

13th March 2022
 Second Sunday Of Lent
 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36.

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 red!

 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.sfhighschool.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

St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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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 7:00pm

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)

First Sunday
Of Lent

Liturgy of the Word
(Year C)

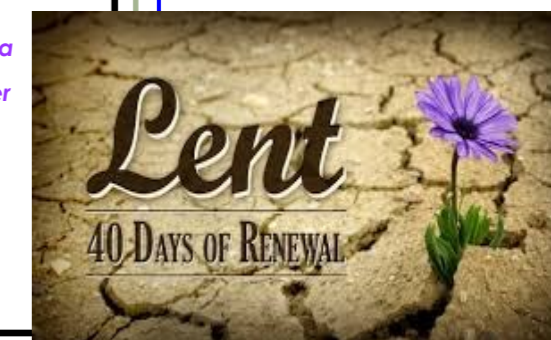
Deuteronomy 26:4-10;

Romans 10:8-13;

Luke 4:1-13

*The Fountain thirsts, the Bread is hungry here
 The Light is dark, the Word without a voice.
 When darkness speaks it seems so light and clear.
 Now He must dare, with us, to make a choice.
 In a distended belly's cruel curve
 He feels the famine of the ones who lose
 He starves for those whom we have forced to starve
 He chooses now for those who cannot choose.
 He is the staff and sustenance of life
 He lives for all from one Sustaining Word
 His love still breaks and pierces like a knife
 The stony ground of hearts that never shared,
 God gives through Him what Satan never could:
 The broken bread that is our only food.*

(Malcolm Guite, Temptation in the Wilderness (1): Stones into Bread, 2012)



A few years back, TV personality and former comedian Mike King was named Kiwibank New Zealander of the year. Mike has been a driving force behind many initiatives to break open the national conversation surrounding mental health. Addicted to alcohol and other drugs from an early age, it wasn't until he was in his mid-forties and two suicide attempts that he finally reached out for help, completely reinventing himself in the process. Mike's journey of recovery is far from unique. All of us are addicts to some extent. As human beings we naturally prefer pleasure and instant gratification over the pain of confronting our personal demons. Only through self-knowledge can we achieve self-mastery over addictions that lessen our freedom to make good moral choices. Sometimes, you can only find Heaven by slowly backing away from Hell (US Actress Carrie Fisher 1956-2016).

On this first Sunday of Lent, it shouldn't surprise us that Jesus also had to experience this same inner struggle. Filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of his baptism, at the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus has just survived a 40-day bootcamp at the hands of the devil in a self-isolating wilderness. At a purely human level, what the devil says to Jesus seems perfectly reasonable! Why should he have to starve when he can command a stone to turn into bread? Why should he be just another one of life's victims when he could "do a Putin" and take the world by force? And why shouldn't angels come to break his fall lest he strike his foot against a stone? That's what the Psalmist has promised, isn't it? He is God's Son after all! Why shouldn't he claim what is naturally his as of right? Is Jesus tempted? You bet he is! Yet Jesus shows his true greatness by freely choosing to do the complete opposite. By refusing to give in to his physical hunger, Jesus teaches us to yearn for something more than mere consumerism. By refusing to misuse his divinity for the sake of personal advantage, Jesus teaches us how to flourish within our limitations. To trust in God's providence at times of crisis. Just as Moses calls on Israel in Deuteronomy to remember its physical and spiritual journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in a new land that equals new life, so Jesus calls us to journey alongside him through the Lenten way of radical simplicity to free us from our usual human addictions to power, pleasure and possessions. For man (or woman for that matter) cannot live on bread alone.

So, what will we have to live on during these days of Lent? More to the point, what can we live without? Though the devil will return for a rematch with Jesus, at what Luke ominously calls the "appointed time", Jesus has already freed us to find heaven even now. That we may back away from our own private hells. As Paul writes in Romans, we need only confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead. In a world where slavery still exists in many modern, hidden forms and where there is as much desertification of the heart as there is of the earth, what must we do to claim the freedom that Jesus has won for us? How can the traditional disciplines of Lent enable us to experience the inner freedom that comes from facing and overcoming our own personal demons? Through his victory over the tempter's power, Jesus empowers us to recover our lost innocence. Only by facing our inner deserts of doubt and temptation can we preserve our sanity and sense of humour in these anxious times. No one who believes in the Lord of Lent will ever have cause for shame, because the flipside of addiction is grace. The day is not far distant when humanity will realise that it is faced with a choice between suicide and adoration. Sometimes, you can only find Heaven by slowly backing away from Hell...

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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 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: 8:30, 5:30pm. 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.)

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—Richard Powell



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Joyce (Joy) Holley, Lawrence Trevor Henwood, Colleen Ellen Young, John Charles (Ian) Owens, Pelenatita (Emma) Gribben, Hilda Marjorie Carson, Dorasamy (Johnny) Naidoo, William Esmond Pemberton.

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Michael Sharp, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Ben Hamilton, Christopher Bird, Marcia Thorburn and Ian Milliken.

Reconciliation for Lent

In addition to the usual time of 9.00am-10.00am on Saturday mornings, Fr James will be available for Reconciliation Rite every Tuesday of Lent from 6.00pm-7.00pm

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.



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

Vacancy - Parish Administrator – St Mary's Catholic Parish, Papakura

We have an opportunity for an experienced administrator to be the face of our Parish. In this role you will provide administrative and accounts support across our whole Parish Community, supporting our priest(s), parish groups, parishioners and visitors.

Duties include the following:

- Provide broad customer service, including front desk tasks
- Administrative activities, including newsletters, documentation, scheduling appointments, file management, managing communications
- Keeping the Parish Accounts up to date
- Contribute to general administrative tasks to support the smooth running of the parish's activities

Skills/experience:

- Good experience with MS Word, Excel and Outlook are essential
- Excellent time management and organisational skills, with a team focus
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to think on your feet, problem solve and build relationships
- A commitment to excellent customer service
- Enjoy working in a busy environment, with diverse groups of people
- Some accounts experience
- Ability to quickly learn new systems and processes.

This position works 4 days a week for a total of 30 hours.

If you are interested please email Evan Fitzpatrick efitz-21@outlook.com as soon as possible for a position description or for any other details.



St Vincent de Paul Papakura Shop

URGENTLY needs volunteers.

The roster operates on half days:
10:00 - 12:30 or 12:30 - 3:00 Monday - Friday.
10.00 - 12.00 Saturday.



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

Learn Love Serve
Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

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



40 Days for Life: Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!

March 2 to April 10 – Monday to Saturday – 7am to 1pm with extended hours on Wednesdays 7am - 7pm. Be a positive, peaceful, and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be a mother's last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. The vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour prayer slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Simon Archer 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz



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Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School is seeking a Caretaker for 15 hours per week with responsibilities for property maintenance and repair and gardening care. Please send letters of application to our school office - office@holytrinity.school.nz

Sacred Heart College: A Sacred Heart education provides a foundation of faith and aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life. Places are available in Years 7 and 9 in 2023, with Boarding available from Year 9. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available. Applications for close **Wednesday 13 April 2022.** Visit www.sacredheart.school.nz for more information.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Mar 7th—12th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	18(19)	33(34)	50(51)	137(138)	129(130)	118(119)
1 Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18	Isaiah 55:10-11	Jonah 3:1-10	Esther 4:17	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 6:7-15	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 7:7-12	Matthew 5:20-26	Matthew 5:43-48

Bequests: Have you remembered St Mary's in your Will.

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



Information on the Synod We are currently at the start of the 2021-2023 Synod For A Synodal Church. To find out more about this process including how to get involved head to the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> where you can read all about it and download information.



Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Prayer Hour with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Friday, 25 March, 3-4pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation/> For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS: The Free Speech Union recorded a 50-minute podcast on 8th February with Kate Cormack, president of Voice for Life, over concerns about the Safe Areas Bill. FSU spokeswoman Ani O'Brien does not share Kate's pro-life views, but agrees with Kate that the Bill sets a "dangerous precedent". MP Louisa Wall's Bill will criminalise any protest within a 150 metre "exclusion zone" near a clinic where abortions are performed. Kate Cormack said that no clinic or hospital has complained about the presence of pro-lifers praying or peacefully protesting. If there is a public nuisance, then Police can deal with it under Section 3 of the 1993 Harassment Act. According to Kate, the Bill (which has now passed its 2nd Reading in Parliament by a majority of 108-12), is "targeted discrimination". She says: "It's hard to figure out what will land pro-lifers in trouble, because of the ambiguities in the wording of the Bill. Voice for Life is the canary in the mine." You can listen to the podcast on Voice for Life's website, or the Free Speech Union. **For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.**

