

EIGHTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
1 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
2nd March 2025

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome /Intercessions	Barbriana Soo Choon	Tevita Koloamatangi	Ofu Schmidt
Ministers of the Word	Rosaline Petelo Sela Kaloni	Ann Aita James Bingwor	Violet Aita Philip Soo Choon
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Kumi Kaloni Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Jovita Parker John Franks	Annette Bingwor James Obeng Fakalelu Paseka Letisia Koloamatangi Shyanmalee Krone	Marietta Vaotua Anna Cullen Sahlee Cortez Atelina Hunt Aurora Almario Bernadette Paulse Caron Marnewick
Altar Servers	Emereziana Lautua Martin Thomas Obinna Njoku	Aja Vatau Luca Vatau Poching Natoealofa	Frankie Aita Edith Aita Kaveinga To'ofoho

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

23rd February - 1st March

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially;
 Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton,
 Lisa Matt, Judge Carpio, Bryan Wannell, Brian O'Leary, Rosario Tamin,
 John Ram Krishna, Rodolfo Tolentino and Graham Reed

RECENT DEATHS

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 Antonia Johanna van Gaal, William (Budd) Gibbons, Ivan Erceg,
 Cornelis Orson, Laurel Zoe McGlade, Andrew Mullins,
 Violet Muriel Beazley

May they rest in peace. Amen

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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23RD FEBRUARY 2025 - SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13.22-23; 1Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I bring to your kind attention an important opportunity that you have as parishioners to pray, discern, nominate and elect the **Parish Pastoral Council Members** that the parish needs at the level of "governance (rather than management), that is planning, direction-setting, policy formulation and evaluation of the overall vision for the parish".

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) plays a vital role in shaping the spiritual and pastoral direction of our parish community. I encourage you to prayerfully consider serving on the PPC or nominate someone you believe has the gifts, commitment, and faith to contribute to this important ministry of leadership. The PPC needs dedicated individuals who are passionate about strengthening our parish life, fostering unity, and ensuring that our mission reflects the Gospel values. By serving on the PPC, you can help guide our parish in pastoral planning, outreach, and community-building efforts. Aligned with the guidelines set forth by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, the PPC will collaborate closely with the parish priest to discern and implement a vision that reflects the teachings of the Gospel and addresses the unique needs of the parishioners.

If you or someone you know feels called to serve in this way, please step forward and get nominated and elected to be part of this mission. Nominations are now open. Nomination forms are available on the parish website. Alternatively, you may get a hard copy from the parish office.

Nominations close on Sunday, 6th April 2025. Send the nominations in a sealed envelop to Parish Office written, "**Nomination to PPC 2025**" (We do not accept soft copies). A select committee made up from the Senior Leadership Team will scrutinise all nominations and the list of the successful nominees will be publicised in the parish newsletter two weeks prior to the parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Sunday 4 May 2025 at 12:00 pm. The nine vacancies to the PPC will be filled through secrete ballot at the AGM. All those nominated need to attend at the Parish Annual General Meeting and present themselves to the Parish and get elected. Failure to be present at the AGM without leave will nullify the nomination. There will be no direct nomination to the PPC.

To be a member of the PPC one must be a Catholic, registered in our parish, has been worshipping regularly in this parish church for a reasonable period of time, willing to attend the monthly meeting of PPC, show love for the Church, and have a desire and will to share in the life and mission of our parish.

"The PPC is a representative body, not merely a collection of representatives". Membership of the PPC needs to reflect the composition of the parish namely the ethnic diversity, various groups, movements, youth, schools, and associations operating in the parish. I encourage you to nominate your person while making an effort to meet the said criteria for the composition.

For the Parish Council Guidelines of the Dioceses of Auckland, please visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/pastoral-councils>

God bless.

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvashiyil

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month
during 10:30am mass

WEEKDAY MASS

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

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 Mass - 10:00am
 Adoration - 10:30am - 12:00pm

FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH
 Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

ETHNIC MASSES

Filipino language 1st Sunday,
2:00pm
 Samoan Language 3rd Sunday of
March then every other month at
12:00pm
 Tongan Language 4th Sunday of
Mar, Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Morning Prayer (LAUDS)
 Sunday - 8:00am

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 11:00am
 Summerset - 3rd Tue, 10:30am

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 027 2982327
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, smarys-youthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_.
 Next youth session is: **28th February**. All welcome
Legion of Mary Senior Presidium: Mondays 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 9.30am 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 Power
Lay Camillian Family NZ Ministry to the sick—Dennis Sanga dtbsanga@gmail.com
Music Ministry Team - Singing and music practice for our Sunday Masses - Wednesday at 7:15pm. All welcome.
St. Mary's Women's Group - Friday, 1:00-2:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 02358939. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA FOOD BANK



Our current requirements are

Tin of Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Sugar 1.5 kg, Boxes of Tea Bags, Small Peanut Butter and Marmite.

To request food assistance please phone 021 02671430 to give your details and you will be given an appointment time for collecting a food parcel.

UPDATE YOUR PARISH RECORD. Please make a time to fill in the online registration form at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz for those who haven't done it yet.

if you are having difficulty doing this please visit our parish office for assistance.

Parish Car park

Since we have very limited availability for parking, we encourage all parishioners to leave the car park for the elderly, the sick and the mobility card holders.
 Thank you for your understanding.

Signing of School Preference form

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Except First Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism



Gracelyn Sophie Reyes, Grizelle Scarlet Reyes
 Chloe Grace Donghil, Fleur Cardoza Kamerkar
 Sapphire Jaye Manalac, Lencio Nate Melchor
 Trianna Piedad

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

Building Inspection

The Finance Committee is seeking a volunteer(s) to inspect all the parish buildings and to submit a report. The report will enable the Finance Committee to budget and prioritize maintenance of all buildings. Kindly contact the parish office.

Catechists needed for the following:

- To lead the Liturgy of the Word for children during weekend masses
- To teach catechism for Students in State Schools every Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:00pm
- To teach and prepare children aged 7 - 12 yrs old for their Baptism. Their parents will be in attendance

We earnestly seek parishioners/parents to help the parish in Faith Formation. It is a ministry to proclaim the Word of God to children and teach them catechism. Those who come forward will be given help to get trained in this wonderful ministry. Kindly contact the parish office.

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.



To host for our Parish Communi-Tea, please call parish office.



14th - 20th February 2025 Collection Report

Pledge - \$ 6,145.30
 Build. Fund - \$ 735

St Mary's Parish Women's Group

The Women's group resumed last week. We discussed and agreed on a plan going forward. We read writings on prayer by Thomas Merton, a Trappist Monk (1915-1968). Merton emphasised deepening prayer, slowing down, taking time for prayer - making room for God in our lives. For reflection we focused on two questions "Who am I to God?" and "Who is God to me?".

As we embark on a new year we encourage more women to come and be part of the women's group - all women are welcome.

Parish News and Updates

Marriage and Convalidation of Marriage

It is a beautiful thing to get married. It is a blessing and an act of faith to have the Marriage celebration in Church.

Those who are planning to get married in Church, are most welcome to speak with Fr. Mathew. It is encouraged to begin a discussion at least 6 months prior to marriage.

We are happy to help those contracted civil marriage to have their marriage validated by the Catholic Church. Kindly contact the parish office.

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.

Sick members of our parish

Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and please let us know of anyone who may need spiritual assistance.

Catholics Returning Home

You may know someone in your circle of friends who left our worshipping community. As God is always searching and waiting for us patiently, we are happy to visit them and begin a process of dialogue. Contact the parish office.

Presentation of Gifts during Masses

We encourage families to volunteer to take the gifts of bread and wine to the priest at the offertory. Please contact parish office to

Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The parish is inviting you to serve the parish as ministers of the Word or as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be on **Thursday, 3rd April at 7:00pm in the church**. You will be commissioned on **Sunday, 5th April**. To register contact parish office or pastoral office.

Want to become a Catholic?

Looking to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? Our Parish RCIA/RCIC program welcomes you on a journey of faith, learning, and community - come and discover the beauty of the Catholic life!

Registration for RCIC/RCIA 2025-2026 is now open.
 Please contact Parish Office or Pastoral office.

Enquiry dates:
Fridays, 9th & 16th May, 7:00pm
Saturdays, 24th & 31st May, 12:00pm

Weekday Readings, 24th Feb - 1st Mar

Monday	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10; Ps.93; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11; Ps.37; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	Ecclesiasticus 4:11-19; Ps.119N; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday	Ecclesiasticus 5:1-8; Ps.1; Mark 9:41-50
Friday	Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17; Ps.119T; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 17:1-15; Ps.103; Mark 10:13-16

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 23 Feb	Safeguarding workshop, after 10:30am mass, Church - Open to all wanting to volunteer within the parish
Thu, 27 Feb	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, No Mass.
Thu, 27 Feb	Baptismal Preparation Course, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm.
Thu, 6 Mar	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm.
Fridays 7 & 14 Mar	Renewal, Synodality & Fellowship for all Parish Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers and Holy Communion, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm.
Tue, 8 Mar	First Reconciliation, 7pm
Sat, 15 Mar	First day of class for Baptism Preparation for children aged 7-12 yrs old, 2:00-3:00 pm, Ryder rm
Fri, 21 Mar	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, 7:00 pm
Fri, 28 & Sat, 29 March	Parish Spiritual Retreat. Begins with Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm on Friday, 28th March and concludes on Saturday 29th March, 5:00 pm with Vigil Mass
Sun, 6 Apr	Last date to submit nominations to Parish Pastoral Council.
Sat, 3 May	Parish Picnic at Waitawa Regional Park, after 8:30 am Mass—Details to follow

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Lenten Programme 2025

Ash Wednesday

7am Mass St Mary's Parish (No Mass at 6.30pm)
 7pm Ecumenical Celebration
 40 Coles Cres, Papakura (Anglican Church)

Friday Station of the Cross 6.30pm

Filipino Community (7th March)
 Altar Sever/Youth (14th March)
 Couples for Christ (21st March)
 Samoan Community (28th March)
 Tongan Community (4th April)
 Legion of Mary (11th April)

Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey?
 Contact Fr. Mathew