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St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

Year A | Christ The King | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 22 November 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: Ezekiel 34: 11-12. 15-17 As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.
Psalm: **22: 1-3. 5-6** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2ND Reading: Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28 He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all.
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Reflection

The feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through his encyclical Quas Primas to combat rising secularism, atheism, and totalitarian regimes. Fascism was on the rise in Italy and Germany. The Russian revolution, which had given great hope to many, had descended into the brutal rule of Joseph Stalin.

Against these great evils, Pope Pius XI led the church in pursuing genuine social justice and peace.

He emphasised that the kingdom of Christ is a spiritual kingdom. It is a kingdom of respect for every human being , who is made in the image of God. It is against all forms of violence and coercion. It is a kingdom of love and kindness, of closeness to God, and of caring for those in need.

Our first reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, speaks of a loving and kind God who is like a shepherd (kings were often described as shepherds) who will seek out all his lost sheep. God will "seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak." God will feed his sheep with justice.

Our second reading, from St Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth, speaks of the second coming of Christ, who will "hand over his kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power". In their place God will be our ruler, and God will even destroy death itself. In the world to come, the whole of creation will be remade, and God will be "all in all".

In our gospel passage, those who have cared for the poor and suffering will realise that whenever they fed the hungry, welcomed strangers, visited the sick or prisoners, they were caring for Christ himself, because he is truly present in all who are suffering and in them we will find him.

Let us be encouraged that God's kingdom will overcome all the evil in our world and that our efforts to care for all those in need will ultimately be successful through the reign of Christ the King.

Deacon Chris

Important Notices

VOLUNTEERS END OF YEAR DINNER

Dear Parishioners of St Mark's, On behalf of Fr Austin and the St Mark's Parish Council, we warmly invite all our Church **Volunteers to an End of Year Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday 5th December at 7pm.**
It will be a chance to come together, share a meal, celebrate the year and give thanks for all that God has done through our parish community. This is also our opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for the time, energy and love you have given to the parish through your service this year. We truly appreciate everything you do.
Please note that a separate event for our Youth and Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 12th December.
For catering purposes, please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer, noting the number of people attending and your dietary preference (vegetarian or non-vegetarian). **Please note**: sign-ups close on **Sunday 29th November.**

- **Rite II Reconciliation – Date: Thursday, 10th December 2026 Time: 7pm Venue: St Luke's Catholic Church, Flat Bush** – this year St Luke's, St Mark's and our Lady Star of the see will be combining to celebrate Rite II Reconciliation.
- **There is NO Mass on Wednesday evening, 25th November 2026 as the end of year School Mass will be at 6.15pm**
- **Rosters** – Please collect these from the foyer or click on this link Altar - St. Mark
- **2027 Columban Calendars** now available in the Parish Office @ $15.00
- **Daily Mass Calendars** – available in the Parish Office @ $5.00
- **Christmas Cards** for sale in the Parish Office @ $5.00
- **2027 Bible Diaries** for sale from the Parish Office @ $20.00

NO CLAPPING
after the announcements and after Mass.

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

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS









Congratulations!

To our Raffle Winners –

Maureen MacKenzie

and

Woodylayne Dumdum



Thank you for your support!
All proceeds go towards

Life Teen Camp 2027
&
WYD Korea Pilgrimage 2027

EVANGELISATION

Ministry of Compassion – every second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall – after the Healing Mass – **resumes on 13 February 2027**

Discover the Roots of our Catholic Faith : **Tuesday Nights at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall . The next meeting will be on **24 November 2026** Dinner is served.

YOU are invited to our **Alpha Film Series** 📅 Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month **Next Fri** 27 November 2026 & 11 December 2026 ⏰ 7pm to 8.30pm ⛪ St. Mark's Pakuranga Parish Hall 🍽️ Dinner is 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 Prayer meetings will resume on the First Friday of Feb 2027 and every First Friday thereafter.'
St Padre Pio. Pray for us.

Joshua Men's Fellowship St Marks Invites you to an evening of purpose and prayer. Come along and bring a friend. Next Meeting **14 December 2026 @ 7.00pm** **Guest Speaker** TBC **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

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

Feast of Christ the King - this Sunday, 22 November 2026. There will be a **procession** after the 10:30am Mass. This will be followed by the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration** till 3pm and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3pm.

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their **Wedding Anniversary in November.** The next Anniversary Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 2nd December 2026 –** for all couples whose anniversary falls in **November & December 2026.** Please contact Hazel hderozario@gmail.com or Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will attend

Telesia & Tommy Aiono, Ana & Jackie Chan , Cynthia & Francis Coutinho, Lynette & Joseph Gomes, April Wong & Keith Kwan, Mary & Philip Lenton , Charlene & Karoon Moodley, Martin & Jacintha Moses, Ofaligi & Hata Nahi , Michelle & Leo Puthur, Megan & Martin Ryan, Linda Chan & Paul Tan, Sue Liow & Gerald Tan, Tiana Boyer & Michael Trathen, Betty & Jefferson Valdez, Ivory & Don Vargas, Ramon & Rowen Vasquez, Eva & Joseph Wong, Wendy & Jeffery Wu, Vivienne & Allan Yee

Advent Novena 15th – 23rd December 2026 Please sign up on Volunteers sheet in the foyer.

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Congratulations on your Baptism: Katarina Castro & Adelaide Garcia

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

Rosters – 28th & 29th November 2026					
	5.30pm	**8.30am**	**10.30am**	**6.30pm**	**Flowers**
Music	Nicole & Choir	Cheryl Chan	Youth Choir	Gospel Choir	**Advent**
Data Projector	Hayden Kwan	Swee Han Lim	Leonna Chivasa	Jessie Lo	**Cleaning**
Altar Servers	Gabriel Nebrao Kayla Wong Gina Wong	Bernice Siu Sophie Siu	Dayanya Andrahennedy Lakesh Karawgodage Don Annelise Bruon	Carlos Borrero Martin Borrero Yehan Jayawardena	Maria Domingo Joanne van Heerden Alice Sung Guang & Yuan Li
Commentators	Adam Martis	Aden Karl	Patrick Sih	Angela Tarn	
Readers	Anika Haigh Linda Chan	Myra D'Souza Zita D'Souza	Suzana Noth Coradel Gulla	Donamae Porquez Christian Tan	
Gifts	Request a Family	Request a Family	Request a Family	Peter Binnie	**Recording /Counting**
Communion Ministers	Nymphia Marinas Ramon Marinas Malcolm Martis Juliet Martis Nicholas Tan	Ethan Karl Alan Baino Joan Baino Andrea Jurgens Andrew Jurgens Melania Jurgens Kim D'Souza	Chris Mayhew Gladys Chivasa Florinda Petterson Alfred Pushpakumar Michelle See Francis Coutinho Jonathan Pang Vince Ocampo	Karen Masilamini Jomel Bulanadi Alma Dela Cruz Dong Dela Cruz Brennan Ernstzen	Lucy Yap Theresa Cherrette Maureen Kearns

Recently Deceased

Anthony Falzon, Peter Michael Brady, Justin Petch

Anniversary of Death

Margaret Rozario, Henrich Yumul, Chito Ramirez, Maximo Rojos, Julieta Rojos, Visko Laus, Bev Handisides Nora Green-Thompson, Gerard Champion, Kruger Hillary

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

Josh Gatchalian, Anastasia, Faten, Anastasia, Tiana Meyer, Janine Marie Agpuldo, Suzie Xu, Leo Champion, Liz Bauld, Philip Heng, Isaiah Albao, Anne Talbot, Bernard Plan, Benjamin Plan, Marilyn Jordon, Leskin Lambert, George van Niekerk, Darcy Elgar, Beverley Mary Rout, Grace Rowland, Henry Pook, George van Niekerk, 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

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 .

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 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

SVDP is reaching out for donations of Christmas goodies and food items for our Christmas hampers in December for families in need. Thank you for sharing the love this Christmas.



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, 12th December 2026.

TEMPORALITIES

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

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

St Mark's Health & Safety Warden Training Video — Click here to watch Warden Video

St Mark's Health & Safety Video (If the fire alarm sounds) — Click here to watch H&S Video

Special Collection

Collection 14th & 15th November 2026

Envelopes & Loose Collection $2,334.40

Electronic Payments $5,477.00

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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•Choose a date you would like the donation deducted.

OTHER

Catholic Education Services | Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking an experienced and enthusiastic **Executive Assistant / Office Administrator** to support the Director and Deputy Director of Education and contribute to the effective operation of Catholic education services across the Diocese. This varied and rewarding role combines executive support, governance administration, event coordination, communications, database management, and stakeholder engagement. You will work closely with schools, diocesan staff, boards, councils, and wider education stakeholders in a collaborative and mission-focused environment. We are looking for someone who is highly organised, enjoys working with people, has excellent communication and administration skills, and appreciates the mission and values of the Catholic Church. For further information and to apply, please visit the Diocesan website https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in your understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology and Religious Education in a supportive environment. Go to Te Kupenga - Te Kupenga for more information."

Advent Wings.Nga Parirau on Wednesday Evenings; and each Saturday evening to prepare for the Sunday Gospels of Advent through Lectio Divina. For zoom link, contact Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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St Joseph's Ōrākei School & Parish Mass Celebration As we give thanks for the rich history of St Joseph's Ōrākei and look forward to the future, we warmly invite all families, parishioners, past pupils, staff, and friends of our community to share in this special celebration. Sunday 29 November 9:00am Mass Shared Morning Tea Afterwards St Joseph's Parish - 16 Brenton Place, Ōrākei Please bring a plate of food to share. Refreshments will be provided.

Jubilee Bursary *For Theological and Religious Education* APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 1, 2027. Applications close Friday, **11 December** 2026. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The Bursary is a contribution towards Tertiary Study for Theology and RE courses at Degree or Post Grad Level. For information and an application pack please contact scholarships@cda.org.nz Auckland Catholic Diocese

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. *The closing date for applications is 27 NOVEMBER 2026.*

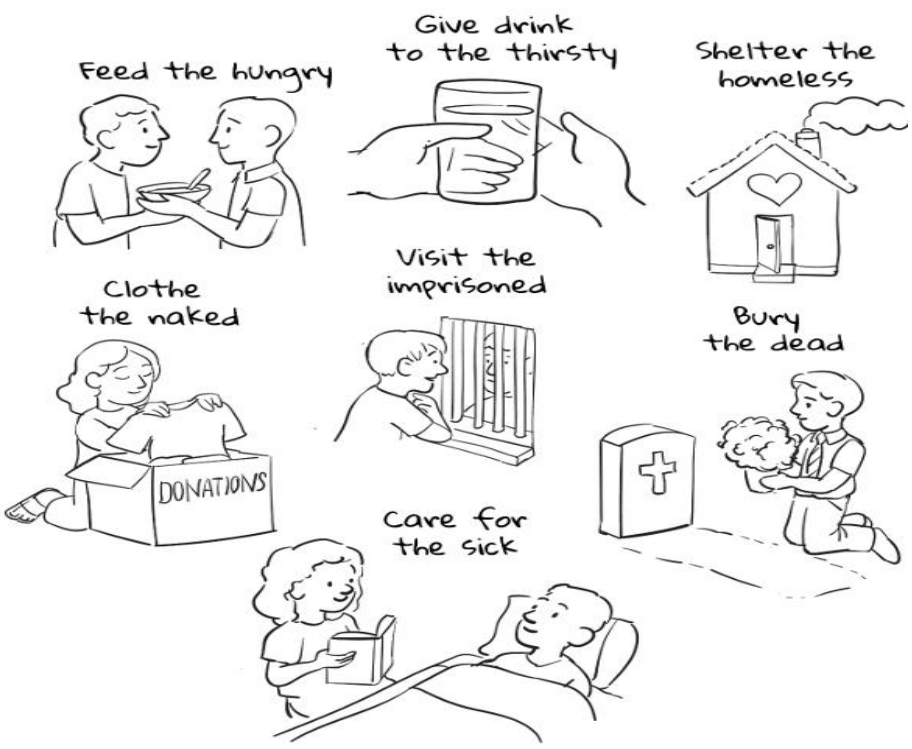
Operations Manager - Mid-North Parishes For further information and to apply, please visit the Diocesan website https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/.

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal - They can be dropped off at our office at 30 Windrush Close, Mangere during business hours before Tues 8 Dec (this gives us time to have them delivered to our children in time) or call our office 0800 6244 848 or email elaine@montececilia.org.nz

KID'S CORNER

CELEBRATING CHRIST, the KING SOLEMNITY https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/CELEBRATING-CHRIST-THE-KING-34th-SUNDAY-.pdf

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25: 40b*



Unscramble the words and then answer the questions below.

1. nryghu _____
2. kedan _____
3. lli _____
4. oodf _____
5. aengsrrt _____
6. seitvdi _____
7. itrstyh _____
8. redac _____
9. inkrd _____
10. ionspr _____
11. oethcsl _____
12. ceomwdle _____

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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Both Individually and Collectively we have a Responsibility to ensure **"THAT EVERY PERSON HAS A VALUE AND DIGNITY FROM HIS/HER CREATION IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD!"**



Parents & Caregivers
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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

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