



3rd October 2021
 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions			
 Ministers of the Word			
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist			
 Altar Servers			

None until out of lockdown!

 Our Vinnie's Shop has expanded and is now able to accept donations of household furniture and appliances. If you can deliver to the shop at 275A Great South Road, Papakura, this would be greatly appreciated. Should you require a collection, you can phone 2965052, Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm and Saturday 10am to 12noon to arrange for a pickup time and date.



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
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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.....



St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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In March this year, Pope Francis travelled to Iraq to reinforce his message of interfaith tolerance. Speaking at a gathering at the ruins of Ur (the traditional birthplace of Abraham), he urged Iraq's Muslim and Christian religious leaders to put aside their ancient animosities and work together for peace. "From this place, where faith was born, from the land of our father Abraham, let us affirm that God is merciful and that the greatest blasphemy is to profane his name by hating our brothers and sisters," he said. "Hostility, extremism and violence are not born of a religious heart: they are betrayals of religion." Despite the challenges that Covid has posed it has been a blessing of sorts, showing us that tolerance is vitally important for our survival. For a world in the shadows of 9/11, the work of interreligious dialogue has never been more important than it is now. Authentic dialogue doesn't mean to water down truth or to ignore major differences but to rediscover our common humanity. Tolerance and compassion are qualities of fearless people. We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools (Martin Luther King Jr).

In our Gospel, the disciples also learn tolerance! Jesus has just been told that a mysterious stranger has been casting out demons in his name. His disciples tried to stop the stranger because he wasn't a member of their exclusive club. Just as Moses reacts positively towards Eldad's and Medad's prophesying in the camp, so Jesus praises the stranger for his good works under the radar. Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them! Leave the guy alone. What harm is there in letting him continue? Jesus gives us a very handy guideline for discernment: "whoever is not against us is for us." Yet Jesus' broadmindedness also includes a definite note of warning. No sooner does he highlight the importance of inclusion then Jesus spells out the consequences of dangerous moral relativism. If any disciple should put a stumbling block (which in Greek is *scandalon*, from which we get the modern word scandal) in front of those who would believe in Jesus, it would be better for them to sink like a stone without trace. Into a hell of their own making. Just as well for us that Jesus' talk of mass amputations of limbs and eyes for serious sins committed is only meant for dramatic effect, and not to be taken literally! As the tolerance and compassion of God made visible, Jesus shows the greatest fearlessness in embracing diversity for the sake of universal truth, in the light of the Gospel. Whoever is not against us is for us...

In a world where the current pandemic has revealed the cracks of deep-seated social and political divisions, it's too easy to indulge in tribalism at the expense of tolerance. Perhaps the greatest scandal in both church and state today is fundamentalism, a dualistic, simplistic black and white thinking that can deafen us to the cries of the oppressed as James writes. Throughout history even the most well-meaning of religious and political idealists have done terrible things out of "godly" motives. As if their ends justified the means. As if they alone had a monopoly on the truth. How tolerant are we? Are we like the disciples who excluded the stranger for not being one of them?

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti – on Fraternity and Social Friendship, 2020)

How willing are we to dialogue with those whose spiritualities and basic worldviews may be different from our own? To pray with those of other faiths and to work with others of goodwill on issues of common concern like Covid means to affirm everything that unites whilst condemning everything that takes away from the common good of the whole human family. To be a steppingstone for others instead of being a stumbling block for them on their journey of faith means to take responsibility for the moral choices that are ours to make, out of an informed conscience. Tolerance is not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength. We must learn to live together as brothers (and sisters) or perish together as fools. In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, freedom; but in all things, charity.

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.00pm
Baptisms 3rd Sunday 12noon

Clevedon Community 8.30am
 1st Sunday of month
 Clevedon District Centre
(Postponed until further notice)

RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays
Weekday Mass:
Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:00am
Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 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)

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Numbers 11:25-29;
 James 5:1-6;
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



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: 8:30, 5:30p.m. Monday to Friday
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 Or Richard Powell

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 – dandjct@gmail.com

09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz

09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

Additional Altar Servers Needed



Altar Server Training to be held in September. Please register your child's interest by completing the Registration form and dropping it off at the Parish office before August 30th.



The Diocesan website has a schedule of some initiatives that are ongoing in the Diocese while in lockdown. Please go to the site if for inspiration and information

Positive Thoughts:

DON'T QUIT

When Things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and debts are high,
 And you want to Smile but have to sigh.
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about,
 When he might have won if he'd stuck it out,
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
 You might succeed with another blow.

Often the struggler has given up,
 When he might capture the victor's cup,
 And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
 How close he was to the golden crown,

Success is failure turned inside out,
 The silver tint of clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems afar,
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
 It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Edgar Albert Guest



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAKAKURA

54 Clark Road

We love being an active part of our parish community. Your children are our children. Your family is our family.

Together We Learn, We Pray, We serve

Me Whakakotahi, Kia Maarama, Kia Pono, Ki Te Karakia

ENROL NOW! PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST!

Visits welcome. Contact our school office on 09 298 4450 or visit our new website. www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Follow us on Facebook too!

St Mary's, Papakura School Hall is available for hire to clubs, businesses and for private events. This is a large, pristine venue with kitchen, toilet and parking facilities. Please call our school office on 09 2984450 for more information.



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

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Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

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2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039



PROLIFE FACTS

In New Zealand, medical drug abortions are increasingly utilised because the procedure is relatively easy to administer. The process begins with taking mifepristone as a tablet, which deprives the pre-nine-week old baby of nutrition. The second step is to administer misoprostol, which causes the baby to be expelled from the uterus. However, an article by Delgado and colleagues (2018), shows that it is not uncommon for women to have second thoughts about proceeding with the abortion after taking the first pill but prior to taking misoprostol, with 1,668 calls made to an information line inquiring about reversing the abortion procedure across a four year period. Their peer-reviewed study showed that by administering the hormone prostaglandin, up to 68% of pregnancies can be saved, even after taking the first pill, without increasing the risk of birth defects. Family Life International NZ offers further information on the protocols for reversing medical abortions to medical practitioners interested in learning more.

For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

When you ask God for a gift, be thankful if he sends not diamonds, pearls and riches, but the love of real true friends

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:

Parent contact: Tracey Luamanu

Phone Number:027 388 1556

Youth leader contact: Tahnee TePuia-Afoa

Phone number:021 084 4848



VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT MERI HŌHEPA CELEBRATION

SUNDAY OCT 3

Mass with Cardinal John Dew

October 3 is Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa Celebration Sunday. As parish Masses are not possible under the current Covid-19 restrictions, Cardinal Dew has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. It will be broadcast at 2:00 PM on Shine TV. It will also be available to view later in the day on YouTube and Facebook.

All parishioners are invited to send their personal prayer requests and intentions which will be offered by Cardinal John at this special Mass.

If you have a particular prayer request, or if there is someone in your parish who you would like to be specifically remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman (sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz). At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests and names of those who have asked to be remembered, will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa and the Sisters will continue to pray for everyone during the month of October. There are also other resources available at www.suzanneaubert.co.nz.

Please pray for the beatification and eventual canonisation of Meri Hōhepa /Suzanne Aubert. And, let us remember her constant prayer.

"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy



Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 27 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

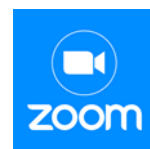
All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>



Fr James Mulligan invites all interested to a scheduled Zoom meeting to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. To join Zoom Meeting, please contact Fr James for an invitation.

Church Events:

School Preference Forms: Please note that Fr James is available to sign School Preference Forms on Thursday Mornings from 10am to 12noon and afternoons from 4pm to 6pm in the Parish Office. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parish Baptisms:

Baptisms will be celebrated on the THIRD SUNDAY of the month after the 10:30 Mass. Please note that there will now be a monthly group baptismal preparation course in the Ryder Room on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. (Next session to be advised)

Please contact Fr James to register and for further details on telephone 2985134. No paperwork, no baptism.

St Mary's School Mass

Please note that because during term time the classes from the school will attend Thursday Morning Mass, the time has changed to 9:30am permanently to stop confusion.



	Week Sep/Oct 27th - 2nd	Monday St Vincent de Paul	Tuesday	Wednesday Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	Thursday St Jerome	Friday St Theres of the Child Jesus	Saturday The Guardian Angels
New to the Parish							
Welcome							
Psalm		102	87	138	19B	79	91
Reading		Zechariah 8:1-8	Zechariah 8:20-23	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Apocalypse 12:7-12	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Baruch 1:15-22	Exodus 23:20-23
Gospel		Luke 9:46-50	Luke 9:51-56	John 1:47-51	Luke 10:1-12	Luke 10:13-16	Matthew 18:1-5,10

New to the Parish

Welcome

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