

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Lord Who Teaches us His Ways 24th January 2021



Te Whare Karakia o Hato, Maaka, Pakuranga

That All May Be One - Jubilee Year 1971-2021

Reflection

And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And **immediately they left their nets** and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. **Immediately he called them**; and **they left their father** Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and **followed him**.

In a world when speed (TIME) and information is of essence, one common or even "over used" word is "WAIT".

Children and parents can relate with this. When children like to do or ask something, a lot of times, parents respond, "Wait". On the other hand, when parents ask children to do something, the quick reply is, "Wait". And because both sides cannot seem to wait, they end up doing it themselves; for children, they tend to keep it to themselves. Sounds familiar? Guilty.

Our gospel reading gives us a different perspective. After the first disciples had "personal encounter with Jesus", they gave us lessons in missionary discipleship and provided three points to reflect on.

First is the CALL. It was Jesus who called first. In the same way that Jesus called His disciples, each and everyone gets that same call to follow Jesus. As Christians, we all share in the mission of Christ, i.e., to be His bearers, so that everyone we meet will have that personal encounter with Jesus.

Second is the SACRIFICE. It is not easy to respond to God's call. The disciples left Father (heritage) and their boat (livelihood) and followed Jesus. It is difficult. That is why He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Enabler. It is by His Grace that we can accomplish what He commanded us to do. Are we ready to make small steps to be his missionary disciple in our home and in the community?

Third is URGENCY. When Jesus called His first disciples, their response was "IMMEDIATELY". Each of us gets a call from God to serve Him in our own little ways. More often, we respond only when we have "extra time" or "convenient time". Remember that in the great commission before the Ascension, Jesus commanded (not requested) to Go, Make Disciples, Baptise and Teach. Hence, in doing God's command, we are not volunteers, we are missionary disciples.

In our daily grinds in life, what does it really mean when we say or hear the word "WAIT". What do children or parents really mean when they say WAIT? Is it about Speed or Time? Let our actions and reactions be guided by our favourite phrase: What would Jesus Do?

Mannix

ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

MORNING TEA

In the Parish Centre after the 8.30am Mass & 10.30am Mass ALL WELCOME

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

Human Love in the Divine Plan

What is Theology of the Body? Interested?

This is an invitation to all young adults age between 18-35 years old single, married, or in a relationship. Come and join St Mark's Young Adults gain a better understanding of Christ's great love for each of us. Through this course we aim to be open to receive the grace and courage to heed to His call to set our nets out into the deep and trust in Him and that we gain a deep desire to love Him and those He has placed in our lives. If you would like to attend, please email:

youngadults@stmark.org.nz to register. **Spots are limited!!** Requirement: Must be able to attend all 3 Sundays (21st Feb, 28th Feb and 14th March from 2.30pm-5.30pm @ the Lyons Den)

EVANGILISATION

Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations on your Baptism: -

Oliver Misa Maria Laygo

We wish you and your family all of God's grace and love during this special time.

Baptisms will take place every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month @ 11.00am. Starting again on the 16th January 2021. Contact Mannix at the office.

Sacramental Programmes

Enrolment is now open, and the forms can be completed on line at :-

https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz/forms/

The first Parents Session will be on the 21st February 2021. Contact Mannix via phone or email for further information.

ST Marks Prayer-watch

We are looking for parishioners who can spend an hour or more each week either individually or in your Parish Groups or a group of friends to pray for the Parish. As we are preparing to launch St Marks Mission Parish through Divine Renovation, we know Prayer undergirds everything. Calling on the Lord to help us is our first priority. Please contact the Parish Office or Mike Lobo on 09 390 0048 to register your hour as we will need to fill the gaps in the Watch. Come join us to pray for our beloved Parish God Bless

ALTAR

Exposition & Evening Mass

Wednesday Morning Exposition and Evening Mass will resume on the 3rd February 2021

6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass will resume on the 7th February 2021

Perpetual Adoration



First Friday
Date:
5th February 2021
Time:
7.30pm – 9.00am

Chinese Mass

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Choi on Friday, 5th February 2021 @ 7.00pm – all welcome

Liturgy of the Word

Will resume on Monday, 8th February 2021

Mass will continue to be live streamed

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 will no longer be broadcast on Shine TV

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Deaf friendly Mass with NZSL the first for 2021 is on Sunday 14 February @ 12noon in the Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Bring something for shared lunch.



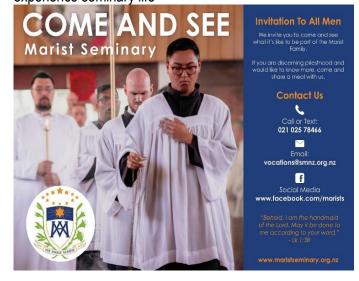
Come and join our exciting new ministry for each weekend Mass. To register your interest please contact the office or call Mike Lobo – 09 390 0048

Rosters

These can be found on the Church App https://pakurangacatholic.churchapps.co.nz/admin/Links/ or Parish Website https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz/altar/ and are available in the church foyer.

Vocations

The Society of Mary invites men aged 18-34 who are interested in a religious and priestly vocation to join us for a Come and See weekend 12-14 March 2021. The weekend will include prayer, discernment and shared meals with the community, and the opportunity to experience seminary life



Parish Lenten Recollection by Fr John O'Connor 20th February 2020 @ 7pm – 9pm

<u>Alpha 2021</u>

YOU together with family & friends are invited, to the Alpha dinner on Thursday 18th February @ St Marks Parish Hall. Tell all your friends to get to know Jesus in a special way. Dinner starts at 7.15pm and the first session starts at 7.45pm Please add your names to the clipboards in the foyer if you will be attending, and also the names of those you will be inviting to join.

Volunteers Needed

If you are available and would like to serve in any of the following Ministries: – Data Projectionist, Altar Server, Communion Minister, Reader, Commentator & Gifts please contact the Parish Office.

SOCIAL

Columban Calendar 2021

Available in the Church Foyer and Office @ \$12.00

Daily Mass Calendar 2021

Now available in the Parish Office @ \$5.00

NZCatholic

The 24 January – 6 February issue is out now. <u>Some headlines are</u>: New coadjutor archbishop for Wellington. NZ bishops urge people to get Covid vaccine. Praise for social services leadership. New rector for seminary. <u>Available in the foyer @ \$4.00</u>



SVDP foodbank needs the following foods: - Coffee, Tea, Milk, Sugar, Bread Spreads, Canned Spaghetti

Cultural Food Festival

The Asian Food Festival will be held on **Sunday**, **14th February 2021**. This includes cuisines from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Raffle tickets will be sold after the 8.30am & 10.30am Mass from Sunday 24th January 2021.

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: 16 & 17 January 2021 - \$3,284.80

OTHERS

Memorial Wall

Parishioners who bought space on the Wall; please check that the details for your loved ones are correct -

spreadsheet is in the church foyer. Please notify Evie before the 31 January 2021 if there are any corrections.



Casual Vacancy

The school is seeking a part-time 'odd jobs' person to assist with some general caretaking work and light gardening duties. A degree of flexi-time may be negotiated, but we are looking for someone who can work 10-15 hours per week. Please direct expressions of interest to the school Principal, Tracey Kopua via email: tkopua@stmarks.school.nz

Jubilee Souvenirs

Blue and black beanies with the Jerusalem Cross can be ordered on the existing 50th Jubilee Memorabilia order form: https://forms.gle/uGnLfvmrKBFihiko8
The maroon T-Shirt with 50th Jubilee Logo is also now available in kid's sizes; Order for kid's T-Shirts here: https://forms.gle/pJDYEmVsHX106tQd8



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



Large Notebook - \$12 Mugs - \$10
Glass Mugs - \$15 Tote Bags - \$5
Key Rings & Fridge Magnets - \$4 or 3 for \$10
Large Corner Desk \$120
Small Desk \$100
Computer Desk Stand \$50
Blue & Black Beanies \$25 each
Kid's Sizes Maroon T-Shirt \$18

Parish Business Directory

Parish website → News & Events and the Parish App https://pakurangacatholic.churchapps.co.nz/files/links_1 603227922.pdf

Support our Parish Trades People, Professional and

PROMOTE AND BOOST UP YOUR BUSINESS HERE

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.

Rosters—30th & 31st January 2021 5.30 pm 8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm Music Pasifika **CFC** Chervl & Choir No Mass **Data Projectionist** Abigail Martis Amanda Lee Cyprus Causer No Mass **Altar Servers** Andrew Jurgens Ethan Tigley Mario Furivai No Mass

Cleaning

Jacob Tigley

Philip & Grace Heng Maria & Gerard Domingo Deanne & Lester Williams Csilla Cooper Vivian Wong

Recording

Shreyas Vangala

Leo Ryan

Bill & Jennifer Thompson Maree Gillies Ben Meyer



Fredrick Furivai

Emmanuel Tsang

Flowers

Tiana Meyer

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5. 10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Psalm 24: 4-9

Lord, make me know your wavs.

Second Reading

Corinthians 7: 29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

Repent, and believe in the Good News

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Wedding Anniversary - January 2021

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

Kvle & Olu de Rozario Aaron & Kelly Ann William Brian & Katherine Manangan Arturo & Niccolina Chan Mow Raoul & Jacquelyn Alo Sean & Shirley Fernandes Ben & Patricia Murti John & Tina Tiongco Daniel & Frances Ngui George & Shirley van Niekerk Sageo George & Ashly Joy Peter & Janice Banks Anthony & Genevieve Malden Iwan & Felicia Sugiharto Ryan & Joanne Van Heerden Francis & Maria Luisa Santillan Leo & Josie De Guzman Anthony & Maria Croos Andrew & Colleen Moses

Paul & Angie Zingel Cedric & Terexa Chan Mow John & Amirtha Francis Saleem & Ping Salamoun Leon & Jean Guerrero Rennel & Jemima Bulav Lindsay & Lorraine Stanfield Alex & Sophie Chang Hugh & Indira Samarasinha

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Liturgy of the Word

Monday: 9.00am

ROSARY

Tues—Friday @ 8.30am @ 8.00am Saturday

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: 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

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

Recently Deceased

Dennis Rodrigues, Frank McGeever, Herminia Pouio, Almario Vivay JR, Luan De Jesus Macapagal, Kay Walsh, Rita Pepping, Carole Rabl, Nicholas Champion, Esperanza Rafer, Rudilyn Godinez,

Anniversary of Death

Herbert Maragh, Estela C. Perez, Krugar Hillary, Antonia Perez, Airies Tagus, Fr Graeme, Sheldon Furlong, Chee Hung Ng, Edmund & Anne Treacy, Michael Yeung, Paata Sevillauo, Eduardo Gascou, Melquiades V. Espejo

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

Christine Mullane, Ted Loughman, Audrey Chang Schmidt, Henrico Ikatlo, Amanda Nanai, Elizabeth McCann, Cannie Fung, Ross Gemmell, David Ben, Reynaldo Padilla, Mark & Rowena McKenzie, Lawrence Jarvis, Marsha Tan, Claude Spies, Joseph Chen, Berverly Handisides, Martin Drushovich, Georgina Fitzgerald, Irene Vas, Maria Hsieh, Arthur Sinajou, Alejandriana Sinajou, Lyan Lopez, Jean Galema, Peter Hundleby, Erick Kwong, Rachel Hammond, Greg Hayes, Matt Jones, Chan Sui Ying, Annette Peterson, 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

Parish Priest Deacon **Pastoral Co-Ordinator** Parish Secretary Accounts Office Hours:

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mannix@stmark.org.nz Evelyn Green-Thompson evie@stmark.org.nz accounts@stmark.org.nz Mon to Fri: 8.30am — 3pm **Sunday**: 9.30am — 1.00pm Website: https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz

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