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Te Whare Karakia o Hato,
Maaka, Pakuranga

St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

Year A 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Lord's Wedding Feast 11 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 25: 6-10 The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Psalm: 22: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14. 19.20 There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 Invite everyone you can find to the wedding

Reflection

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

Jesus presents to us the "king" (the Father), inviting through his "servants" (the prophets) to the banquet of the covenant of his Son with humanity (salvation). First, He did it with Israel, "but they refused to come". In the face of this refusal, the Father continues to insist: "I have prepared my banquet... and everything is ready; come to the feast". But such disdain, mockery, and death of the servants lead to the sending of troops, the death of those murderers, and the burning of "their" city Jerusalem.

So, other "servants" (the apostles) — were sent to go to "the main roads" and thus we, the rest of humanity, were invited: "all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests", meaning the Church.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

Francis Coutinho

Important Notices

- **Healing Mass** – Saturday, 10th October 2026 @ 9.00am
- **Raffle Tickets** – The Youth & Young Adults will be selling Raffle Tickets for two grocery hampers after all Mass' this weekend – all funds will go towards the Life Teen Camp in Rotorua and WYD Korea – **Tickets are \$5.00 for the Small Hamper and \$10 for the Large Hamper** and can also be purchased from the Parish Office during the week.
- There will be a **Second Collection** at all Mass' next weekend – World Mission Sunday – 18 October 2026
- **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 \(stmark.org.nz\)](https://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 23 October 2026**) 🕒 **7pm to 8.30pm** 📍 St. Mark's Pakuranga Parish Hall 🍽️ Dinner will be served

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.



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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

Funeral Notice – The Requiem Mass of Stella Tongue will be held on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026 @ 11.00am**

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Recently Deceased

Stella Tongue, Edgar Smallwood, Onofre Lopez, Ruby Chang, Hashin Bano, Allan Chun-Shin Kuo Michelle Selby, Mow Shing Young, Br Arnold de Groot S.D.B., Alfred D'Souza, Adelina Ocampo Soco, Jose Luther Velasco, Kirk Abella

Anniversary of Death

Krugar Hillary, Eric & Genevieve Quadra, Ernest & Lorraine Quadra, Leticia Corazon Buendia, Elvira Peralta, Romeo Tamayo, Robert Dennis Davelly, Enerito Aquino, Natividad Aquino, Jerome Grianapzagas, Naniciso Bagtindon Sr, Lucena Galliego, Brazin Dias, Andres Domalanta, Philomena D'Souza, Alan Selwood, Jennifer Selwood

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

Julie Prince, Aiko, Charlie, Alicia, Jasmin, Bernard Plan, Bagusia Bakula, Loliso Fidow, Cecil Ryan, Desmond Culbert, Neil Dewar, Jean, Joe Falzon, Stan O'Brien, Aileen Hillary, Sabina Song-hy Lee, Adrian Cefre, Paul Oliver, Clarence Noth, Ferdinand Ramos, Marilyn Gabas, Wendy van Breda, 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 Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will attend
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 – 17 th & 18 th October 2026					
	5.30pm	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm	Flowers
Music	Gospel Choir	Cheryl & Choir	Children's Choir	Youth – Patrick Malden	Couples of Christ
Data Projector	Jannine Eeson	Zita D'Souza	Andrew Jurgens	Khyle Porquez	Cleaning
Altar Servers	Louie Guevarra Mia Kwan Sophie Kwan Aleena Soni	Aden Karl Hashen Goonetelike	Nathaniel Mabalot Eona Shaju Sofia Solis Ronald Miranda	Caleb Ensil Tyson Mauala Euan Lacay	Michael Cheng Vivian Li Elsa Hyland Alelie Misa Julius Osyos
Commentators	Anika Haigh	Ted Loughman	Coradel Gulla	Aden Karl	
Readers	Ross Lehmann Linda Chan	Maria Belinario Muna Hallis	Sarah Gulla Keshiya Perera	Donamae Porques Annika Tigley	
Gifts	Martis Family	Request a Family	Request Children	Youth & Young Adults	Recording /Counting
Communion Ministers	Ramille Guiang Imelda Guiang Henry Gussenhoven Malcolm Martis Catherine Rivers	Henry Tan Jane Tan Lorraine Anderson Kim D'Souza Kurt Meyer Tiana Meyer Mary Lenton	Erica Lim Carmel Gaabucayan Kirk Gaabucayan Charmaine Sierre Michelle See Genevieve Tham Patrick Sih Dakshita Perera	James Green-Thompson Alecis Dela Cruz Andrea Jurgens Ethan Karl Dong Dela Cruz	Perlyn Marcuelo Gene Smallwood Nadine Ensil

SOCIAL

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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 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**.

TEMPORALITIES

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

Facilities Ministry – Dean Saunders, Nicholas Tan, Alice Sung, Pares Macwan, Michael Earl

Next Special Collection – World Mission Sunday – 18 October 2026

Collection 3rd & 4th October 2026

Envelopes & Loose Collection \$1,686.00

Electronic Payments \$6,291.88

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

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

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Thank you for your continued support!

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- Click on payments Set up automatic payment
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- Reference – Your name e.g. (P.J. Banks)
- Amount - How often – weekly, fortnightly or monthly
- Choose a date you would like the donation deducted.

OTHER

OCIA/RCIA Information Evening We warmly invite all ministers involved in accompanying seekers on the journey of Christian Initiation, to an evening of kōrero, shared learning, and resources/support from the diocese. This is also an opportunity to engage and connect with others involved in this ministry. **Wednesday, 11 November at 7:00 PM.** Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, Auckland 1011) Register using the link below or through the QR code on the poster. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/rcia-information-evening/>

Encounter Christ: A Priest's Witness to Discipleship Join Fr Sin Wee Chin, a Carmelite Priest from Malaysia, for an afternoon of testimony, reflection, and fellowship. This session will be presented in Mandarin. **25 October 2026 @ 1.30pm – 4.00pm at St Luke's Parish Lounge.** All welcome. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Organised by the Chinese Catholic Community. 《与基督相遇：一位司铎的门徒见证》主讲（中文）：陈新伟神父（马来西亚加尔默罗会）10月25日 | 下午1:30–4:00 圣路加堂区交谊厅 诚邀您共度午后时光：聆听见证、静心反思，并在团契中彼此分享。欢迎所有人参加，请携带一盘小点心与大家分享。主办：奥克兰天主教华人团体

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Local Youth Ministers Wanted! - To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT - Access the election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCelection26>

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 Reflection- <https://youtu.be/LX50JTe2zhk>

Song: Jesus is the King - <https://youtu.be/hzMtmeEpwM>

About praying the Rosary:- <https://youtu.be/cq8izSEtKsc>



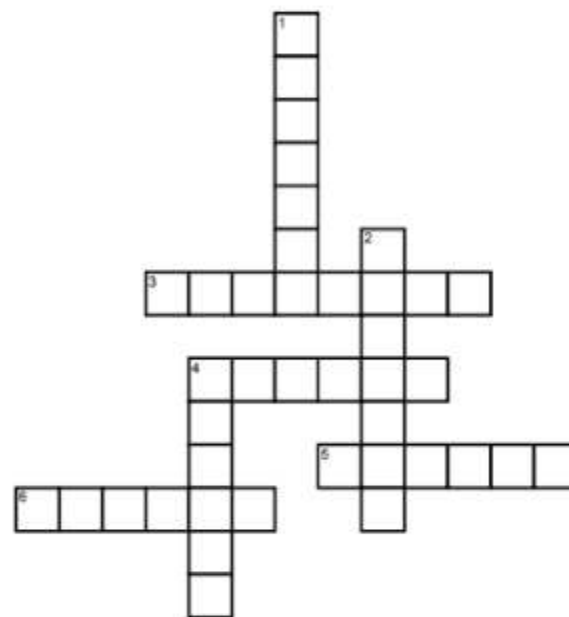
JESUS
TELLS
THE STORY
OF THE
WEDDING
FEAST

A King invited people for his Son's wedding. Some were too busy and did not go.

So the king invited ...

Put the letters in order →

V ₂	Y ₅	N ₇	E ₃	E ₁	E ₈	O ₆	R ₄



Across

- 3 To treat badly
- 4 Ask to come to a party
- 5 Having value
- 6 To call for a purpose

Down

- 1 A special dinner
- 2 To ruin completely
- 4 Not pay attention to

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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