



St. Mark

Pakuranga Catholic Parish

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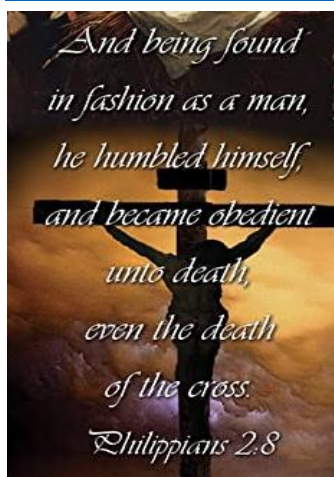
OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
8.30am — 3.00pm

Sunday
9.30am — 1.00pm

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Obedient Unto Death

27th September 2020

Reflection

This week's readings remind us that each of us has been given the freedom to choose how we live. Every day we are faced with choices we have to make; in many instances we fail to make the right choice. It is important for us to know that we can turn to Scripture, to remind us that God is always merciful and forgiving, always ready to welcome all people who seek his mercy and forgiveness for their transgressions.

In the First Reading the prophet Ezekiel has a message for the Israelites; we learn that if we turn away from sin we will be saved, and we will live.

In the Second Reading, St Paul addressing the Philippians, speaks about how we should live as Christians, stressing the importance of imitating the humility of Christ who humbled himself, becoming a servant and finally accepting death, death on a cross. He begs us all to live out the Christian principles.

Matthew gives us another parable in today's Gospel. Parables are short stories written in the Gospels that Jesus told his followers based on real life situations; they have a religious message and are not meant to be entertaining. They invite the listener/reader into the story world and encourage a response.

Today's Gospel setting is in the temple where Jesus is being questioned by the chief priests and elders about his authority, where it comes from. He responds with the parable of the two sons. Jesus tells the parable of a father who sends his sons to work in the vineyard. The first refuses to go and then reconsiders: he has the courage to change his mind and follows through with the request. The second son agrees then fails to do as his father requests: he is not prepared to make his contribution to family life. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" Jesus tells the story and then asks the listeners to answer a question. In choosing our reply, as listeners, we pass a judgment on ourselves.

Like the second son, the chief priests and elders profess to do the will of God, but their actions do not follow through. This parable relates to the lack of connection between what they say and what they do. They had rejected the prophet John who came to them with the message. On the other hand, the tax collectors, and prostitutes, ("sinners" in the eyes of the authorities), accepted John's message afterwards like the first son, and are making their way into God's kingdom ahead of these authorities.

Today's parable invites us to bring our actions in line with what we profess, no matter the cost. That is what it means to take up the challenge of working in the vineyard.

Carmelita Kyd

That All May Be One

Jubilee Year 1971–2021



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

St Mark's Young Adults

We hope to see more young adults aged 18-35 years married/dating/single, to join [the Oct Gathering \(SAVE THE DATE: 11 October 2020\)](#). We hope that it will be a physical gathering at St Mark's from **2:30-5:30pm**. Stay connected via the St Mark's Facebook Page or St Mark's Young Adults Group Page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMarkYAS/> If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please email youngadults@stmark.org.nz

Children's Liturgy

Volunteers needed—please contact Mannix in the Parish Office.

EDUCATION

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms will take place every **1st & 3rd Saturday of the month @ 11.00am**. If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Mannix at the office.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

An email has been sent to Parents and Guardians. If you did not receive yours. Please contact Mannix at the Parish Office 09 576 7959



You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. (*John 15:16*)

[If you or anyone you know have been coming to Mass or visiting our Parish for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment.](#)

Contact: Mannix – 027 248 4232 - Parish Office
Rosemary Palmer – 534 5499

Email: mannix@stmark.org.nz

ALTAR

First Friday – Perpetual Adoration



Date:
Friday, 2 October 2020

Time:
**Starting with Mass
@ 7.00pm**

Friday, 2nd October, Mass & Adoration is being celebrated for **Vocations**.

8pm to Midnight

8.00pm – 9.00pm	Alpha/LLS Prayer Group
9.00pm – 10.00pm	Young Adults
10.00pm – 11.00pm	CFC
11.00pm – 12.00pm	El Shaddai

Midnight to 9.00am – our faithful dedicated parishioners who always attend every first Friday to be with our Lord and to end with the Holy Mass.

We will live stream via YouTube and Facebook.

Wednesday Adoration

From **Wednesday, 30 September 2020** Adoration will revert to **9.30am – 12.00pm**

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

Music Ministry

We need a Musician, Choir or Organist for the **8.30am Mass on Christmas** morning, if you are available, please contact Evie at the Parish office

Communion Minister – Weekday Mass

Please let the office know if you are available to serve at the weekday Mass.

Flower Ministry



Rosters can be collected from the Parish Office, and be found on the Parish ChurchApp <https://pakurangacatholic.churchapps.co.nz/admin/Links/> or Parish Website <https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz/altar/>

Flower Roster

3 October 2020 – Tiana Meyer

Rosters

These can be found on the [Church App](#) or [Website](#) <https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz/altar/>

NZCatholic

20th Sept – 3rd Oct 2020

Please see below the link to a digital copy

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>

This can also be found on our Parish Website under News & Events

SOCIAL

Communion to the Sick

For those who are sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office

Mass will continue to be live streamed

Tue—Sat @ 9.00am & Sat Vigil @ 5.30pm & Sun 10.30am 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

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

Jubilee Souvenirs

We now have some memorabilia items to celebrate and commemorate our Parish's 50th Golden Jubilee Year! Please see what we have so far, you can place your order via the following google form link:

<https://forms.gle/KQeWxrgP2WaVqG1NA>



Please use **NAME+JUB50** as reference for online payments – please see bank details under **Finance**



Small Notebook - \$10	T-Shirts - \$20
Large Notebook - \$12	Mugs - \$10
Glass Mugs - \$15	Tote Bags - \$5
Key Rings & Fridge Magnets - \$4 or 3 for \$10	



If you or anyone you know, who is a Parishioner of St Mark and needs food during this time, please contact the Parish Office 09 576 7959

Volunteers needed urgently on Mon, Wed & Friday – 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please call **Anthony or Rene 09 270 4088**



Invite you to our meeting on **Tuesday, 29 September 2020 @ 7:30pm** at St Anne's Parish, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa Auckland. **Theme:** Gift of Discernment, Roman 12:2. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds from discernment of God. Come to share a cuppa, friendship, and encouragement. **Phone Grace 577 3479.**

The Art of Forgiveness

Date: Saturday, 3 October @ 10.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre – Ann Neven rsj

Conference – Worshipping under Southern Skies

Starting from Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October we plan to offer a series of **digital presentations from Conference** presenters. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Training Seminar 2020

Auckland Friday 2nd-Saturday 3rd October. For further information: P|0800 693 378 E| info@billingslife.org.nz

FINANCES

We need your help...Please support us via:

Direct Debit: BNZ : Acc No.: 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

Collection

There will be **NO** collection during Mass, gifting envelopes & donations can be placed into the boxes at the entrance of the church

Gifting Envelopes for 2020

Please collect these from the Church Foyer – advise the Parish Office if you have moved onto Direct Debit

OTHERS

Collection of Original Homemade Recipes for St Mark's 50th Jubilee Yearbook.

Closing date for submissions is 30 September 2020.

We will then compile a book for sale, all proceeds going to the Parish Fund. **We are also looking for sponsors who would like to advertise in this 50th Jubilee Yearbook.** Thank you.

Parish Business Directory

Can be found on the Parish website under News & Events and Parish App

Support our Parish Trades People, Professional and Businesses

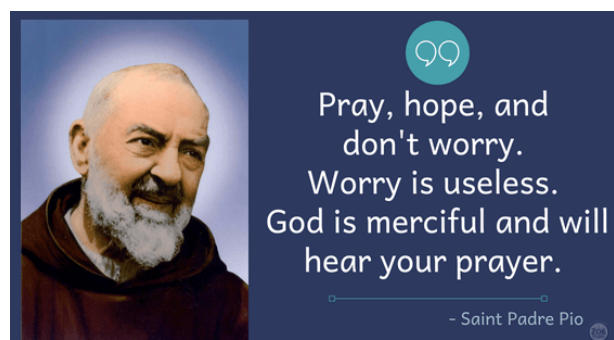


If you would like to promote your Trade, Profession or Business, please inform the office as we are creating a Parish directory to support Parishioners talents, skills, and business

Please Note: while we are at Level 2 there will be **NO**:-

- **Choirs**
- **Shaking of hands** during Peace
- **Collection baskets** during Mass
- **Holy Water** in font
- **Procession of Gifts**
- **Altar Servers**

Only one (1) Reader while at level 2



In the Celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayer, remember: -

Recently Deceased

Madelene Dobbie, Sun-lin Yeh-Pao, John Ig, Felipe Ramos Sr, Crispeta Perez Ricasa, In-Sook Woo (Sara)

Anniversary of Death

Maria Riverz, Werner, Christiana, Dominic, Roberto Guiang, Rosario Ramos, Maggie Martis, Audrey Quadra, Jacinto Yap, Jaime E Teuedero, Kruger Hillary, Arturo Sierra

For the Sick: Please notify the office once the name can be removed.

Irwin Green-Thompson, Georgina Fitzgerald, Ted Loughman, Irene Vas, Maria Hsieh, Arthur Sinajou, Alejandriana Sinajou, Lyan Lopez, Jean Galema, Peter Hubely, Erick Kwong, Rachel Hammond, Greg Hayes, Matt Jones, Chan Sui Ying, Marie Mascarenhas, Annette Peterson, Anneka & Peter Wolfkamp, Lyn Visser, Matt Joue, Ann & Peter McPhillips, Joseph Weiss, Gertrude Moran, Lucy Chen, Lawrence Javis, Isabel Morais, Joan P. Ah-Wa, Barbara, Mulfide Mary R, Mehmet Rende

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.

Wedding Anniversary September 2020



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

Joselito & Jane Santos
Donny & Adelina Santoso
Randy & Lorna Diaz
Paul & Marie-Louise McElwee
Ruel & Amor Garcia
Jose & Jocelyn Ramirez
Romeo & Niede Chiu
Greg & Ros Sequeira
Paul & Cecilia Wong
Noel & Trish Vaughn
Michael & Helen Hammond
Patrick Sih & Genevieve Tham
Owen & Celeste Ybanez
Stephen & Selvie Dorairaj



Sunday Readings

First Reading

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

Psalm: 24: 4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading

[Philippians 2: 1-11](#)

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel

[Matthew 21: 28-32](#)

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Liturgy of the Word

Monday: 9.00am

ROSARY

Tues—Friday @ 8.30am

Saturday @ 8.00am

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tues—Friday @ 9.30am

Mass Times

Tues—Sat: 9.00am

Wednesday: 7.00pm

Sat Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am
10.30am
6.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.30am

4.30–5.15pm

And on request

Exposition & Holy Hour



Wednesday:

9.30am - 12.00pm

Saturday:

8.00am—9.00am

1st Friday of the month

7.30pm—9.00am Saturday

MORNING TEA

In the Parish Centre after the 10.30am Mass

ALL WELCOME