



Your Parish, *Your Home.*

Te Whare Karakia o Hato,
Maaka, Pakuranga

St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

4th Sunday of Easter

The Good Shepherd

21 April 2024

1ST Reading: Acts 4: 8-12. 17-19 *This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Psalm: 117: 1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29 *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

2ND Reading: John 3: 1-2 *We shall see God as he really is.*

Gospel: John 10: 11-18 *The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

Reflection

In today's Gospel reading, we are called to understand Jesus' role as a good shepherd and His self-sacrificing love for us all. His love goes beyond the type of emotion that we can comprehend, surpassing our humanly love which is fickle and wavering, from pain and disappointment. He teaches us of a love that rises above self-centredness, to reach the hearts of each and every person around us.

So, what is the role of a shepherd that we so often hear Jesus being referred to?

It is someone who guides and leads, it is a protector, a nourisher, a companion, and a welcomer. Let us challenge ourselves to be a shepherd to someone in our own lives this week.

Can we show patience when someone comes to us for help? Can we stand up for someone who's facing an injustice? Can we provide a meal for someone who may be in need? Can we listen deeply if someone feels troubled? Can we welcome someone who may feel out of place?

With small actions of selfless love that show we care, we become more like a good shepherd and less like the hired hand, leading us closer to Jesus day by day.

Erica Lim

Important Notices

- **Today is Vocations Sunday.** Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.
Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate Please continue to pray for our seminarians.
Attached is a QR Code which directs to the appeal website



St Mark's Catholic School

The school will provide the best possible education
in a Catholic environment

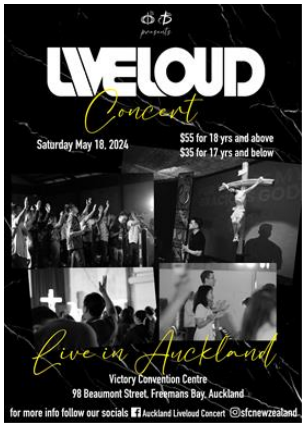
- **FAMILY MASS - SUNDAY 5 MAY**

St Mark's Catholic school will be having a bake sale after Mass in the Parish centre with all items priced at \$1 or \$2. Proceeds will go towards the Year 5 and 6 camp to Lakewood Lodge in November. Cash sales only please. Do come along and support our school.

- **Wedding Anniversary Mass** – Wednesday, 24th April 2024 @ 7.00pm
- **Altar Server Training** – Saturday, 27th April 2024 @ 1pm – All Altar Servers are requested to attend.
- **Parking – Pakuranga Park Village** - Parishioners are asked not to park on the footpaths of the village driveway
- **Christian Family Life Program** – Saturday, 4 May 2024 @ 2.00pm – 4.00pm Venue: St Mark's Parish Centre

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



One of the bands that played in World Youth Day Lisbon, **LIVELOUD**, is coming to New Zealand.

Gates open at 3:00PM.

Tickets are on SALE: <http://couplesforchrist.nz/registration/2024LiveloudAKL.html>

Come and immerse yourself in an atmosphere filled with the spirit of worship, where hearts unite in adoration and voices blend in praise. Together, let us lift our souls to the heavens and rejoice in the boundless love of our Savior. Whether you're a devoted Christian, a passionate worshiper, or a faithful Catholic, this event is for you. Let's come together as one family in Christ, embracing our shared identity as children of God.

EVANGELISATION

Chinese Catholic Bible Study Monday, 9.30am – 10.30am in the Lyon's Den. For more information contact [John Ko – 022 031 7755](tel:0220317755)

Chinese RCIA Class Tuesday @ 9.00am – 11.00am in the Lyon's Den. For more information contact [Thomas Wong – thomas_tkwong2@hotmail.com](mailto:thomas_tkwong2@hotmail.com)

Joshua Men's Fellowship St Marks invites you to an evening of purpose and prayer. This month's speaker is Dr Ethan Breinhorst who will speak on Mens Health. Come along and bring a friend. Please join us for a sumptuous supper. **Monday, 13th May 2024 @ 7.30pm – 9.30pm** in the Parish Centre. For more information contact [Mike Lobo - 09 390 0048](tel:093900048)

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group – Thursday @ 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Centre. A warm welcome to all Parishioners to come and spend time in prayer, praise and fellowship with the Lord and each other. Enquires: call [Mary – 09 576 3657](tel:095763657) or [Joanne – 021 114 374](tel:021114374).

Legion of Mary – Thursday @ 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the Lyon's Den. New members are always welcome. Contact [Hata – 021 0220 4171](tel:02102204171)
Email Hata – Akuhata.nahi@gmail.com or Divine – [021 0832 5400](tel:02108325400) email: divine_dumlao@yahoo.com

“**The Marian Centre, CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN**” is located in Panmure beside St. Patrick's Church. The Centre operates **Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm** for children 2-5 years old. We follow the Catholic Early Childhood Religious Education Curriculum Statement, and is guided by the Catholic Liturgical Calendar and focuses on Catholic values and virtues. **Please phone: 5705690 or visit Abigail at 19A Sunset View Road, Panmure**

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called A Taste of Theology. Topic 2 is entitled “Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God”, revisiting *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on **Tuesday, 07 May 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm** on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

ALTAR


Anniversary Mass will be on **Wednesday, 24th April 2024**. Please contact Hazel hdezario@gmail.com or Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will be attending the Mass. **Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in April.**

Phillip & Sina Ah Kau, Ray & Lorraine Anderson, Greg & Jaqueline Brannigan, July & Maria Capundan, Jerico & Pamela Datoc, Donny Pillay & Sheila Fisher, Irwin & Evie Green-Thompson, JP & Ysabel Guiang, Steve & Marie Halbauer, Tyrone & Julie Kippen, Joe & Veronica Maloni, David & Heather Manickum, Ross & Ingrid Manickum, Nympha & Ramos Marinas, Alfred & Gigi Michael, Rainer & Veronica Porras, Alan & Linda Priestley, Watchman & Catherine River, Peter & Sue Roylance, David & Margaret Stark, Joseph & Sherine Tobias, Manuel & Glomolyn Tiongson, Davina & Matt West, Jamie & Ferosha Worn

Mass Live Streaming – Saturday Vigil @ 5.30pm; Sunday @ 10.30am & Tuesday – Friday @ 9.00am.

St Mark's FB Page: [St. Mark's Pakuranga | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarkPakuranga) & YouTube – subscribe to: <https://www.youtube.com/@SaintMarkPakuranga>

Rosters – 27th & 28th April 2024

	Music	Data Projector	Altar Servers	Commentator	Readers	Communion Minister	Flowers
5.30pm	Nicole Tan	Carmel Francis	Hayden Kwan Mia Kwan	Hazel De Rozario	Linda Chan Paul Wong	Juliet Martis Malcolm Martis Abby Martis	
8.30am	Yen Lasam	Andrew Jurgens	Aiden Karl Hashen Goonetilleke	Rosemary Grant	Muna Hallis Xena Lasam	Priscilla Cefre Grace Rowland Alan Chant	
10.30am	Gospel Choir	Sharman Macwan	Emmanuel Tsang Gabrielle Coutinho	Florinda Petterson	Ana Bea Alcantara Francis Coutinho	Alfred Pushpakumar Vince Ocampo Dakshita Perera	
6.30pm	Ella Donald	Jo van Heerden	Sarah Ernstzen Sophia Zhang	Angela Tarn	Joshua Ernstzen Donamae Dela Cruz	Nazley Ernstzen Brennan Ernstzen Hannah Ernstzen	
Recording/Counting		Lucy Yap, Theresa Cherrette, Malcolm Martis		Cleaning	Priscilla Cefre, Francis Villalobos, Susan Lagman, Jagar Magabay, Elmar & Cecilia Dangatan, Gloria Lai		

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

Recently Deceased

Kwa Kien Hong, Monique Peralta, Simon Trindade, Mike Miguel, Michael Ashby

Anniversary of Death

Iris D'Oliveira, Athol Munro, Krugar Hillary, Lorraine Wilkins, Patrick Hallis, Cielito, Sebastian De Souza, Gerard Champion, Nareddy Papulamma, Dias Family, Rozario Family, Maggie Martis, Floyd Fernandes, John Bury, Paul, Rosa, Vincent, Augustine, Milagros Giron, Angel Peralta Sr, Anita Patrick, John Bury, Coralie McDonald, Christian, Angela Falzon, Mitsuko Cefre, James D'Cruz, Leslie D'Cruz

For the Sick: Prayer requests for the sick whose names appear here, will be replaced on a monthly basis.

Carolina Kwari, Stuart Bauld, Ian McEnteer, Paul Oliver, Evelyn Gillen, Charlie, Craig Lambert, Paul Bury, Barbara Bury, Marie Bury, Matthew Bury, Sheila Cray, Michelle Williams, Michael Cohen, Rowena & Mark MacKenzie, Lawrence Davis Jarvis, Susan Lagman, Farell Visser, Julia Francis, Marianne, Arsif Razak, Robyn Sutherland

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MINISTRY, EVENTS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH



For sale in the church foyer @ \$4. Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

SVDP & Foodbank



Please email your request to svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz For All donations to SVDP please do a direct debit into their bank account:- **ASB Acc No.: 12-3056-0661768-00** Include your name as reference. **Please call SVDP Otahuhu when donating clothing, blankets, or furniture 09 270 4088.**

As you know the SVDP Society provides assistance to those in need through the Food Bank in our Parish and occasional help for individual families. This is only possible with the generosity of parishioners through donations and food items for which we are very grateful.

Here are some of the activities for the 1st quarter:

- * **Food parcel numbers from January to March:** 68 food parcels assisting 235 people
- * Assistance with some school fees (working with St Marks School)
- * 2024 Scholarship for five Year 12 Sancta Maria students

A rostered team of parish volunteers are in attendance at the Food Bank every Friday and the SVDP Committee have a meeting every six weeks to discuss, pray and review future activities to help those in need in our Parish area. A container for the food bank is in the Church foyer

Concern/Complaint about Harm or Abuse

If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the church, please contact:

National Office for Professional Standards: 0800 114 622 email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

or

Mannix Lopez - Safeguarding Officer - Phone: 027 248 4232 email: mannix@stmark.org.nz

You can also report your complaint directly to the New Zealand Police or to Oranga Tamariki

TEMPORALITIES

We need your help... Please support us via: Direct Debit: BNZ Acc No.: 02-0108-0708684-00.

How to set up a recurring donation via online direct debit.

[Login to your bank account](#)

- [Click on payments](#) [Set up automatic payment](#)
- **Account Number - 02-0108-0708684-00**
- **Reference – Your name e.g. (P.J. Banks)**
- **Amount — How often – weekly, fortnightly or monthly**
- **Choose a date you would like the donation deducted.**

ST MARK PARISH APP! - To download:

- ❖ Download **ChurchApps NZ**
- ❖ Search "St Mark" and it will pop up with our parish
- ❖ Choose your Groups to get alerts of events, rosters
- ❖ Stay updated and connected to St. Mark's

Thank you for your continued support!

EFTPOS machine is on the right-hand side as you enter the church. Donations can be made using your credit or debit card. Set the amount to donate

[Give to St Mark Pakuranga Catholic pushpay.com](#)



Push Pay – link: <https://ppay.co/FPfSp-0wfYg> **Tap & Go** – donations can be made when lighting candles

How to Give Using a QR Code - Open your phone's QR Scanner:

- For **iOS**, use the built-in camera app. For **Android**, use [Google's official QR Scanner](#).
- Aim your camera at the QR Code and wait for the giving link to appear. Once it appears, tap the link.
- You will be routed to give through your organization's giving page.
- If you need additional help after this step, check out our article on giving through your organization's website [here](#)
- Then input the amount that you would like to donate.



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Collection – 13th & 14th April 2024 Envelopes & Loose Collection \$2,544.60 Direct payment, Automatic Payment & Push Pay \$4,153.40

Gifting Envelopes – Please collect your envelopes from the parish office.

Finance Ministry - Alfred Pushpakumar – Chairman, Fr. Sherwin Lapaan, Aaron William, Alice Sung, Besky Fernando, Brian Bensen, Priscilla Cefre

Facilities Ministry - Dean Saunders, Nicholas Tan, Alice Sung, Paresh Macwan, Tano Cayetano, Michael Earl

OTHER

Relics Tour From [26 April to 5 May](#) there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

Vacancies

University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have a new executive management position available, NZ Services and Property Manager. This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy,

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with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Diverse capability in strategy and hands-on management of planning, communications, property, IT, HR, Health and Safety is sought and ideally a tertiary degree in business, social services or similar. Further information is available on the ad in Seek, under the heading "Community Services & Development: Management." [Applications close 6 May 2024.](https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792)
<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792>

Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre – Part time – Fixed Term 7 months.

This fix-term Parental Leave, part time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full advert and position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

The Fifth Gospel Project Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz More information <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

A Time for Every Season Series Pt 2 – AUTUMN Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin **Saturday 4 May 10am – 1pm \$35** waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 2 May MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 021 0911 5260

Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay **Sunday 5th May** Suggested Koha \$10

Let's Talk About Mary 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

KID'S CORNER

Reflection on the Gospel from Catholic Kids Media- <https://youtu.be/Bd616mLRGU0>

[My God Loves Me | Action Song | Children Christian Song](#)

Jesus said:

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

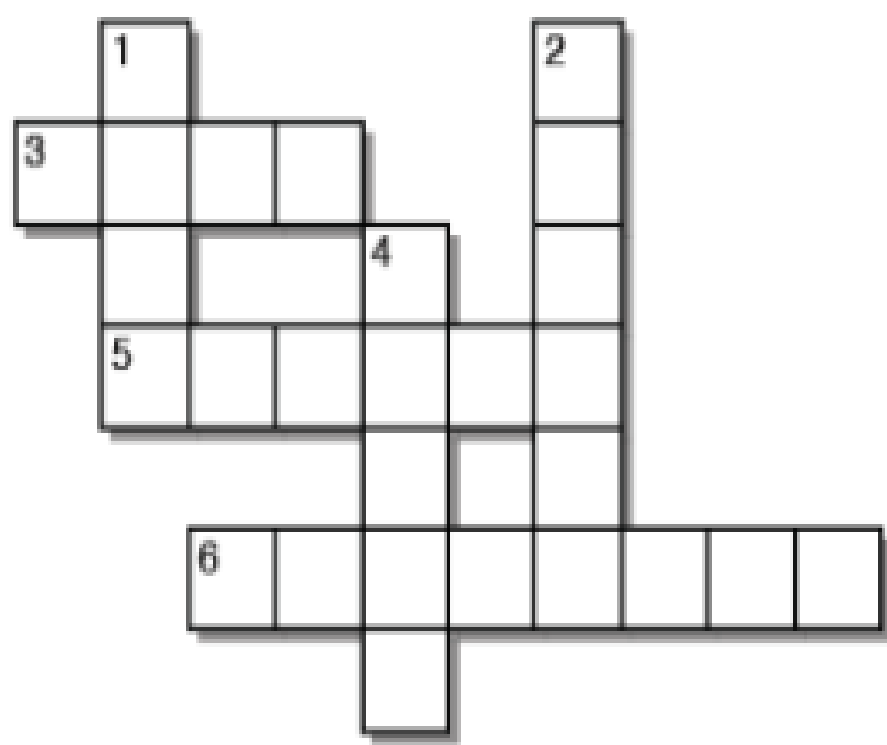
Draw more sheep in Jesus' flock.

Dear Jesus help me to f _____ w you.



Dear Jesus, I want to follow you by ...

Draw a picture or write about how you can follow Jesus the good shepherd.



Across

- 3. This week's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____
- 5. What Jesus calls God.
- 6. Person who leads the sheep.

Down

- 1. This animal scatters the sheep in the Gospel.
- 2. This week is the _____ week of Easter!
- 4. The animal Jesus uses to describe his role as leading them.

Parish Priest Fr Sherwin Lapaan sherwin@stmark.org.nz **Pastoral Co-Ordinator** Mannix Lopez mannix@stmark.org.nz **Parish Secretary** Evie Green-Thompson evie@stmark.org.nz **Accounts** Priscilla Cefre accounts@stmark.org.nz **Deacon** Chris Sullivan admin@stmark.org.nz

Mass Times: Tuesday – Saturday: 9.00am **Wednesday:** 7.00pm **Saturday Vigil:** 5.30pm **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm **Rosary:** Tuesday – Friday: 8.30am **Saturday:** 8.00am **Exposition & Holy Hour:** Saturday: 8.00am – 9.00am **1st Friday:** 7.30pm – 10.00pm **Liturgy of the Word:** Monday 9.00am
Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesday – Friday: 9.30am **Confession:** On request **Saturday:** 9.30am & 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Email: admin@stmark.org.nz **Website:** stmark.org.nz **Instagram:** [stmarkpakuranga](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkpakuranga) **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/stmarkpakuranga/
Phone: (09) 576 7959 **Address:** 334 Pakuranga Rd, PO Box 51184: Pakuranga **Office Hours:** Mon to Fri: 8.30am — 3.00pm **Sunday:** 9.30am — 1.00pm

St Mark's Mission Statement

To promote a loving, caring, Christlike Community which accepts all people. And inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish Council – Email: missioncouncil@stmark.org.nz - **Chair** – Malcolm Martis, **Council Secretary** – Myra D'Souza, **Youth & Young Adult Ministry** – Donamae dela Cruz & Raewyn Tan, **Evangelisation Ministry** – Andre Van Heerden, **Altar Ministry** – Kurt Meyer, **Social Services Ministry** –Melania Jurgens, **Temporalities Ministry** – Alice Sung, **School Principal** -Tracey Kopua, **Pastoral Coordinator**- Mannix Lopez, **Parish Priest** – Fr Sherwin Lapaan

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