

Fourth Week of Lent
 1.2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 1Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13 2.Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21
 10th March 2024

	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions	Mavicle Auva	James Bingwor	Normita Tolentino
Ministers of the Word	Tevita Koloamatangi Barbrianna Soo Choon	Lisa Gurney Evan Maratas	Oddy Resurrection Becca Resurrection
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Anna Soo Choon Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga	James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Fakalelu Paseka Tea Venu Atelina Hunt	Marietta Vaotua Falaniko Malaki Filimoni Feagaiga Miriam Mantes Rolando Reyes Jane Castrillo / John Franks
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Ethan Clarito Skyler Fonseca	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Poching Natoealofa	Pedan Peter Tulaga John Paul Feagaiga Luke Kiutau

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REF: Build Fund

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PAPAKURA PARISH ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-000
REF: Pledge Number or Name

Your support is most appreciated!
 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

NO PARKING For health safety please note strictly **no parking at any time where there are yellow lines.**

Make sure that you are legally parked on the surrounding street.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

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

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1.Exodus 20:1-17 2. 1Cor. 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

3rd March 2024

Time for Justice Te Wā mō te Tika

THE CHANGING NATURE OF SACRIFICE AND THE OVERCOMING OF INJUSTICE

In today's Gospel which has the theme of the purification of the Temple and of Religion, Jesus is actively overturning the unjust aspects of the Temple system of animal sacrifices as sin offerings. The Temple would be reeking of blood. It would have smelled like an open abattoir, with the smell of burning animals and the spilled blood of sacrifices.



Jesus also overthrew the tables of the money changers who were profiting from the Temple system. The poor were being exploited. Jesus destroyed the currency to buy sacrifices, throwing the animals out. Here we see the radical change in the nature of sacrifice. By throwing out the animals Jesus is fulfilling the true purpose of the sacrifice for sins. Jesus as Lamb of God takes over the role of the temple and personally becomes the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of all humanity. Jesus overthrew the corrupted elements of the system of Temple sacrifices. We could ask ourselves what unjust systems today do people adhere to that enslave us?

The sacrificial lambs, cattle and birds were replaced by Jesus who becomes the new Temple. He himself becomes the Lamb of God – the sacrificial Lamb. Jesus then says that the temple will be destroyed and raised up in three days. In this he was predicting his own crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus's body becomes the new Temple and the one living sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins of all people.

(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)

Saturdays after 5pm Mass led by ALPHA

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00 pm during Lent

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



A Day of Recollection:

In preparation for Easter, we are inviting all the parishioners and friends of St. Mary's Parish to a day of Recollection. We shall reflect on Encountering the God's Mercy with the help of parables in Luke 15.
Date: Saturday, 16th March.
 More details to follow.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our local Vinnies shop is in need of more volunteers to help out in our shop. We are open Mon-Fri 10am - 3pm and Sat morning 10am - 1pm. The weekdays have two shifts 10am to 12.30pm and the afternoon is 12.30pm to 3pm. Saturday is one shift only. For more details please contact Chris O'Loughlin on 0274767644.

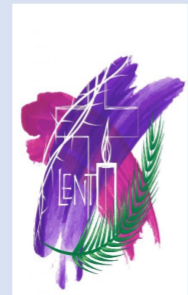
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank
 Thank you for all your contributions.
 Our current requirements are: Tins of Tuna, Tins of Creamed Corn, Tins of Chopped Tomatoes in Juice, Rice, Spaghetti Pasta.
 If you have any spare reuseable shopping bags Please.

Announcements from Diocese



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.

Lenten Evening Ritual



Come along to an evening of reflective prayer with readings, music, and meditative silence to enrich your Lenten journey. Lenten Evening Reflection on Wednesday 6 March 7pm – 8pm. At the Mary MacKillop Chapel in Mission Bay. Light refreshments will be served after this time of prayer.

Wings.Ngā Parirau
Know your faith Share your faith
Meet Jesus - in his Word in others in yourself
 Are you involved with:
 • Ministry of Word or Eucharist,
 • Sacramental preparation, RCIA,
 • Children's Liturgy
 • Living your faith
 This is for you!
 New Starting Date!
 2nd March - 6th April - 4th May
 Pompallier Diocesan Centre 10-3pm
 30 New St. St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby
 attend all three days for WNP Year One certificate
 register: Dianna - dianna@cda.org.nz

Wake and Pray
 Wednesday mornings in Lent
 14th, 21st, 28th February & 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March at 6.15am
Meditation on Zoom
 Register with Dianna Fouhy dianna@cda.org.nz

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
 Join us for our midpoint Candlelight Vigil!
 When? Wednesday 6 March – at 7:30 p.m.
 Where? Potter's Park – corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral
 For more information, contact Simon: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz or at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife/

We are currently looking for volunteers who can help with the following:

- Sacramental Programme
- Children's Liturgy
- Faith formation for Children in State School
- Health and Safety
- Flower Arrangements
- Gardeners
- Parking wardens for all masses

Please email pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz or 

Parish News and updates

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.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group—meets in the Fr. Ryder Centre on Fridays, 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Continuing the theme of discussing Women in the Bible. Enquiries: Please contact Brigid 021.0234.5439 or Jackie 021.179.6602

Station of the Cross—Every Friday, 7pm during lent here at St Mary's Church. All are welcome.

Sacramental Programme—is on hold until further notice.

RCIA/RCIC—3rd, 10th, 24th & 30th March at 8:30am.

Junior Praesidium—Every Friday, 5-6pm

Senior Praesidium—Every Tuesday at 6:15pm.

NZ Catholic—Latest issue is available in the Church. Price \$4 each. You can pay in cash or by EFTPOS at the Parish office.

School Preference Forms—Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment and give your contact details. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Baptisms—will be celebrated every SECOND SUNDAY of the month during 10.30am Mass. Please note that there will be a group baptismal preparation course in the RYDER ROOM on the last Thursday of the month at 7.00pm. REGISTRATION is required, please contact Parish Office at 09 299-6056. No paperwork - no baptism.

Parish Database —For those who haven't been registered to our new parish database, please make time to fill in the online registration form at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz and if you are having difficulty doing this please visit our parish office for assistance.

Important Notice

A Caritas Lenten Appeal is available for collection at the foyer of the church. Sets of Envelopes for the first Sunday of Lent to the last Sunday of Lent. Pope Francis has asked for your support to assist those countries who are suffering from health issues and Natural disaster. The gospel message of today reminds us of those who are isolated because of health issues and discrimination due to their illness .

Week 4th—9th March	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1Reading	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
Psalm	Ps.42 p.49	Ps. 25 p.34	Ps. 147B p.158	Ps.95 p. 104	Ps.81 p.86	Ps. 51 p.60
Gospel	Luke 4:24-30	Mathew 18:21-35	Mathew 5:17-19	Luke 11:14-23	Mark 12:28-34	Luke 18:9-14

Parish Newsletter

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

SMYFS St Mary's Youth Family
 "With God we will grow together in faith, family and love, leaving no one behind"
When: Friday every fortnight 7-8:30pm
Where: Church Hall
Who: 10 years and up
TERM 1
 16th Feb. 15th Mar. 12th Apr.
 Follow us on our socials:
Facebook: Smyfs Papakura
Instagram: smyfs_ @SMYFS_
 Youth Co-ordinator :Tracey Luamanu
 Contact: 021 084 04602
 Email: stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS
 Our best wishes and prayers also to those celebrating their Birthdays this week, especially:
 Benita Kiutau

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:
 Turry Brunton

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, 3rd—9th March:
 Joyce (Joy) Holley, Gordon Frederick Spragg, Lawrence Henwood, Colleen Ellen Young, John Charles (Ian) Owens, Pelenatiia (Emma) Gribben

Please Note
 (Email or call parish office to include the names for next week newsletter)

PASTORAL VISIT
 Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with your family over a cuppa. Also, you might know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit. Contact the parish office or him directly.