

SECOND WEEK OF LENT
Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Philipians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36
16th March 2025

Welcome / Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Lumepa Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Evan Maratas	Sunday 10:30 am
Ministers of the Word	Barbrianna Soo Choon Normita Tolentino	Jason Villafuerte Leni Erlano	St. Mary's Catholic School
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Peter Foster, Jane Castrillo, Jennifer Anacleto, Aran Silverio, Jovita Parker Elizabeth Tugaga, Yoland Macleod	Shyamalee Krone, Atelina Hunt Noue, Annette Bingwor, Falaniko Malaki, Fakalelu Paseka, Letisia Koloamatangi	
Altar Servers	Emereziana Lautua, Martin Thomas, Obinna Njoku	Sheshan Krone, Jeevani Krone, Poching Natoealofa	Edith Aita Katherine Farley, Adrianna Anthony
Sacred Vessel	Elizabeth Tugaga Jane Castrillo	Annette Bingwor, Letisia Koloamatangi	St. Mary's Catholic School
Projector	Jovita Parker	Dana Cardozo	School

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

9th - 15th March

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially:
 Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell,
 Brian O'Leary, Rosario Tamin, John Ram Krishna,
 Rodolfo Tolentino, Graham Reed, Anne Wallbank,
 Margaret Fairweather, Morris Pele, Brian Goldfinch and
 'Ofa Soakai

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 John Charles (Ian) Owens, Pelenatita (Emma) Gribben, Hilda
 Marjorie Carson, Saisirita Kriechbaumer, Dorasamy (Johnny)
 Naidoo, William Esmond Pemberton, Marie Teresa Hood, Lio
 Nu'u, Adrianus (Jos) de Brouwer, Dennis Sewpershad

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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9TH MARCH 2025 - FIRST WEEK OF LENT
 Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering (8 – 9 March 2025)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With hearts full of gratitude and admiration, we celebrate this Jubilee of the World of Volunteering. We think of Non-Profit Organizations, NGO Workers, Social Workers and many others all over the world and in our parish community serving humanity and caring for the Common Home. It is a time of grace, reflection, and renewal for all those who dedicate their lives to the service of others.



Their tireless commitment to the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and the vulnerable reflects the very heart of the Gospel: "Whatever you did for one of these least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). They bring hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and love where there is loneliness.

In a world often marked by division and indifference, they are witnesses to God's mercy, showing that solidarity and fraternity are not mere ideals but lived realities. Whether through humanitarian aid, social services, advocacy, or daily acts of kindness, they embody the call to build a more just and compassionate society.

As we reflect on the life and mission of our parish, we are deeply grateful for the vast number of volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and love to serving our community. From those who prepare the church for Mass, teach catechism, visit the sick, support the poor, organize parish events, drive our church building project, serve on committees, and extend a hand wherever needed - you are the heart and soul of our parish family!

Volunteering is more than just a duty; it is a beautiful expression of Christian charity, a living testimony of faith in action. As Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves" (Lk 22:27). Every small act of kindness, every moment given in love, reflects the generosity of Christ himself.

The beauty of volunteering is that it enriches both the giver and the receiver. In offering our time and talents, we discover joy, deepen friendships, and grow closer to God. We become instruments of God's love, bringing light to those in need.

To all our volunteers - thank you! Your selfless service is a blessing to our parish and a witness to the Gospel. May God reward you abundantly, and may more people be inspired to share in this wonderful opportunity to serve in love and generosity. May the Lord bless your hands, strengthen your resolve, and fill you with the joy that comes from serving others. And may the Virgin Mary, the humble servant of the Lord, accompany you in your mission of love.

God bless.

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil

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, smarysyoungfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papanura and Instagram @smyfs_.
 Next youth session is: **Fridays of March 7-9pm.** 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: Every other Thursday starting 13th March, Com. Rm after 9:30 am mass. 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 PAPANURA FOOD BANK



Our current requirements are

Packets of Tea Bags, Sugar 1.5kg bags and breakfast foods e.g. weetbix and kornies.

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.

Shared homily on 4th Sundays

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

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORM

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
 First Wednesday of the month, between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

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.

Announcements from Diocese

LENT @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, REMUERA Lent is fast approaching – are you ready? Let Christ show you how He lived, move beyond the surface of the stories you've heard before. Morning Talks with Dr Dan Stollenwerk – “Who do you say that I am?”
 4x Wednesdays from 19 March 10:45 – 12:00pm. No registration required.
 Evening Talks with Fr Phil Bennenbroek 5x Tuesdays from 11 March 7:00pm – 8:30pm [Register here](https://www.remueraatholic.org.nz/lenten-programme) For information <https://www.remueraatholic.org.nz/lenten-programme>
Prepare Ponder Pray with the Gospels. Saturdays in Lent 7 – 7:30pm on Zoom. Contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team @ dianna@cda.org.nz
Bishop Steve Speaks tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZxcTLhpW-gsxny4e>
Reflecting together. Join members of the diocesan team in reflecting on the Word every Wednesday and Friday, from our Facebook page and diocesan YouTube.

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

Host for 16th March



8:30 am
 Dana Cardoso
 10:30 am
 St. Mary's Catholic School



Collection Report 28th Feb - 6th Mar

Pledge - \$ 6,911.77
 Build. Fund - \$ 696.19

St Mary's Parish Women's Group

This week we discussed Luke 6:27-38 forgiveness - Love of enemies
 Lack of forgiveness divides families, groups and communities.
 Forgiveness of others is the key that unlocks Christ's forgiveness, and forgiveness through Christ is the key that unlocks the Kingdom of God.
 Come and join us for a lively chat and prayer time on Friday afternoon at 1pm in the Fr. Ryder room.

Parish News and updates

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

LENT 2025

We are seeking your help

- To collect the Holy Oils from the Cathedral during the Chrism Mass, 15 April 2025, at 7:00 pm
- To supply palms for the Palm Sunday
- To prepare the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday
- To organize sound system for Good Friday Stations of the Cross, for Palm blessing ceremony in the garden on Psalm Sunday, and for the Solemn Beginning of the Easter Vigil

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

- ONE HOUR a week as Power point operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR a week as Eftpos operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR per week to count the mass collections
- ONE HOUR OR TWO to clean the Church, Hall or Ryder room (choose only one per group or family)
- ONE HOUR a week to take Holy Communion to the homebound.
- ONE HOUR a week to manage our car parks for each mass on the weekend.
- You may have talents which you want make known to parish. Contact us.

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.

Weekday Readings, 10th - 15th Mar

Monday	Lev. 19:1-2.11-18; Ps.19B; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps.34; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps.51; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther 4:17 (Esther's Prayer); Ps.138; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps. 130; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps.119A; Matthew 5:43-48

Dates for your Diary

Thu, 13 Mar	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion. No Mass
Fri, 14 Mar	Renewal, Synodality & Fellowship for all Parish Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers and Holy Communion, 7:00pm, Ryder rm.
Sat, 15 Mar	First day of class for Baptism Preparation for children aged 7-12 yrs old, 2:00-3:00pm, Ryder rm
Thu, 20 Mar	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
Fri, 21 Mar	First Reconciliation of children on Sacramental Programme, 7:00pm
Thu, 27 Mar	Baptismal Preparation Course, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
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.
Tue, 8 Apr	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, 7:00 pm
Sat, 12 Apr	Baptism Celebration. We move to 12 April, 11:00am, as Palm Sunday falls on April 13th this year.
Sat, 3 May	Parish Picnic at Waitawa Regional Park, after 8:30 am Mass - Details to follow

Praying for World Peace

An opportunity to pray for world peace on Fridays during Lent, 6:15 - 6:27pm

ST. MARY'S PARISH Lenten Programme 2025

Friday Station of the Cross 6.30pm

First Reconciliation of children on Sacramental Programme

Friday 21st March, 7pm

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II

Tuesday 8th April, 7pm

Parish Retreat Annual Retreat

Begin with Stations of the Cross 6.30pm on Friday 28th March

And conclude Saturday 29th March 5pm with Vigil Mass