

**First Reading** : A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-11  
*He was lifted up while they looked on*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46: 2-3. 6-9

**Response:** *God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians: 1: 17-23  
*He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 28: 16-20  
*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

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>

#### Mass on Shine TV

A reminder that **Sunday Mass @ 2.00pm on Shine TV** Free-to-air Channel 25, Sky Chanel 201 is ongoing. This week Bishop Pat is the presider. Once again on Sunday **Bishop Pat** will post a short message to the Diocese through the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

#### Wedding Anniversary—May 2020

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

Adrian & Barbara Brown, Rummel & Cherry Enrico, Chris & Trudi Lynch, Kurt & Tiana Meyer, Alfred & Sumathy Pushpakumar, Victor & Annette Southon, Peter & Ivy Lavas, Don Naleen & Dona Mihiri Wickramasinghe, Nelson & Eden Saavedra, Sendo & Judy Miguel, Adrian & Nadine van Niekerk-Ensil, Vernon & Janesha Velayo, Alex & Shella Tabaco, Savio & Genevieve Fernandes, Mickey & Melaine Pillay, John & Maria Packhan, Joe & Salome Yip, Vladamir & Jovita Carvalho, Gabriel & Tui Pesamino

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

#### Recently Deceased

William Deliva, Lisa Taylor, Rosaline Wati, Dominic, Emmanuel Alaura, Nicholas Champion, Patrick Mascarenhas

#### Anniversary of Death

Ray Pe, Bernita Sy, Marie Anthony, Philomena Maglasang, Kruger Hillary, Iris D'oliveira, Melanie De Guzman, Philippa Joan Mary Geaney nee Ward

#### For the Sick :

Ann Philips, Peter Phillips, Joseph Weiss, Gertrudes Moran, Patrick Mascarenhas, Rosemary Palmer, Murray Troughton, Lucy Chen, Lawrence Javis, Isabel Morais, Joan P. Ah-Wa, Barbara Ann McPhillips, 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, 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

**We need your help...**As we maintain 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



*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

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#### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Sunday**  
9.30am — 1pm

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# The Ascension of the Lord

## Christ's Eternal Glory

24 May 2020



**That All May Be One**  
Jubilee Year 1971—2021

### Reflection

During these weeks after Easter we have been hearing of many appearances of the risen Jesus. Like the disciples, our responses to these appearances may happen on many different levels: some of us may feel sympathy with the group of disciples who could not believe the women; some may connect with Thomas who refused to believe unless he saw for himself; some may identify with the two going to Emmaus who did not recognize Jesus until quite late in the journey.

Today, we hear that Jesus is now firmly and clearly leaving their physical presence. There will be no more appearances - and it is only then that they will be able to "receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you". They will begin to develop a very different way of "seeing", because the Holy Spirit will give them "wisdom and revelation...with the eyes of your heart enlightened".

It is the same for us. The Feast of the Ascension marks a time of preparation, of longing, to receive the amazing release of the Holy Spirit - the very Spirit of Jesus himself. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for this most precious of God's gifts, wanting to be poured out into every one of us - both as individuals, and as a Christian community.

While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet of Christ in our world. It is we who must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the Risen Christ.

Sr Geraldine Donovan



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

### **Gifting Envelopes**

Parishioners who currently give their donations with the gifting envelopes are asked to consider gifting via the **Automatic Payment**—Bank Account Number: 02 0100 0120982 04 or via **Push Pay**—This can be done using your mobile app or the website. 1. Download the Pushpay App from your app store. Once installed search for St Mark Pakuranga Catholic. Follow the steps on giving a donation. You can donate once or set up a recurring gift. 2. You can do this through the website: <https://pushpay.com/g/pakurangacatholic?src=hpp>; while we are in lockdown as this would help greatly with the running costs of the Parish. Otherwise, gifting envelopes are available in the office or be posted to you upon request.

Gifting envelopes for 2020 are in the church foyer to be collected once the Church is open.

### **Confessions**

Confession will be by appointment only—please contact the Parish office via email or phone

### **Sacramental Programmes**

St Mark's Pakuranga is now accepting Registration for Baptism. Please note that attendance to Baptism ceremonies will be limited to 10 (including the Priest Presider).

Call the office or register online in our website and refer to the Baptism guidelines. For now, we will also allow baptism during weekdays.

**All other Sacraments are still on hold till further notice**

**Our Parish Church building will now re-open FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND DEVOTION**

**Monday to Saturday : 10.00am—4.00pm & Sunday : 11.30am—4.00pm**

### **Instructions to Keep Each other Safe**

#### **Signing in**

A sign in sheet will be made available to fill in your information in the church foyer. Alternatively, you can check in using your mobile device QR code. Visit [CHECKIN-19](#) for instructions

Please ensure to sanitise any items that you may come in contact with. Hand sanitiser will be provided.

#### **Physical Distancing**

Please ensure that there is a **no more than 10 people** inside the church at all times.

If there are already 10 people inside the church, please wait in the foyer maintaining physical distance of 2m at all times

Wait a minute after sanitising your hands before lighting a candle

It's ok to acknowledge each other and do say hi with a smile

Remember to disinfect your hands before and after leaving the church

### **Tax Receipts**

These have now all been emailed or posted . If you did not receive yours please contact the Parish Office.



### **ST LUKE'S PARISH SECRETARY FLAT BUSH**

The position is for 20 hours a week, Ideal candidate should be:

- ◆ Highly proficient in MS Office suite (outlook, word, excel, power point).
- ◆ Bookkeeping experience with knowledge of using Xero/Myob accounting package would be an advantage.
- ◆ Work experience as a Secretary and all that Secretarial work entails.
- ◆ Experience in drafting communications, multiple diary and email management, minute taking, coordinating events in the Parish and overseeing the different committees in the Parish.
- ◆ Experienced in social media uploads, Facebook and general website maintenance.
- ◆ Should be able to self-manage with great organisational, communication and people skills required.
- ◆ High attention to detail and having a positive 'can do' attitude.
- ◆ Professional in dealing with parishioners and easy to work with.
- ◆ A natural and confident communicator who can build relationships with Parishioners, Committee Members, Schools and the Parish Priest.
- ◆ Should have maturity, tact and diplomacy when dealing with issues in the parish.

Please send your CV to Fr Craig in the parish office. [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)

### **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.