

PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)
 Mark 11:1-10 1. Isaiah 50:4-7 2. Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
 24th March 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions		Evan Maratas	Sela Kaloni
Ministers of the Word	Maricris Amposta Siatua Gabriel	Leni Erlano Mavicle Auva'a	Rosalie Petelo Tevita Koloamatangi
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Anna Soo Choon Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Jackie Boyhan Nigel Boyhan Peter Foster	Shyamalee Krone James Obeng Falaniko Malaki Celerina Robertson Atelina Hunt Filimoni Feagaiga	Polly & Vincent Oriz Letisia Koloamatangi Kumi Sei Kaloni Fakalelu Paseka, Anna Cullen Jane Castrillo, Gerhard Witbooi
Altar Servers	Frankie Aita Albertus Lautua Nitya Roshin	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Poching Natoealofa	Pendan Peter Tulaga Adrianna Anthony Arabella Williams

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT
"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



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PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-004
REF: Build Fund


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 Please contact Parish office for receipts.

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.

Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz
 09 291 9194 or 021 379 845



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.

New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please visit our website at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz and register online or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office. (Office hours 9am–3pm, Mon–Fri) Thank you

St Mary's Catholic Church

A listening, praying, servant community

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17TH MARCH—FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1. Jer. 31:31-34 or Ezekiel 37:12-14 2. Hebrews 5:7-9 or Romans 8:8-11 John 12:20-33

Time for Sacrifice Te Wā mō te Whakahere

WITH GREAT LOVE COMES GREAT SACRIFICE

The Gospel of today opens with the arrival of some Greeks who had come to worship at the festival happening then. Jesus responds by saying that "Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." He also said that "whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." We should not, therefore, be surprised if we encounter trials and challenges and the need to make sacrifices. Jesus made much greater sacrifices during his lifetime. Whoever loves Jesus will serve him.



The story of the seed dying to self in order to bring new life, parallels Jesus dying on the cross for all people and to bring life to those who choose to follow him. There is a challenge here for God's people to be willing to die to our selfish desires and ambitions and to put God first in all aspects of our lives.

This is a special moment in the history of the world and of God's kingdom. Jesus is about to be sacrificed for the salvation of all mankind. The judgment of the world has begun. Satan, the ruler of the world is being deposed and driven out. God speaks from heaven as he reaches out to the people. But the people who heard it reacted in different ways. Some rationalise it as thunder, others thought it was the voice of an angel. God is present in that moment.

Finally, Jesus states openly what is about to happen – that he will be lifted up (on a cross) and that all people will be drawn to him. There is a great paradox here. This sign (the cross) of failure and rejection becomes the sign of hope, renewal and redemption for humanity.

(Courtesy of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Lent Reflection Programme 2024)

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:30am 10:30am
 Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12:30pm
 Baptisms 2nd Sunday 10:30 am
 Samoan Mass 3rd Sunday 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am
 Saturdays

Weekday Mass:

Monday 9:00am
 Tuesday 9:00am
 Wednesday 6:30pm
 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)

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

19th March, Tuesday—10:15 am at
 Summeret Karaka

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00 pm
 during Lent

Parish Newsletter

Please send notices and announcements by WEDNESDAY for the coming Sunday Newsletter at office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

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Kelly, Darren and their family have been part of our parish and the school for over 20 years.

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Welcome to St Mary's Parish

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 6:15pm, 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: Food parcels please phone for an appointment. Mob: 021 026 71430
St Vincent de Paul Shop: Mon—Fri 10:00-3:00pm Sat 10:00-1:00pm 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052
The Knights Of The Southern Cross—Richard Powell
Lay Camillian Family NZ Ministry to the sick—Dennis Sanga dtbsanga@gmail.com
St. Mary's Women's Group—Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 1796602
Parish Choir—Wednesday at 7pm

Dear Parishioners,

The St Vincent de Paul team in Papakura would like to thank you all for the very kind and generous donations you make to our Food Bank every week.

St Vincent de Paul has been active in Papakura for over 60 years and supports many initiatives:

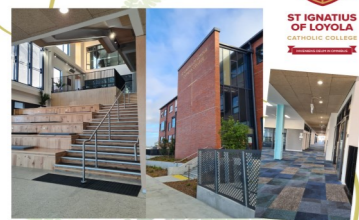
- The Food Bank
- Papakura Pensioners (morning tea, winter goodie bags.)
- Visiting the sick, lonely and bereaved parishioners
- Assisting the Probation Service with household items for residents
- Providing Scholarships for children from St Mary's and Holy Trinity schools
- Contributing to Young Vinnies Lifeteen Camp
- Christmas hampers to struggling families in Papakura.

The Vinnies Shop is open 5 days a week from 10am until 3pm and on Saturdays from 10am until 1pm. Most of our volunteers work half day shifts, mornings from 10 – 12.30 and afternoons from 12.30 until 3pm. We would very much welcome more volunteers to fill increasing vacancies in our roster.

If you are able to help in any way please call Catherine at the Vinnies shop: 027 388 7493

Community Open Day

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College, Burrill Rd, Drury



An invitation to all in the community to join a guided tour of our new college. All are welcome.

Saturday, 6 April 2024
9.30am-12.30pm

Announcements from Diocese

Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office

The NZ Catholic Bishops are seeking applications for the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. This important role promotes sound liturgical practice, supports the liturgical aspects of the work of national agencies and provides resources for parishes and schools in Aotearoa. Ad hoc projects include preparing national liturgical events and providing an Aotearoa point of contact for major liturgical initiatives of the universal Church. Key to the role is good working relationships with people involved in liturgy at the diocesan level and sharing the bishops' commitment to a bicultural and inclusive approach to liturgy. If you have a passion for the liturgical life of the Church, qualifications and experience in liturgy and good relationship-building skills, please consider applying. The role is part-time (minimum 20 hours per week negotiable) and fixed term (two years). The office has space alongside the NZCBC Secretariat in Thorndon, Wellington; however the role can be based remotely. For a full role description, email NZCBC Executive Director, Damian Dempsey via secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz. Role posting closes Thursday 28th March.

St Joseph's Feast Day Prayer Ritual to honour St Joseph's Feast Day ,Mary MacKillop Chapel ,Mission Bay, Tuesday 19th March at 5.30pm.

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10

The **National Liturgy Office** has posted resources for Week Five of Lent. These include readings, prayer, suggested music and a Homily Studio Podcast. Please go here for the details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/len-2024-week-five/>

SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED? We can't wait to see you at the SUMMIT 22-24 March at Sonshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

14th April | East (St Mark Pakuranga)
 5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)
 19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/> (Graphic attached)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

This year, we look forward to continuing our tradition of a Stations of the Cross procession through the Auckland CBD on Good Friday. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. Each year, hundreds of people from across the Diocese come together for this commemoration of our Lord's passion. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland. All are welcome to attend! Please bring comfortable walking shoes, bottled water, and a hat. (Graphic attached)

Towards October 2024 Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

Parish News and updates

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Papakura 2024 Easter Triduum Celebrations

Thursday, 28 March

9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's supper, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (until midnight)

Friday, 29 March

9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
10:00 am - Way of the Cross
3:00 pm - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 30 March

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 am - Morning Prayer of the Church
7:30 pm - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, 31 March

8:30 am & 10:30 am - Easter Mass during the Day

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

There will a parents' meeting of the children registered for the programme on **Wednesday, 3 April at 7:00 pm** in the hall.

Giving Envelopes—Effective from 1st of April 2024, no more envelopes are issued. We encourage everyone to move to online banking. Please use your planned giving number as a reference.

SMYFs (St Mary's Youth Family)- Bringing Youth Closer to Christ. We welcome all youth aged 10 & up to join us for our monthly youth sessions. We delve into scripture while growing closer with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact 021 084 04602, stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_. All are welcome. Next youth session is: 12 April, 7:00—9:00 pm.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group—The Martha and Mary text was discussed. Two remarkable women - two faces of love, serving God in different ways. Martha, a whirlwind of activity, complaining and distracted, Mary in the pious way resting at the feet of Jesus, enjoying His presence trusting and at peace.. Watch out for busyness, don't get so bogged down with work that we fail to worship Our Lord. The Women's Group meets every Friday at 1.00pm in the Fr. Ryder Centre. Enquiries: Please contact Brigid 021.0234.5439 or Jackie 021.179.6602

PASTORAL VISIT—Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with you over a cuppa. He is happy to pray and bless your home should you consider. If you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit, contact the parish office.

The Sick members of our parish—Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and please let Father Mathew know of anyone who may need spiritual assistance.

Altar Server—Easter training on Friday 22nd March after the stations of the cross, only for those children serving during Holy Week.

Dates for your Diary

Tue, 19 March	Legion of Mary Senior Presidium Meeting, Committee Room, 6:15 pm
Tue, 19 March	Parish celebration of Rite II Reconciliation, Church, 7:00 pm
Fri, 22 March	Legion of Mary Junior Presidium Meeting, Fr. Ryder Room, 5:00-6:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 pm
Mon, 25 March	Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 7:30 pm
Mon, 25 March	Youth Meeting, Church Hall, 7:00 pm
Sun, 28 April	Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall, 12:00 noon

Please Note

(Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)

BIRTHDAYS

Our best wishes and prayers also to those celebrating their Birthdays this week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We offer our best wishes and prayers to those celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially:
 Helen Moverley

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 17th—23rd March:

Regan Tait Stanners, Anthony Gilder, Leaupetele Siaoosi, Samir Josif Dawoud Yassi, Aleksander Goryl, Filippo Vitolio, Veronica Joan Davies, Ailao Maria Paulo, Nina Monica Wilkins

The Easter Vigil.

It is traditional to bring a candle to the Easter Vigil. This is appropriate as the first part of the Easter Vigil is called the Service of Light. It is important to ensure your candle does not drip any wax onto the floor. Make a candle holder out of a plastic bottle turned upside down and secure your candle in it. If your candle drips on the floor, blow it out immediately.



Week 18th—23rd March

Monday	1. Jeremiah 1:4-9 2. Acts 13:46-49; Ps.106 p118; Luke10:1-2,17-20
Tuesday	1. 2Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 2. Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Ps.89 p.95; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 or Luke 2:41-51
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28; Cant. Daniel p.172; John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; Ps.105 p.116; John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps.18 p.27; John 10:31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28; Ps.31 p.171; John 11:45-57