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St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

Year A 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ who overcame the reluctance of the flesh 30 August 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: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 *The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

Psalms: 62: 2-6. 8-9 *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 *Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27 *If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

Reflection

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." – Romans 12:1



One Friday, I attended Adoration at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Epsom. A beautiful image of Our Lady with the Child Jesus caught my eyes. The Blessed Virgin was holding Jesus' Sacred Heart. In the silence of my heart, I asked Mother Mary, *"What is your message?"* I closed my eyes and the answer was whispered to the depths of my heart:

"My Son's Sacred Heart belongs to you too. Will you accept His heart? It was His heart rather than His head that was crowned with thorns."

We often hear that we are created in the image and likeness of God, but do we truly live out this truth? The Sacred Heart shows us what that love looks like: a heart poured out completely. His heart does not take; it gives. It does not use; it sacrifices. His Sacred Heart reveals a love that is embodied; a love willing to suffer, sacrifice and give itself completely. And because we are created in God's image, then our bodies, too, are made for this kind of love. This is why the call to chastity is ultimately a call to love. Chastity is an invitation to learn the language of the Sacred Heart: to love with freedom, fidelity, communion, reverence and self-gift.

And when we fail to love this way, Jesus does not abandon us. His wounded heart remains open. In Confession, His heart crowned with thorns meets our wounded hearts with mercy. We receive forgiveness, healing and the grace to begin again. It brings us back to the Sacred Heart that never stops loving.

To accept the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to allow His Heart to teach our hearts how to love.

And perhaps this is Mother Mary's invitation for you too: *Will you accept His Heart and allow Him to make your whole life, body and soul, a living sacrifice of love?*

Elly Roberts

Important Notices

- **First Friday Mass & Adoration – 4 September 2026 @ 7.00pm – 9.00am**
- **Healing Mass – Saturday 12th September 2026**
- **Alpha Sign-up sheet** – please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

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

Life Teen Summer Camp 2027 Summer Missions applications 18+: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_984GBswfn-eDD34QvPMfZkp3v57VZs596tUqjLvFcqRiZQ/viewform

All fundraiser proceeds go toward WYD Korea Pilgrimage & Life Teen Camp 2027 for our youth & young adults attending!

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Is holding its 4th session for the **WYD Seoul 2027** webinar series. Join us for this session, "Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise" with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on **Tuesday, 1st of September 2026, 5:00 6:00pm** on Zoom online platform. Register through <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/online-webinars-2026/>. Fee discounts apply.

The Youth & Young Adults would like to thank St Mark's for your generosity and support at the **Cafe Markiato Fundraiser** and have raised \$2,542.00



Congratulations to our Raffle Winners – Margaret

&

Shana (collected by her husband Hayden)



Thank you St Mark's
for your generous support!!
We have managed to raise \$3, 442.70

Please continue to pray for us and
support us in our future fundraisers, as
we prepare for Life Teen Camp and
WYD Korea Pilgrimage.

Glory to God!!



EVANGELISATION

✨ Curious about faith? **Come and try Alpha!** ✨ We'd love to invite you to our **Alpha Film Series**, starting **Fri 11 Sep at 7pm**. Dinner will be served! 🍽️

Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming space to be fed and nourished, to explore your faith, connect with others, and ask life's big questions. There's no pressure and no question is off limits. Come as you are, share your thoughts, or simply listen. It's also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, family member or loved one who may be curious about faith or would like to explore a deeper relationship with Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

📅 Every **2nd and 4th Friday** of the month (**starting Fri 11 Sep 2026**) 🕒 **7pm to 8.30pm** 📍 St. Mark's Pakuranga Parish Hall 🍽️ Dinner will be served

🎥 Watch this short teaser to discover what Alpha is all about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCck-cySK7I>

⚠️ Spaces are limited to 30, so please register by emailing mannix@stmark.org.nz. Registration also helps us plan for catering.

RCIA : All parishioners who know anyone who is interested in knowing about the Catholic Faith with a view to becoming a Catholic to come along on **Wednesday Evenings** in the Lyon's Den from **7.30pm – 8.30pm** For more information please contact **Rosemary Palmer – 021 163 9141**

The Life in the Spirit Prayer Group meets each **Thursday** in the parish centre from **7.30 -9pm** for praise and prayer. All welcome. [Contacts: Mary – 021 468 015, Joanne - 0211143374, smlisspg@gmail.com] Life in the Spirit Seminar every Thursday

St Mark's Padre Pio Prayer Group meet **every First Friday** of the month. Mass at **7pm**, followed by Adoration in Church and at **8pm** prayer meeting in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to join and be a part of St Pio's legacy.

Joshua Men's Fellowship St Marks Invites you to an evening of purpose and prayer. Come along and bring a friend. Next Meeting **14 September 2026 @ 7.00pm** **Guest Speaker** The Bulay Brothers **Topic:** Staying Catholic - 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

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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. **Sacred Heart Statue – Hata Nahi – 021 0220 4171**
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.



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!
A Gift from our Parish to You! You can now log onto formed <https://signup.formed.org> Type your **email address** – Click “**sign up**” – Type Parish Code “**2010**” – **St Mark will appear** – Click – You are done!

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/>

Catechumen class or catechumenate, Chinese is 慕道班 in the Lyon's Den **Monday, 9.00am – 10.30am. Mandarin & Cantonese** For information contact **John Ko – 022 031 7755**

ALTAR

Recently Deceased

Zoe Garden, Andrea Den Tandt, Emma Nono, Eliseo Nono, Froilan Melendrez, Beatrice Layugan, Rufie Manuel, Oliver Averion, Yongjoo Yohan Lee, Ivor Anthony Pane, Pamata Tau, George Urban, Henry Yumul, Isabelle Keylock

Anniversary of Death

John Baptist Joseph, Andrew, Liz Bautista, Bernard Pierquin, Graham Peterson, Antonia, Rosalio, Liliia, Arcadio Gallego, Carmen Sierra, Jesus Aquino, Moises Villaluz Sr, Rodulfo Deloy, Myrene Deloy, Eunela Capangpangan, Rolki Lagnas. Filiza Olalo, Leodegario Deloy, Huan Lie Zeng, Anthonysamy Francis, Selvan Rasiah, Rosario Falzon

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

Liz Bauld, Paul Oliver, Clarence Noth, Ferdinand Ramos, Marilyn Gabas, Wendy van Breda, Richard Shirley, Thea & Isla Lucas, Ricky Dobb, Andy Tan, Suzie Xu, Richard Dobbs, Leo Champion, Owen Fey, Marlene Gabas, Arnold Goh, Bernard Plan, Juda, Romaine, Adelaida Valencia, Paul Shirley, Radlyn Stuart, Ronald Banezuela, Ernesto Rodan Jr, Lorraine Anderson, Beverley Mary Rout, Sarah Marion O'Connor, Edgar, Julie Prince, Swee Han Lim, Mary Rongo-Kea, Priscilla Cefre, Aiko Cefre, Bernard Plan, Adonis Nispecos, Christine Gonzaga, Sheila Cray



Congratulations on your Baptism: **Margaux Jewel Caampued** & **Angelika Bles Ignacio**

Welcome to the Family of God

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

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in September. The next Anniversary Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 28th October 2026** – for all couples whose anniversary falls in **September & October 2026**. Please contact Hazel hderozario@gmail.com or Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will attend the Anniversary Mass

Melinda & Joseph Bonifacio, Vivianne & Paulo Barros, Annie & Ian D'Cruz, Genevieve & Patrick Sih, Marie Louise & Paul McElwee, Kamini & Colin Pillay, Mary & Withana Pituwala, Cecilia & Paul Wong, Celeste & Owen Ybanez, Renee & Neesham Rughoonandan, Rosanne & Malinda Gamamedaliyanage Don

Rosters - 5th & 6th September 2026

	5.30pm	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm	Flowers
Music	Gospel Choir	Cheryl & Choir	Auckland Choral Ensemble	Joyce Adiwinata	Lami Falefeta
Data Projector	Jannine Eeson	Andrew Jurgens	Leonna Chivasa	Julian Valerio	Cleaning
Altar Servers	Nicko Bulanadi Miguel Bulanadi Louie Guevarra Aleena Soni	Seba Veitoyaki Ilisabeta Veitoyaki	Erana Arachchige Hayley Fonseka Joanna Fonseka Miyasi Fonseka	Fiona Sheng Sarah Ernstzen Jeffrey Gulanen	Sanjay Macwan & Family Wilma Fernandes Anika Haigh John Philip
Commentators	Juliet Martis	Kim D'Souza	Carmel Gaabucayan	Joanne van Heerden	
Readers	Sophie Kwan Ross Lehmann	Chelsea Garcia Ethan Karl	Erica Lim Francis Coutinho	Joshua Ernstzen Nasya Chin	
Gifts	Genevieve & Family	Maureen Kearns	Request a Family	Peter Binnie	Recording /Counting
Communion Ministers	Philomeno Lobo Udesha Mihindukulasuriya Denis D'Souza Catherin Rivers Malcolm Martis	Henny Gussenhoven Andre & Cheryl van Heerden Grace Rowland Mary Lenton Sr Geraldine Melania Jurgens	Gorclalem Padayogdog Gladys Chivasa Lessley Chivasa Sulochana Gamage Cady Lim Francis Coutinho Kaylee Ong Florinda Patterson	Brennan Ernstzen Nazley Ernstzen Hannah Ernstzen Karen Masilamini Julian Valerio	Grace Cheah Divine Dumlaio Sanjay Macwan

SOCIAL

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Please email svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz to Request a Tax Receipt.



St Mark's SVDP bank account details have changed. If you make donations by automatic payment/direct credit, please update your records with the new bank account details with immediate effect. Please include your name under Reference. **Bank:** BNZ **Account Name:** SVDP South Auckland Area Council **Account No.:** 02-0506-0381891-005 Note that this account is managed by St Mark's SVDP, which sit under the wider group of SVDP South Auckland Area Council. Thank you for your continuous support. If you have any query, please contact **Grace Cheah** at **021 0257 3441**



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, 12 September 2026**.

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 – Māori Pastoral Care –
22nd August 2026 \$560.20**

Collection 22nd & 23rd August 2026

Envelopes & Loose Collection \$2,285.30

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Amount - How often – weekly, fortnightly or monthly

•Choose a date you would like the donation deducted.

OTHER

John Pridmore Coming to Auckland International Catholic speaker and evangelist John Pridmore is coming to Auckland this August for a series of inspiring parish missions. Once involved in London's criminal underworld, John's life was dramatically transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ. For more than 30 years, he has travelled the world sharing his powerful story of conversion, hope and God's mercy, inspiring thousands to rediscover their faith. Each evening will include John's testimony, prayer and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ through Eucharistic Adoration. **Manurewa: 31 August – 2 September** All sessions begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. For more details [visit our website](#).

Season of Creation 2026 Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to celebrate Season of Creation. **From 1 Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 Oct (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)**, we are invited to renew our relationship with God as Creator. The Church invites every parish, school, chaplaincy, family, and individual to celebrate the Season of Creation. Visit our website for resources on how to celebrate. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/>

KID'S CORNER

Gospel: <https://youtu.be/i7Wmq7WtdVY?t=14>



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"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
Mark 8:34b

Prayer: <https://youtu.be/wlorEqb3w80>

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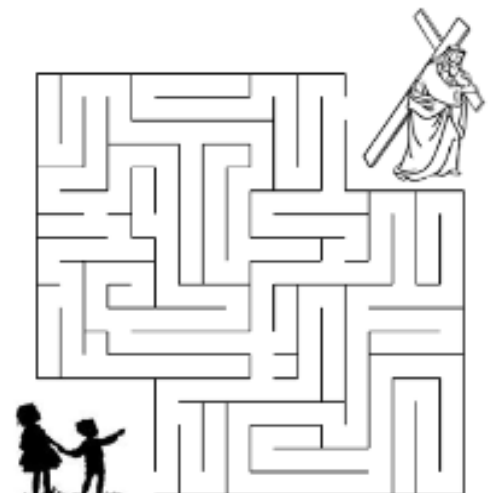
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"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. Help us to be brave and follow Him, even when it's hard. Teach us to take up our own cross and do what is right, putting You first in our hearts. Give us strength, courage, and joy, and help us to love others as Jesus loves us. Thank You for always being with us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

Can you find the path to Jesus?



St Mark Catholic Mission Parish Council – Email: missioncouncil@stmark.org.nz - Chair – Malcolm Martis, [Council Secretary](#) – Myra D'Souza, [Youth & Young Adult Ministry](#) – Raewyn Tan, [Evangelisation Ministry](#) – Andre Van Heerden, [Altar Ministry](#) – Muna Hallis, Ethan Karl [Social Services Ministry](#) – Melania Jurgens, [Temporalities Ministry](#) – Alice Sung, [School Principal](#) - Tracey Kopua [School Representatives](#) – Aaron William, [Parish Priest](#) – Fr Austin Fernandes, [Parish Secretary](#) - Evie Green-Thompson

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