

FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
 Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6
 7th July 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome /Intercessions	Lumepa Soo Choon	Ignatious Noue	Rowena Hernandez
Ministers of the Word	Georgina Lautua Margrette Soo Choon	Jennifer Fyn James Bingwor	Siatua Gabriel Danae Anthony
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Martin Lautua Apaula Lautua Telesia Tuala Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga	Polly & Vincent Ortiz Letisia Koloamatangi Shyamalee Krone Annette Bingwor Filimoni Feagiaga Falaniko Malaki	Anna Cullen Kumi Sei Kaloni Tea Sharp Atelina Hunt Marietta Vaotuaa Bernadette Paulse Fakalelu Paseka, Celerina Robertson
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Nitya Roshin Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Aja Vatau Luca Vatau	Oliver Kiutau Luke Kiutau Adrianna Anthony

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"

Online Donations:

PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-004



REF: Build Fund

For automatic pledge giving:

PAPAKURA PARISH ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-000

REF: Pledge Number or Name

Your support is most appreciated!

Please contact Parish office for receipts.

Registration for 2024-25 are now on going. Please visit our website to download the form and email it back with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.



Please pray for all the children who will be receiving their first holy communion on Sunday, 7th July.

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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 Principal: Dean Wearmouth

30TH JUNE - THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Peter's Pence Collection

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2Corinthians 8:7-9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Know our Parishioners

My Faith Journey Story, By Jovita Parker

I have had a very blessed faith journey, growing up in a large, loving family where our faith was nurtured at home and at St Mary's Church and Primary School. It has been a privilege to be a part of this Parish all my life, and I have a deep sense of belonging and gratitude to all the people who have nurtured my faith journey – moving me from a 'head knowledge' to a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, and experiencing the power, presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit over many years.



In the 1980's the Diocese encouraged all Parishes to offer "Renew". Small groups of people, in each parish, met in each other's homes once a week, and reflected and discussed the topics designed to refresh and deepen our faith. The group I was in was led by some beautiful people who were very open to the Holy Spirit, and I recall coming home from some of these meetings with my spirit soaring. God was starting to touch me at a deeper level, even though I was not fully aware what was happening.

Soon after, a Charismatic Prayer Group was started in our Parish, and God placed a deep desire in my heart to attend this. They hosted a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar', and I was prayed with to be 'released in the Holy Spirit'. This was, and has continued to be a life-changing event for me. My faith moved from my head to my heart! The three persons of the Trinity were now so real, and so close to me. I literally fell in love with Jesus Christ, accepting him as my personal Saviour, and I experienced the presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit in a tangible way. My experience was nurtured in this Prayer Group. I developed a deep hunger for daily prayer, praise and worship of God, for the Sacraments, and the Scriptures, and a desire to serve God.

Gradually I was invited to take on roles and ministries within the Parish, and later at a Diocesan level. Even though I was a shy person I felt God's help and anointing when I responded. God asks for our availability, not our ability. I am so grateful for all the blessings God has given me over the years.

Like everyone else, life has had its challenges and hard times, but I have known God's help to get through them. Despite health issues over the past few years, I have sensed God's reassurance that He is walking with me through them, and giving me strength and help.

The words of this song convey what God has done for me:

Come to the water, you who are thirsty, though you have nothing, I bid you come, and *be filled with the goodness I have to offer, come, listen, live.*

I have been filled with your goodness and love Lord God, and I praise and thank you, and give you all the glory.

We encourage parishioners of all ages, background and talents to write the stories of their faith journey. What does faith mean to you? How does your faith help you to live your life with its promises and hopes? What does your prayer life mean to you? It is for faith sharing and encouraging one another and to get to know the members of our parish family. The stories can be a maximum of 500 words. Please email it with a passport size photograph at office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass:

Saturday
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

Second Sunday of the month
Baptism during 10:30am mass

Weekday Mass:

Monday - 9:00am
 Tuesday - 6:30pm
 Wednesday - 6:30pm
 Thursday - 9:30am
 Friday - 9:00am

First Fridays of month 11:00am

First Saturdays of the month
Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

ETHNIC MASSES

Filipino language 1st Sunday
12:30pm
 Tongan Language 2nd Sunday
2:00pm
 Samoan Language 3rd Sunday
12:00pm
 Maori Language 4th Sunday ?
TBC

RECONCILIATION

9:00 - 10:00am, Saturdays

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 9:30am - 12:00 noon
 (11:30am - 12:00noon
 First Friday of month)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm
 Evening Prayer (VERSPERS)

Sunday - 8:00am
 Morning Prayer (LAUDES)

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 Senior Presidium: Tuesdays 6:15pm, hall committee room.
Legion of Mary Junior Presidium: Fridays 5-6pm, Ryder 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

Please Note

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

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially;

Helen Moverley, Audrea Warner, Tony Starbuck, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Lisa Matt, Judge Carpio & Bryan Wannell

RECENT DEATHS

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death

Bruce Williams, Joyce Hoffmann, Rosa Josefa Baumann, Kathleen (Maureen) Lenton, John Patrick Turner, Robert Lawrence Stanley, Peter Gerard Fyn, Mila Moredo & Bruce Williams

Weekday Readings, 1st—6th July

Monday	Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Ps.50; Mathew 8:18-22
Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12; Ps.5; Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps.117; John 20:24-29
Thursday	Amos 7:10-17; Ps.19B; Matthew 9:1-8
Friday	Amos 8:4-6,9-12; Ps. 119A ; Mathew 9:9-13
Saturday	Amos 9:11-15; Ps.85; Matthew 9:14-17

Dates for your Diary

Wed, 3 Jul	RCIA Enquiry 7:15pm, Ryder Rm
Thu, 4 Jul	Parish Liturgy Meeting, 7pm, Ryder rm.
Fri, 5 Jul	Sacramental Programme, Reconciliation, 6pm, Church followed by Holy Communion rehearsal
Sat, 6 Jul	RCIA Enquiry 12-1pm, Ryder Rm
Sun, 7 Jul	First Holy Communion Mass, 5pm, Church
Thu, 11 Jul	Parish Finance Meeting, 7pm, Ryder rm.
Fri, 12 Jul	Deadline of submission of feedback for our Parish Site Development Project
Thu, 18 Jul	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Ryder rm.
Thu, 19 Jul	Parish special meeting regarding feedback output for our Parish Site Development Project, 7:00pm, Hall
Tue, 23 Jul	Refresher program for Ministry of Word and Holy Eucharist
Fri, 26 Jul	Refresher program for Ministry of Word and Holy Eucharist
Thu, 25 Jul	Baptismal Preparation Course, 7pm, Ryder rm.
Sun, 28 Jul	Commissioning of Minister of the Word and Holy Eucharist, All masses
	Formation Evening- Date To be confirmed

Free Op Shop

We will hold free op shop in the Hall and coffee and mingle with parishioners on Saturday, 6th & Sunday, 7th July.

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, stmarys-youthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_. All are welcome. **Next youth session is: 5 July, 7-9pm Ryder rm.**

Parish Newsletter

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

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

16 July, Tue - 10:30am, Summerset, Karaka
 23 July, Tue - 11:00am, Longford Village, Takanini

Signing of School Preference form - Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.



Parish News and Updates

St Marys Papakura – Financial Update

Parish Operations

The table below shows our normal operating income and expenses for the past 3 years

Income	For the year ending		
	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 23
Sunday Collections	91,433	127,542	150,798
General Donations	30,039	46,113	14,374
Fundraising	500	100	2,008
Sales and Other Income	5,196	2,406	6,719
Total Operating Income	127,168	176,161	173,899
Expenses	For the year ending		
	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 23
	Parish Expenses	121,932	148,781
Property Expenses	22,471	20,798	36,962
Total Expenses	144,403	169,579	232,279
Net Operating Surplus	-17,235	6,582	-58,380

- low income in the 2021 year due to COVID lockdowns which led to a loss that year.
- 2022 - Sunday collections increased and we received major donations boosting our income and led to a small surplus for the year.
- 2023 we saw donations decrease and our operating costs rise due to inflation. Additional repairs and maintenance (on our presbytery, hall and church) was also required which led to the large loss in the year.

Building Fund

The table below shows the building fund donations received over the last 3 years

Income	For the year ending		
	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 23
Building Fund Donations	23,142	105,605	29,014
Interest on Investments	41,348	41,034	44,907
Building Fund Income	64,490	146,639	73,921

The 2022 year we received two large one off donations for our building fund. Apart from those we have a small group of parishioners regularly donating to our building fund.

Unfortunately we do not have any significant donors that would allow us to move forward with the actual site development in the near future.

The parish savings and building fund is now as follows:

	As at 31 Dec 23
Funds Invested with Catholic Development Fund	
-Parish CDF	817,068
-Building Fund CDF	374,449
Value of the Ararimu property	570,000
BNZ Bank Account for the building Fund	9,779
	1,771,296

Site Development Feedback and Meeting

Parish Decision Required

Further to the parish annual general meeting and the financial updates presented at our masses the parish finance committee are leading the process for our parish to decide on a path forward.

Question:

Should we as a parish still endeavour to capital fundraise and aim for our original site development that was originally budgeted for \$5 million (we currently have \$1.8 million)?

Or

Do we use the money we have (and perhaps borrow some additional funds) and use it to improve our current buildings with the most important being a renovation, refurbishment and enlargement of our current church?

Or

Do we do something else? If so what should we do?

We need your feedback -please send it to us by July 12th 2024

Either

Fill out the form in the foyer of the church and place it in the drop box

Email us your thoughts to stmaryschurchpapakura@gmail.com

Call and speak to Lisa (finance committee member) on 0210 458154

Site Development Meeting 19th July at 7pm

Please attend the Site Development parish meeting in the hall on Friday 19th July 2024 at 7pm for a review of the feedback and a discussion on the possible next steps.