

## St Mark's Parish - Holy Week and Easter Timetable 2020

Thursday	9 April	Holy Thursday – Last Supper	7.00pm
Friday	10 April	Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross	3.00pm
Saturday	11 April	Easter Vigil Mass	8.00pm
Sunday	12 April	Easter Sunday Mass	10.00am

**St Mark's Parish**  
Te Whare Karakia o Hato Maaka

**Coronavirus COVID-19 Lockdown**

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**TIN FOOD, LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, FLOUR,**  
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Items will be sent to people who need them most  
in Pakuranga community.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**

**Donation Drop-off**

**St Mark's Church**  
**334 Pakuranga Road**  
**Pakuranga**  
**(leave in front of church**  
**door, school side)**

**SVDP Account ASB Bank**  
**12-3056-0661768-00**

**\*Vouchers are also welcome\***

### We need your help...

As we move towards an online presence at this time, we ask for your assistance to continue helping us sustain our operations; to be able to provide pastoral services to the most in need in our parish and pay our utilities. Please support us via:

**Direct Debit : BNZ : Account Number : 02-0100-0120982-04**

### **ST MARK PARISH APP! - To download:**

Step 1: Download **ChurchApps NZ**

Step 2: Search "St Mark" and it will pop up with our parish

Step 3: Choose your Groups to get alerts of events, rosters

Step 4: Stay updated and connected to St. Mark's



**St. Mark**  
Pakuranga Catholic Parish

*Te Whare Karakia o*  
*Hato Maaka, Pakuranga*

Fr Sherwin Lapaan  
**Parish Priest**

Fr Jude Algama  
**Assistant Priest**

Chris Sullivan  
**Deacon**

**PARISH PASTORAL**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**  
Mannix Lopez

**PARISH SECRETARY**  
Evelyn Green-Thompson

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**  
Carmela Lopez

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday to Friday**  
8.30am — 3.00pm

**Sunday**  
9.30am — 1pm

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# Easter Sunday

## *Alleluia! He is Risen!*

12 April 2020

Mass will be live streamed Mon—Sat @ 9.00am & Sunday @ 10.00am  
on St Mark's FB Page: St Mark Pakuranga & YouTube—subscribe to St Mark  
Pakuranga—: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9W-OJU2AH4>

## Easter Message

**AFRAID.** That was the general feeling of those who have been called disciples of Jesus. They were afraid – afraid of the unknown; afraid of failure and shame; afraid that all they have done, and witness were all for nothing; and afraid that the excitements and never seen miracles were just for a while and the show has come an ended. They had nowhere to go but home and be disbanded. And so, they thought...

We too are afraid of what will happen after lockdown. What will happen to all the things we have built before we were told to hunker down in our own homes. How about our businesses, work, careers, studies, relationships and also our faith? The growing feeling of uncertainty and the feeling of being lost and afraid to what is to come.

**PEACE BE WITH YOU! BE NOT AFRAID!** These were the first words said to the disciples gathered in the upper room.

Behind their restless search for meaning on all that had happened and their deepest personal and existential questions; beneath their struggles of keeping up their faith; they knew, and they felt that those words from their Master – **PEACE BE WITH YOU! BE NOT AFRAID** - were comforting words and full of love and packed with certainty.

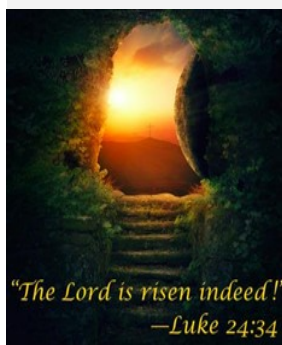
Despite their lack of trust and faith; courage and perseverance; regrets and failure to follow and be close to the Lord in His road to Calvary, they know that God has forgiven them. Now they can sing and acclaim... **ALLELUIA! The Lord is RISEN!**

We too. Despite of what we are going through - individually, as a family, community, nation or as a whole world, we can rejoice with the former disciples of the Lord in singing and acclaiming: **ALLELUIA. The LORD is RISEN!** We are now called the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

Because of the Story of the Resurrection, every pain, sorrow, trial, uncertainty, failure, triumph and jubilation of ours dwells God.

Blessed Easter to all!

Fr Sherwin



For parishioners who need help and assistance in this time of trial, please email us. And keep looking out for each other.

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Community Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help us build a loving caring Christ-like community that sets aside differences and accepts all people.

Inspire us by the Holy Spirit, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, here in our homes and in our neighbourhood of Pakuranga.

Mary our Mother, make us truly a missionary community that experiences Jesus in the service of others. AMEN

**First Reading:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 10: 34. 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23

**Response:** *This day was made by the lord; we rejoice and are glad*

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians: 3:1-4

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John: 20: 1-9

*He must rise from the dead*

### **7 Last Words**

These have been emailed to you and can also be found on the St Mark's Church App and Website. This is a reflection of Jesus 7 last words from the Cross, written by Parishioners of our St Mark's Pakuranga Parish.

**Introduction**—Fr Sherwin Lapaan

**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**—Alice Sung

**Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise**—Kurt Meyer

**Woman, here is your son, Son here is your mother**—Leigh Green-Thompson

**My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?** - Louie Encabo

**I am Thirsty**—Rosemary Grant

**It is finished**—Chris Sullivan

**Father into Thy Hands I entrust My Spirit**—Mike Lobo

### **Assistance During Lockdown**

If you or anyone you know in the Pakuranga community needs help with food or grocery. SVDP St Mark's will organise support. Call the office on – 09 576 7959 and leave message. Or email [stmarks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stmarks@xtra.co.nz)

### **Thank you**

To all who delivered goods to St Mark's for St Vincent de Paul. We will continue to provide this service for the Pakuranga community. Please continue to support SVDP St Mark's. Donation box available outside the church door (school side) or bank transfer to SVDP account # 12-3056-0661768-00

### **Online Retreats**

Fr Johnny Go, SJ was supposed to give lead us in our parish Holy Week Retreat. However, because of the pandemic, it was cancelled. He is giving us an online retreat instead. HOLY WEEK RETREAT FROM A DISTANCE (April 9 – 12, 2020)

<https://pinsoflight.net/2020/04/06/holy-week-retreat-from-a-distance-april-9-12-2020/#more-9955>

Bishop Michael is also giving Holy Week retreat at his FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BishopGielen>



The office will be **closed from Friday, 10 April** and **reopen on Tuesday, 14 April 2020**

### **Wedding Anniversary—April 2020**

**Wishing all couples celebrating their anniversary this month a very happy and blessed year ahead**

Jamie & Ferosha Worn, Phillip & Sina Ah Kau, Alfred & Gigi Michael, Joseph & Sherine Tobias, Sean & Eva Edwards, Irwin & Evie Green-Thompson, David & Heather Manickum, Ross & Ingrid Manickum, David & Luana Ben, Peter & Sue Royslance, Steve & Marie Halbauer, Ray & Lorraine Anderson, David & Margaret Stark Joey & Veronica Maloni, Walter & Elsie Erceg, Frank & Katie Botica, Bill & Pola Dell, Tyrone & Julie Kippen, Watchman & Catherine Rivers, Greg & Jacqueline Brannigan, Rainer & Veronica Porras, Jerico & Pamela Datoc, Davina & Matt West, Donny Pillay & Sheila Fisher, Alan & Linda Priestley

**In the celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayer, please remember:**

### **Recently Deceased**

Leonardo De la Pena, Jeffery Antonio, Nichols Champion, Sr Arsenia Patangan, RMV, Let-let Careon, Maling Peepito, Pricilla Vasques

### **Anniversary of Death**

Cynthia Rosales, Filomena Maglasang, Maggie Martis, Romeo Tamayo

### **For the Sick**

Mulfide Mary R, Mehmet Rende, Joseph (Yule Key) Hong, John Chang, Maria Hsieh, Steve Archer, John Chang, Eladio Mejos, Annette Peterson, Liam Viernes, Lyn Visser, Latai Liuanga, Milagros Jaring, John Zaia, Dianne Fisiiahi, Gil Jaring, Peter Geaney, Jordyn Fisiiahi, Janette Ealdama, Lisa Taylor, Patricia Sawers, Benedict Tai, Rowena & Mark MacKenzie, Colin Pillay, Gabriel Gomes, Jean Galema, Maria Mascarenhas, Ruby Chavez, Kathy Monaghan, Anna Rabot, Peter D'Souza, Merle Fenwick, Waverley Granich, Scott Tarn, Lucy Chen, Lawrence Jarvis, Isabel Morais,

### **ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**To promote a loving, caring, Christ-like community which accepts all people. And is inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread The Good News of Jesus Christ.**