus lays down a deliberate challenge to the established religious order that restricted the forgiveness of sin to those who could afford the fee to participate. You could say that he was placing the Temple under lockdown! In a volatile region that is still in the headlines over age-old conflicts, the Temple authorities would have been disturbed to say the least. Why should some uppity carpenter from the country upset the status quo when all the other peasants knew their place? No wonder they ask him for a sign to justify what he has done. But Jesus is not an angry young hothead. Rather he is a radical in the best sense, overturning familiar but misguided visions of where God is to be found. By referring to his body as "this sanctuary" which he promises to raise up again in just three days, Jesus effectively replaces the Temple with his own person; to bring his people back to fulfilling not just the letter of God's law as laid down through Moses, but to fulfil the spirit of God's law by becoming the crucified Christ. In a society like ours where the shopping mall has become for many what the Temple in Jerusalem was for the people of Jesus' own time and place, it's very easy for us to merely observe the externals of religion as if it had no impact on how we relate with each other, as though the rituals of religious faith were a transactional way of earning the price of admission into heaven. In this time of pandemic, Lent calls us to remember God's deeds through Moses and Jesus by assessing society in the light of the Gospel. As life continues to be turned upside-down by yo-yoing COVID alert levels, how is Jesus inviting us to reset our basic priorities? The disciples remembered the scripture quote, "Zeal for your house will consume me." When has our zeal for something driven our actions? Was our zeal for God's glory or for our own agendas? Have we ever realised that sin is as much social as it is personal, that the Christian community is called to challenge sinful structures in society where the abuse of power corrupts and lessens human dignity? As the power and wisdom of God made visible the "rebel" Jesus continues to speak truth to power, pointing to the presence of God who inhabits not only the realm of the sacred but who is also with us in the realm of the commonplace. May zeal for God's house consume us with the same passion for truth, justice and authentic worship that consumed Jesus himself. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



Come to your Temple here with liberation And overturn these tables of exchange Restore in me my lost imagination Begin in me for good, the pure change. Come as you came, an infant with your mother, That innocence may cleanse and claim this ground Come as you came, a boy who sought his father With questions asked and certain answers found, Come as you came this day, a man in anger Unleash the lash that drives a pathway through Face down for me the fear the shame the danger Teach me again to whom my love is due. Break down in me the barricades of death... And tear the veil in two with your last breath.

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm Samoan 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 Lituray 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)

3rd Sunday Of Lent

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Exodus 20:1-17: 1Corinthians 1:22-25: John 2:13-25



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. (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 2nd & 4th 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: Colleen Young, John Owens, Pelenatita Gribben, Hilda Carson, Marie Hood, Lio Nu'u, Dorasamy Naidoo and William Pemberton

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa, Marna Starbuck, Helen Green, Elizabeth Schubert and Fionn Park/O'Siadhail (Grateful thanks from the family for all prayers.)

Church Events:

Thursday 18th March will be a School Mass Celebration and will begin at 9:30am.

Friday 19th March a Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the church at 1pm for Veronica Joan Davies who died during the first lockdown on 20/3/20.

Saturday 20th March a Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the church at 11am for Samir Josif Dawoud Jassi who died during the first lockdown on 18/3/20.



Royal Commission Update:

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of the Royal Commission of inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to investigate what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for continued courage throughout their involvement in this process.



St Vincent De Paul Foodbank

Thank you for all your generous donations. Should you wish to add to our pantry, we are in need of cereal, rice, pasta and flour. Many thanks.

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"

Online Donations:

Acc. 02-0100-0120982-10

REF: Build Fund

Include your pledge number or contact parish office for receipt.

Parish Building Project Fundraising Team Contact Details

Can you help make our dream for a better church a reality? Contact one of us to arrange a time to meet to discuss your options. There will be an option that will work for you. We can also explain how up to 33% of your donation can be claimed back from IRD.

> David Tennent - <u>dandjct@g</u>mail.com 09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404 Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz 09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

St Mary's Parish Children's Liturgy Leaders needed - Come and Children's Liturgy join our wonderful team of Children's Liturgy Leaders! If you 🔍 have wanted to be more



involved in our parish but weren't sure how then this is the opportunity for you. Resources and support are provided as well as a great opportunity to bring the Word of God to our children at their level. Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass during term time. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please email Anna Buckley annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz we would love to have you join our roster

By popular request, the recipe for Joan's Fruit (Christmas) Cake

1kg Mixed Fruit 1Pkt **Apricots Chopped** 1Cup Sultanas Cranberries or Other Fruit

1Cup 1Cup Raisins 250g Butter 1Cup Brown Sugar ½Cup Water

Place all the above in a saucepan and heat until just boiling, stirring occasionally.

Remove from the heat and add:

½Cup Rum or Brandy 1des sp Treacle 1des sp Baking Soda

Mix thoroughly and stand overnight. (I leave the mixture in the

Beat 5 Large Eggs and stir them into the fruit.

Sift:

2Cups Plain Flour 2tsp **Baking Powder** 1/4°tsp Salt 2tsp Mixed Spice

Get a gentleman to stir the mixture and put it in a lined 8½inch tin.

Bake for 2 hours at 150°C then 20mins fan bake at 160°C Or 3 to 3½hours at 150°C, turning off the heat for the last hour, Enjoy

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAKURA

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www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz



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1. School website: www.holytrinity.school.nz 2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Enquiries and school visits welcome Phone school office (09) 296 9039



Open Day is being held on Sacred Heart College
Tuesday 16th March 2021 with tours of the College at 10am

and 1pm. You can register your interest by going to this link https://sacredheart.school.nz/open-day/ Enrolments for 2022 close on 14th April 2021.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 08, 15, 22 March,

7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christwith-kieran-fenn-fms/

On Site Event at Coptic Orthodox Church, Birkdale: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt. Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm. Free.

https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rockhewn-churches-in-ethiopia/

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE Mountain Road, Epsom, Tel: 524 8108 Catholic School for Bovs Years 7 - 13

OPEN DAY For Year 7 Enrolments in 2022 TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021

9:30 am or 1:00 pm

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road) You do not need to register.

St Mary's Youth Group

'You are the Church of today'

"Everyone is welcome to the smyfs family"

When: 7pm- 8:30pm Where:Church hall Who: Ages 10 and over

> Term one dates: 26/02/2021 12/03/2021 26/03/2021 09/04/2021 16/04/2021

Parent contact: Tracey Luamanu Phone Number: 027 388 1556 Youth leader contact: Tahnee TePuia-Afoa Phone number:021 084 4848

Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and Fratelli Tutti. \$20 including lunch. A few places are still available so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 asap if you are interested in attending.



Thursday 18th March 9:30-11am

Presentation in the College Library followed by tours of the College

PROLIFE FACTS

MPs will soon vote on Louise Wall's Abortion Safe Areas Amendment Bill to ban prayer vigils and sidewalk counsellors



outside abortion clinics. This will deny expectant mothers considering abortion a chance to be offered and potentially accept help to continue their pregnancies.

For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.



NZCatholic** New potential deacon candidates for Auckland, Waikato massacre refor Auckland. Waikato massacre remembered. Concerns at move to

drop Latin from NCEA. Preparations for NZ celebrations of 500 years of Christianity in Philippines.

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

	Week Dec 8th –13th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Psalm	42	25	147B	95	81	51
	Reading	2Kings 5:1-15	Daniel 3:25,34-43	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Hosea 14:2-10	Hosea 5:15-6:6
	Gospel	Luke 4:24-30	Matthew 18:21.35	Matthew 5:17-19	Luke 11:14-23	Mark 12:28-34	Luke 19:9-14