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Te Whare Karakia o Hato,
Maaka, Pakuranga

St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

Year A

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Vineyard of the Lord

4 October 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: Isaiah 5: 1-7 [The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Lords.](#)

Psalm: 79: 9. 12-16. 19-20 [The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.](#)

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9 [The God of peace will be with you.](#)

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43 He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Reflection

The image of the vineyard in today's readings provides a powerful reflection on the gifts, responsibilities and choices that shape our lives. In the Gospel, the tenants are entrusted with caring for the vineyard, yet they reject the owner and fail to produce the fruit expected of them. This raises an important question: when we are entrusted with something valuable, how do we respond to that responsibility?

The vineyard can be understood as a symbol of the many gifts and opportunities that have been placed in our care. These include our health, our families, our faith, our relationships with others and the opportunities we are given throughout our lives. Such gifts can easily be taken for granted, yet they require care, attention and gratitude. Producing "good fruit" can therefore mean making choices that reflect kindness, compassion, understanding, empathy and responsibility. It also means recognising opportunities to grow, learn, support others and contribute positively to the wider community.

The contrast between good grapes and "wild grapes" also highlights the importance of turning good intentions into action. It is possible to have positive intentions and genuinely want to do what is right, yet still fail to act. The familiar saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions," reminds us that intentions alone are not enough. Procrastination, hesitation or failing to follow through can prevent good intentions from producing meaningful results. In the same way, producing "good fruit" requires more than recognising what is right; it requires us to act on our values through the choices we make and the way we treat others.

The reading from Philippians offers an important response to these challenges. Rather than allowing worry to take control, we are encouraged to bring our concerns to God through prayer and thanksgiving. Prayer provides an opportunity to pause, recognise what is causing stress, and place our concerns in God's hands. It encourages trust, patience and openness to guidance rather than the desire to control every outcome.

Together, these readings remind us that life is a gift and that we have a responsibility to nurture what has been entrusted to us. God's goodness invites us to appreciate our blessings, recognise the opportunities placed before us, care for ourselves and others, and, most importantly, turn our good intentions into meaningful action so that our lives can produce good fruit.

Anika Haigh

Important Notices

- **First Friday Mass & Adoration – 2nd October 2026 @ 7pm – 9am**
- **Rosters** – please email evie@stmark.org.nz if you will be away in [December 2026](#) & [January 2027](#)
- **2027 Columban Calendars** now available in the Parish Office @ **\$15.00**
- **Christmas Cards** for sale in the Parish Office @ **\$5.00**



World Mission Sunday, 18 October 2026

Direct Debit – Missio's account for the Auckland Diocese – **BNZ 02-0506-0022477-066**

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

Our Vision: "To be a vibrant missionary parish, empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the light Christ to all."

Save the Date

Saturday, 31st October 2026
@ 5.30pm

All Saints Party!

Come dressed as your favourite Saint!



Café Markiato Fundraiser

Thank you for your support!

All proceeds towards
Life Teen Camp 2027 &
WYD Korea Pilgrimage



EVANGELISATION



OCTOBER 2026 –MONTH OF THE ROSARY St Mark's Catholic Mission Church, Pakuranga.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We will be having an additional Rosary prayer in the evenings (time specified in the table below).

Monday 6pm	Tuesday 6pm	Wednesday 6pm	Thursday 6pm	Friday 6pm	Saturday 4pm	Sunday 5:30pm
Joyful mystery	Sorrowful mystery	Glorious mystery	Luminous mystery	Sorrowful mystery	Joyful mystery	Glorious mystery
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
16	27	28	29	30	31	

Main intensions:

- Peace in the world
- NZ General Elections 2026
- For the leaders of this nation and the world

"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary..." – Pope Pius XI

Ministry of Compassion

This year is the Centennial Year of Compassion in memory of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. We are inspired by her dedication and spirit of service. To honour her life and example, St Mark's parish will launch

St Mark's Ministry of Compassion.

After the 9 AM Mass
on Saturday 17 Oct 2026,

you are invited for a morning
tea at the Parish Hall.



Let us come together to reflect and share moments of listening and reflecting on the healing journey of people in the parish. It is a time to share and listen to stories and testimonies of personal healing or being Ministers of Compassion (healing) for others.

The reason behind this ministry is Imago Dei (The Image of God): that every human being possesses inherent dignity, value, and worth. It aims to **restore the image of God** in individuals.

The Latin roots of compassion—**cum (with) and pati (to suffer)**—mean "**to suffer with.**" The framework shifts the paradigm from doing things to or for the other, toward **walking alongside them.**

*St Mark's Parish walks with you in your healing journey...
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Discover the Roots of our Catholic Faith : Tuesday Nights at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall . The next meeting will be held on the 13th October 2026 Dinner will be served.

We'd love to invite you to our Alpha Film Series Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month (Next Fri 25 Sep 2026) 7pm to 8.30pm St. Mark's Pakuranga Parish Hall Dinner will be served

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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 12 October 2026 @ 7.00pm Guest Speaker Chris Mayhew Topic: Standing in the BREACH - 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
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 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 Michelle Selby, Ruby Chang, Mow Shing Young, Br Arnold de Groot S.D.B., Alfred D'Souza, Adelina Ocampo Soco, Jose Luther Velasco, Kirk Abella, Michael Lopez, Adelaida Valencia, Stezen Israel Carlos, Peter McPhillips
Anniversary of Death Brazin Dias, Andres Domalanta, Philomena D'Souza, Alan Selwood, Jennifer Selwood, Maria Rivera Venzon, Leticia Corazon Buendia, Rex, Dannister, Clarence, Hema, Wally, Eva, Bernie, Stanley, Eunice, Rosalio, Antonia, Lorna, Lilia, Moises, Andresa, Pablo, Herminia, Blessie Maria, Alyssa Paula, Justine Philipp, Nihal, Shirani, Chrisantha, Alfred, Sumana, Berty, Oliver Averion, Ricardo Falzon
For the Sick: Prayer requests for the sick whose names appear here, will be replaced on a monthly basis. Bernard Plan, Bagusia Bakula, Loliso Fidow, Cecil Ryan, Desmond Culbert, Neil Dewar, Andre van Heerden, Jean, Joe Falzon, Stan O'Brien, Aileen Hillary, Sabina Song-hy Lee, Adrian Cefre, Stella Tongue, Liz Bauld, Paul Oliver, Clarence Noth, Ferdinand Ramos, Marilyn Gabas, Wendy van Breda, Richard Shirley, Ricky Dobb, Andy Tan, Suzie Xu, Richard Dobbs, Leo Champion, Owen Fey, Marlene Gabas, Arnold Goh, Bernard Plan, Juda, Romaine, Paul Shirley, Radlyn Stuart, Ronald Banezuela, Ernesto Rodan Jr, Beverley Mary Rout
Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in October. 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 Yasmira mynsr8@gmail.com if you will attend the Anniversary Mass Andrew & Lissy Anthony, Paul & Rhea Arreglado, James & Susan Boyer, Cyril & Jessa Bulawit, Jim & Ella Donald, Ronald & Christina Calagui, Robin Dony & Li Na Wei Joromi & Ellen Guantero, Mervin & Jean Lim, Swee Han & Natalie Lim, Hamish & Beverley McAllum, Anthony & Delphine McMillan, Paul & Ladie Pernia Lyndon & Julie Pinzon, Neville & Jennifer Smith, Nicholas & Mary Anne Tan, Terence & Lara Teixeira, Vincente & Thelma Tiongson, Thomas Wong & Patricia Mak

Rosters – 10 th & 11 th October 2026					
	5.30pm	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm	Flowers
Music	Tawag-Awit	Cheryl & Choir	Gospel Choir	El Shaddai	El Shaddai
Data Projector	Abby Martis	Evie Haigh	Jannine Eeson	El Shaddai	Cleaning
Altar Servers	Gabriel Nebrao Patrick Malden	Aden Karl Hashen Goonetelike	Ethan D'Silva Sarah Gulla Alvino Sooriyakoon Rithika Lordon	Nicko Bulanadi Miguel Bulanadi Samson Eiram Robaldo	Edith Reyes Lorna Reyes Veronica Schuster & Family Ruby Cruz Leo De Guzman
Commentators	Adam Martis	Maria Belinario	Francis Coutinho	El Shaddai	
Readers	Juliet Martis Sophia Kwan	Rosemary Grant Ted Loughman	Ezekiel Bulay Erica Lim	El Shaddai El Shaddai	
Gifts	Hazel & Henny	Margaret McFarlane	Request a Family	El Shaddai	Recording /Counting
Communion Ministers	Alan Chant Irwin Green-Thompson Evie Green-Thompson Nicholas Tan Philomena Lobo	Pua'ina Te'o Vaelua-Karl Andrea Jurgens Melania Jurgens Andrew Jurgens Joan Baino Alan Baino Michael Earl	John Bulay Jemima Bulay Vince Ocampo Jonathan Pang Renuka Anthony Dilani Anthony Kelly William Aaron William	Kirk Gaabucayan Carmel Gaabucayan Seychelle Cardoza Julian Valerio Alma Dela Cruz	Divine Dumlao Sanjay Macwan

SOCIAL

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. Please call SVDP Otahuhu when donating clothing, blankets, or furniture 09 270 4088. SVDP Food Bank Baked beans, Spaghetti, Noodles, Tinned Veges . 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	
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Sewing Time 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 to use. 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, 10th October 2026.

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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

Next Special Collection – World Mission
Sunday – 18 October 2026

Collection 26th & 27th September 2026
Envelopes & Loose Collection \$2,785.80
Electronic Payments \$3,263.00

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Property Manager - Education (Secondary Schools) - To view the full advert and position description please visit: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>.

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BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT - Access the election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBC Election26>

Marriage Preparation Course - For course dates, more information, and to register, visit: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

KID'S CORNER

Gospel and explanation <https://youtu.be/KRLBcdyEi3w?t=169>

Jesus tells the STORY of some BAD WORKERS

A man planted vines in his field. The workers wanted to keep all grapes for themselves. They killed the man's son and servants who came to collect the grapes.

Hail Mary- prayer and reflection <https://youtu.be/FVqCSi7ReAo>

Draw a picture of the fruit that vines produce.

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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