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Te Whare Karakia o Hato,
Maaka, Pakuranga

St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

Year A 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April 2026

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:
Monday to Saturday:
8.00am – 9.00am
1st Friday: 7.30pm – 9.00am

Liturgy of the Word:
Monday 9.00am

Divine Mercy Devotion:
Tuesday – Friday: 9.30am

Confession: On request
Saturday: 9.30am &
4.30pm – 5.15pm

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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.

1ST Reading: Acts 2: 42-47 *The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.*
Psalm: 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his love has no end.*
2ND Reading: St Peter 1: 3-9 *In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.*
Gospel: John 20: 19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

Reflection

'Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.' - Jesus to St. Faustina
[Diary entry 699]

I am in constant awe of how good our God is, every time I encounter or am reminded of His mercy. An undeserved gift of love and salvation that is given to us so willingly. It is difficult to perceive such selflessness and unconditional love with my human mind and weakness. Yet, I am beyond grateful for such a gift.

It is also a reminder to me of who I am called to be and how I am called to love!

Our God is so in love with us that He has given his very self to us, in the Holy Eucharist and in all the Sacraments, in the most special and unique ways!

One of the most confronting and humbling sacraments is Reconciliation. A sacrament of healing that I have grown to appreciate so much. With all the struggles, weaknesses, and sins I bring before the Lord, He welcomes me back with open arms every time, always ready to pour His Divine Mercy on me!

We may get frustrated with ourselves and one another, but Jesus never tires of giving us His Mercy! His great love is more powerful than our sinfulness!

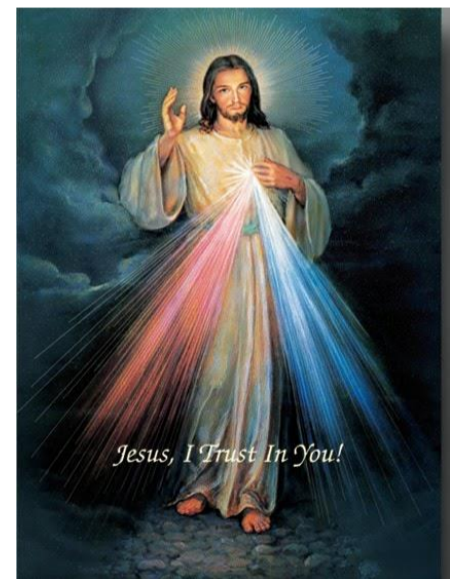
In the midst of a painful and often wicked world, Jesus' goodness, love and mercy shine through! This is how I know our God is Good! He will not give up on His people!

Don't give up, dear friend! Reach out to Jesus as often as you need!
We are human. We will make mistakes! But just as at the end of each day you shower off that day's dirt, we too should clean our hearts at the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible! Jesus will pour His mercy upon us every time! ...and boy, the things we can do with those fresh-smelling souls when we receive this grace! ☺

Nothing is more powerful than God's loving mercy!

Praise God! ALLELUIA!

Leigh Green-Thompson



Important Notices

- **Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026 @ 3pm** – please join us in prayer.
 - **First Aid Volunteers** - We are looking for current First Aid Certificate holders to register with our Parish and to be available at the Mass that they attend.
 - **Annual Tax Receipts**:- please email accounts@stmark.org.nz to request a Tax Receipt – please put your full name, address & phone number into the email.
 - **Mass with Anointing** this **Saturday, 11th April 2026 @ 9.00am**
- New to our Parish** - Welcome to the Family of St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish, follow this link [New Parishioner Registration - St. Mark \(stmark.org.nz\)](#) to register. New Parishioner Record Forms are also available in the church foyer

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

EVANGELISATION



Legion of Mary – Tuesday @ 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the Lyon's Den. New members are always welcome. Contact Hata – 021 0220 4171 Email Hata – Akuhata.nahi@gmail.com Please contact the following members if you would like the statues of Our Lady or the Sacred Heart visiting your homes.
Our Lady of Fatima Statue – Tui Peasmeno – 021 0820 9880
Big Our Lady of Fatima Statue – Dong Dela Cruz – 021 165 9471.
Small Our Lady of Fatima Statue – Tina Payne – 027 405 3968.
Sacred Heart Statue – Hata Nahi – 021 0220 4171

The Life in the Spirit Prayer Group will be taking a temporary break to participate in the upcoming parish events. Our next meeting will be **Thursday 16 April**.

St Mark's Padre Pio Prayer Group will resume meeting on **First Friday of May**.

Chinese RCIA Class in the Lyon's Den **Monday, 9.00am – 10.30am. Mandarin & Cantonese** For information contact **John Ko – 022 031 7755**

Joshua Men's Fellowship St Marks Invites you to an evening of purpose and prayer. Come along and bring a friend. Next Meeting **13 April 2026 @ 7.00pm Guest Speaker TBA, Topic: TBC** - All Welcome – Supper will be served and don't forget to bring a friend. For more information contact **Chris Mayhew – 027 568 7736**



CGS – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **Saturday during School Term**
 Level 1: 3 – 6 years old : 9.30am to 11.00am.
 Enrolment form is available at the foyer. Session is on Saturdays during school term. For more information, contact Mary-Anne via email stmarkatrium@gmail.com

Engaged / Planning a wedding? Catholic Diocese of Auckland – Approved Marriage Preparation Course Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings For information contact Gerry 021 0224 7442 gerrys@cda.org.nz Register Book: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

Formed - The Catholic Faith. On Demand. We have a parish registration for Formed. This means that all **parishioners** can gain access to Formed from any device for **free**. Email admin@stmark.org.nz for instructions on how to get Formed today!

ALTAR

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in April. The Anniversary Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 29th April 2026** – for all couples whose anniversary falls in Jan/Feb. Please contact Hazel hderozario@gmail.com or Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will attend the Anniversary Mass
 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, Joey & 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

Recently Deceased

Janet Netto, Priscilla Santos, Rachel Lee, Basilio Negrido, Mariano Rojano, Swinton Kippen

Anniversary of Death

Maggie Martis, Angela Falzon, Joseph Chen, Maria Chen

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

Marie Chu, Eileen Nielson, Gerty Maragh, Edith Olarte, Leskin Lambert, Alleya Bano, Watchman Rivers, Erin Waleki, Tiana Meyer, George Peterson, Jessica, Ramille Guiang Aiden Sui, Jessica, Ernesto Joves, Razekene Magora, Kissten Thompson, Diedre Smythe, Shirley van Niekerk, Usha Kumpala, Maureen Heng, Colin Heng, Petros Setigono, Paul Bury, Marie Bury, Barbara Bury, Sheila Cray, Brian Singer, Lael Lambert, Jerome Maragh, Cecilia Lee, Jhun Negrido, Paul Oliver, Rosario Nemenzo, Nahid, Pacita Santos, Caleb Santos, Mathew Koshy, Malcolm Dobbs

Rosters – 18th & 19th April 2026

| | Music | Data Projector | Altar Servers | Commentator | Readers | Gifts | Communion Ministers |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 5.30pm | Gospel Choir | Patrick Malden | Miguel Bulanadi Nicko Bulanadi | Elisa Martin Moses | Adam Martis Anika Haigh | Hazel & Henry | Irwin & Evie Green-Thompson, Henry Gussenhoven, Nicholas Tan, Malcolm Martis |
| 8.30am | Cheryl & Choir | Priscilla Cefre | Hashen Goontelike Aziz Tapelu | Jason Wright | Muna Hallis Ethan Karl | Request a Family | Ethan Karl, Henry & Jane Tan, Sanjay Macwan, Lorraine Anderson, Andre & Cheryl van Heerden |
| 10.30am | Children's Choir | Andrew Jurgens | Eona Shaij Gabriel Divingracia | Coradel Gulla | Gabrielle Puther Andrea Jurgens | Request a Family | Kirk & Carmel Gaabucayan, Christopher Mayhew, Dakshita Perera, Alfred Pushpakumar, Catherine Rivers, Cady Lim, Emmanuel Tsang |
| 6.30pm | Youth Choir | Jo van Heerden | Samson Eiram Sta Maria Leo Ryan | Jozy Cutaran | Charmain Cloete Donamae Dela Cruz | Maria Vazquez | Dong & Alma Dela Cruz, Alecis Dela Cruz, Paul Dela Cruz, Inji Hwang |
| Flowers | Couples for Christ | | Cleaning | Francis Villalobos, Han Yongguang, Hengquiang Chen | | Recording/Counting | Grace Cheah, Divine Dumlao, Sanjay Macwan |

SOCIAL



Sewing With Friends Join us while we all do our own mending and enjoy each other's company. Machines, scissors, threads, and needles, etc. all made available for you and, of course, tea and cakes to keep us going. On the **second Saturday of every month** in the Lyons Den from **2pm to 4pm on Saturday, 11th April 2026**.

SVDP Thank you for your ongoing support of their foodbank. **To ensure the safety and well-being of the people we serve, we kindly request that you donate only non-expired and unopened/undamaged food items.** Please email your request for a food parcel to svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz before Friday. 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**. **SVDP Food Bank** needs Milk, rice, Tin Tomatoes and Vegetables. **Please email svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz to Request a Tax Receipt.**



TEMPORALITIES

Finance Ministry – Besky Fernando – Chairman, Fr. Austin Fernandes, Aaron William, Alice Sung

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

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Special Collection – Good Friday

\$2,066.40

Collection 4th & 5th April 2026

Envelopes & Loose Collection \$4,303.20

Automatic Payments \$

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

Direct Debit: **St Mark's Pakuranga Ecclesiastical Goods Trust**- BNZ Acc No.: **02-0108-0708684-00**

EFTPOS donations can be made when lighting candles



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

Thank you for your continued support!

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

- Login to your bank account
- Click on payments
- 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.

KID'S CORNER

Gospel - John 20:19-31

Hymn: I will follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/d8Chv0QmRik>

SEEING JESUS AGAIN

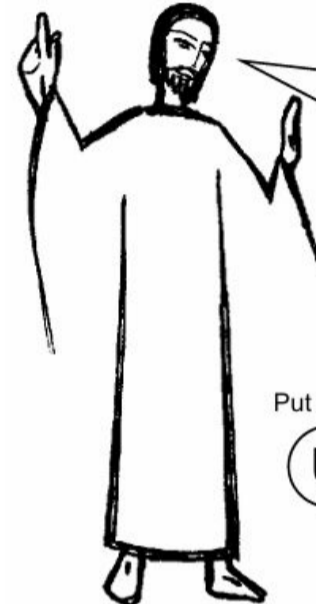
The Disciples were locked up behind closed doors.

Then ... Jesus appeared.

THEY WERE SO HAPPY TO SEE HIM AGAIN.



Jesus I Trust in You!



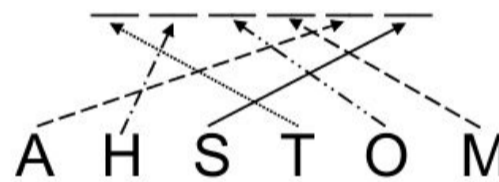
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Put these vowels in the right places to find out what Jesus said.



One of the disciples did not believe it was Jesus.

Put the letters in the right place to reveal his name.



OTHER



Vocations Sunday – 4th Sunday of Easter – 26th April 2026. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to 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. Money sent to Diocesan Administration or Direct Credit Bank Account: 02-0100-0746838-000 RC Bishop of Auckland Chancery Account.



Issue 3 of The Sower, the newsletter of **MissionNZ** and **Missio Aotearoa**, the 2 charities that support the Pope in his missionary endeavours. You can also find it on our website: <https://missio.nz/newsletters/>

Prayer Retreat for Women Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Prayer Ministry @ Sacred Heart in Ponsonby to register and attend the training on **18 Apr 2026** from **9.30am – 3.30pm** – click on the link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a66HSpSqV79-3-3TQdihkoTp5_EGX4FRBYk7xkt8IA/edit

The ACCPGN has organised a Life in the Spirit Seminar Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar, The Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tuesday evenings, Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with cuppa from 7.15pm. Starts **21st April**. No charge. Register at <https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrbb7A> For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Vacancy - Reshaping Facilitator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland The Diocese seeks a mission-focused Reshaping Facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping journey. This role will equip parishes with resources, facilitation, and professional support. This is a three 3-year fixed term role, full-time or two part-time roles considered. For full details and to view the position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. **Applications close 24 April 2026.**

Vacancy – Head of Pastoral Services - Catholic Diocese of Auckland The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a committed, faith-filled leader to support the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral ministries. The role works closely with parishes and communities to strengthen evangelisation, formation, and pastoral life. Applicants must demonstrate a strong Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership experience, and strategic capability. Full details and application information available via the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. **Applications close 30 April 2026**

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy : NZCBCIR – Muffin Talk with Bishop Michael Dooley. 60 years of Nostra Aetate and why interreligious dialogue is important. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/21/nzbcir-muffin-talk-with-bishop-michael-dooley/> **Baptism & Lent with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin (UK).** What is the connection between Lent and Baptism? <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/02/25/baptism-lent/> For more resources and information: www.studyjoy.n

Prophetic Intercession Training - If you are an intercessor or want to know more about being an intercessor or praying more effectively - this workshop is for you!

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We are delighted to welcome **Chevalier Cyril John**, a recipient of a Papal Knighthood, leader and author on prophetic intercession from the CHARIS International Intercession Commission for a two-day formation on Prophetic Intercession. Cyril John has spent many years teaching and forming intercessors around the world, and we are blessed to host him here in Auckland. Training dates are **11–12 May 2026 at Christ the King Church, Mt Roskill**. Please use this link to register <https://prophetic-intercession-training-with-cyril-john.lilregie.com/>

The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend! **When** : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August **Venue**: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua **Keynote Speaker**: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's men ALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad" **Cost**: \$247pp including accommodation and meals To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code on porter attached OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

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, Ethan Karl Social Services Ministry –Melania Jurgens, Temporalities Ministry – Alice Sung, School Principal -Tracey Kopua, School Representatives – Aaron William, Pastoral Coordinator- Mannix Lopez, Parish Priest – Fr Austin Fernandes

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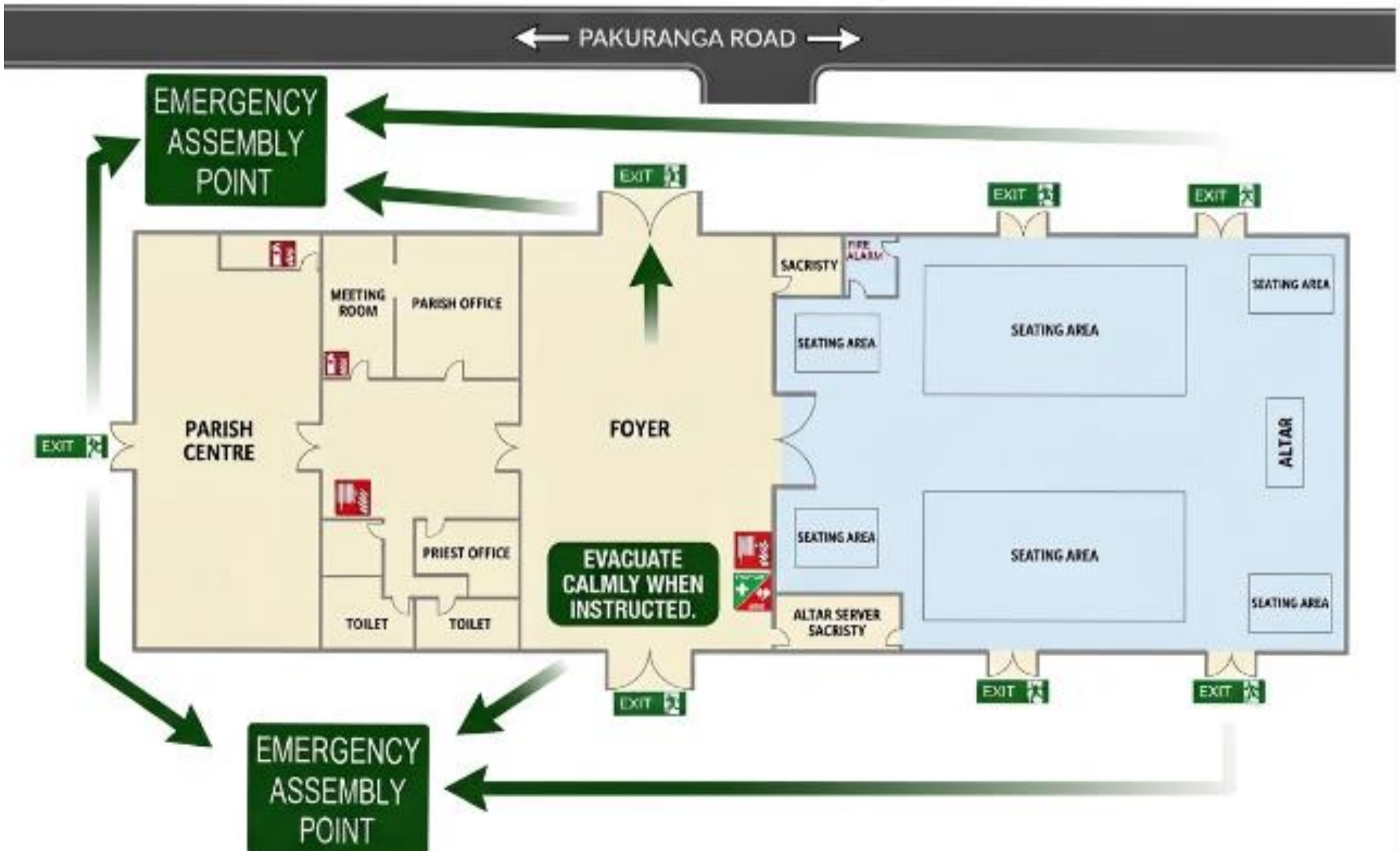


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Concern/Complaint about Harm or Abuse
If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the church, please contact: National office for Profession Standards: 0800 114 622 - email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz Deacon Mannix Lopez – 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

Parents & Caregivers For the safety and well-being of your Tamariki, please ensure children are supervised by an adult at all times when they are visiting the Parish.

Know Your Assembly Points



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