



The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. Mark 13:24

14th November 2021
33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32.

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
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



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Sacramental Programme: Parish Office
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 Name.....First Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

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



St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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When he turned 7 in July, young Willem Freed was spurred into action to help save his local Zoo. Orana Wildlife Park's pleas for long-term funding had been rejected by the Christchurch City Council and he had heard all about it on the news. For his 7th birthday, Willem decided to forgo the usual presents and asked his friends and family to make donations to the Zoo instead. He ended up raising just over \$1,000.00. Compared to the billions that are being spent on our Government's COVID response these days, \$1,000.00 might not be very much but it certainly says a lot about the importance of generosity. The Zoo has since been "blessed" with public support. We can only hope that will continue as the Zoo and other worthy community groups look to recover from the pressures wrought by COVID. We must value and appreciate people like Willem who sacrifice their "something" for others. Because maybe that something is their "everything". As it says in a Maori proverb that describes what it means to give from the heart: *Ahakoia he iti he pounamu - Although it is small, it is greenstone...*



In our Gospel, Jesus' fulsome praise of a poor widow's generosity provides something even more precious. Compared to the vast sums that many of the rich were donating for the sake of pious appearances, the poor widow's donation to the Temple treasury appears to be nothing. But the little something that she has offered for the Temple is her everything. Basically, it was all she had to live on. Unlike the scribes whom he accuses of swallowing up the property of the poor, Jesus not only notices her as a person in her own right but also recognizes just how much her giving has cost her in real terms. Just as in another poor widow's gracious act of hospitality to the Prophet Elijah, our sister's generosity is a daring act of trust in God's providence. Elijah's prophecy - that jar of meal should not be spent, that jug of oil should not be emptied before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth - articulates the generosity of God which Jesus makes flesh. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free in fulfillment of the Psalmist's song. The widow's generosity gives us all that we need to live on. For eternal life.

So how generous are we? As our perfect high priest who took our faults on himself by sacrificing himself once and for all as Hebrews puts it, Jesus has done to death our very human sins that makes us prefer rugged individualism at the expense of the marginalized and the environment. Given the discussions being held at the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, this is a very timely message for us! In these difficult times, the widow's mite takes many contemporary forms. As we look forward to some retail therapy in today's modern temples of mass consumerism, as Covid restrictions are eased by degrees, how much thought will we spare for those like the widow who don't have much to live on? When we re-open how can we maintain our Parish in a way that reverences every personal contribution of time, talent and finance? As we wait for Jesus to return to reward us with salvation, may the true worth of our giving be proven not just by its quantity but by its sincerity. The real meaning of Christian generosity is revealed through those like Willem Freed who are willing to give their everything to those who aren't too proud to receive something more precious than greenstone. It is the small everyday deeds of generosity that keep the Delta darkness at bay.



(Rachel Keefe, *A Widow's Wisdom*, 2015)Page 2

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)

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1Kings 17:10-16;
 Hebrews 9:24-28;
 Mark 12:38-44



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

St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree

The Gifting tree inviting Parishioners to take a tag and donate a gift for age and gender of the child listed on it, is usually put up in the Church at this time. With the uncertainty of when the Church will be accessible again, and the difficulty of arranging drop-off, sorting, wrapping and delivery of the gifts we have very reluctantly and sadly had to make the decision NOT to give gifts this year. We thank the generosity of Parishioners for your support of the gifting tree in past years. We will still be giving Christmas Hampers of the donated food and probably a Supermarket voucher to about 75 struggling families from various local agencies and schools and our Foodbank. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this instead of a gift, that would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly into the St Vincent de Paul Account Number 12-3031-0679646-00
 Reference: Christmas Thank you.

(Rachel Keefe, A Widow's Wisdom, 2015)

a simple offering outweighed all others combined
 two copper coins almost without value took on significance she gave to You all she had with intent others offered bits pieces of notable value thinking they honour You and themselves giving what they will not miss in abundance they missed abundantly the widow's gift lies unseen today many cling to little in hopes of more or less fear of losing everything of importance but gaining nothing of value Your words were simple directed at your followers

then and now witnesses to You two worthless coins mean everything when there is nothing else to give true life requires giving to You in abundance without fear of emptiness with trust and gratitude for You offer life abundant where two small coins have value and one poor woman has purpose and wisdom blessing any and all who see her as You did giving every little bit for the possibility You hold out to any and all who give You two copper coins (or everything we have and everything we are)



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.
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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.

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CMF CENTRE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF LIFE AND LOVE
 Get to know our Spiritual Father and Celebrate the Year of St Joseph! Patris Corde:
 With a Father's Heart A Festival on St Joseph will run from 14 Nov.-11 Dec. 2021. All events are FREE. Visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact 0220289737/info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (DayTime):
Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursday, 25 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/ Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-3/>
Online Sessions (Evening):
Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies. Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>
 For more information and registration: www.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/>

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



Kia Ora, my name is Mary, and I belong to a Catholic Church in Auckland. I am undertaking a Master's thesis at Unitec. This study explores the lived experiences of elderly Catholic Church members regarding how their religious faith and identity shape their views of assisted dying, particularly in light of the recently passed End of Life Choice Act. I am looking for participants aged 65 and older, of European, Māori, and Pasifika descent from this parish for an interview. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact me on 027 529 0307 or email mary3hot@yahoo.com. I am happy to provide more information on this study.

Prolife Facts
 The 2021 40 Days for Life campaign of prayerful pro-life witness outside abortion facilities in the US ended on October 31, saving 588 babies from abortion. Witnessing a pro-life viewpoint to others takes courage, and it is easy to shy away even when you know it is important to speak up, particularly if you are not sure exactly what you should say. Shawn Carney, CEO/ President of 40 Days for Life, and Steve Karlan, Director of North American Campaigns, have co-authored a book entitled "Know what to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion", the focus is on converting hearts vs winning arguments. If you are interested in this resource, visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>. It is also available on Kindle. **For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.**



Join us.....A Career with a Mission
 Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, is seeking a mature married couple, or single woman, to live in at our beautiful and well appointed home in Pukekohe - to provide acceptance, love and care for pregnant mothers in need, and for their babies and perhaps toddlers, in a faith based setting. This is a position for a missionary minded couple, or single woman, who perhaps have a medical background, and who are passionate about the sanctity of life. The position is supported by a day time staff member, a reliever for the parents, and also volunteers. To learn more and to obtain a Position Description, and Terms of Employment, please email: Dame Colleen Bayer DSG col.fli@xtra.co.nz OR Mrs Clare McClean clare@fli.org.nz (Co-ordinator - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support).

We pray for those who have died
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Leydon Papps, Sandra Lynch, Marie Eckhoff, Catherine Fay, Mafatua Pune, Mary Nash and Bill Van Den Bogaart.
We pray for those who are sick including:
 Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald Antoinette Anton, Hélène Green, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

Within each of us lies the power of our consent to health and to sickness, to riches and to poverty, to freedom and to slavery. It is we who control these and not another.

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.



New to the Parish
 Welcome
 Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office

Week Nov 8th - 13th	Monday	Tuesday Dedication of St John Lateran	Wednesday St Leo the Great Pope	Thursday St Martin of Tours B	Friday St Josaphat BM	Saturday
Psalm	139	46	82	119N	19A	105
1 Reading	Wisdom 1:1-7	Exekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 1Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17	Wisdom 6:1-11	Wisdom 7:22-8:1	Wisdom 13:1-9	Wisdom 18:14-16,19:6-9
Gospel	Luke 17:1-6	John 2:13-22	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 17:20-25	Luke 17:26-37	Luke 18:1-8