

St Marks, Raumati Beach  
9.30 am

St Paul's, Paraparaumu  
8.30 am & 10 am

St Peter's, Paekakariki  
10 am



# Kāpiti Anglicans

## 27 April 2025

Welcome to worship on this Low Sunday- so named as it is the first Sunday after the great Easter festival. But there is plenty of rejoicing continuing in the parish this week as St Mark's celebrate their Patronal festival today. A special welcome to all who have come along to celebrate St Mark's Day with a special service and shared brunch/picnic to follow.

St Mark is well known as the writer of the oldest and most succinct of the gospels. His descriptions of events in Jesus Life tend to be to the point and have a time sensitive thrust to them; so, we get a lot of "immediately" and "as soon as" in his writing. Mark is thought to have been a Hellenistic Jew as he had a Jewish and a Roman name John Mark (Acts 12:12, his first mention in scripture). His mother lived in Jerusalem and his home was a meeting place for the early church. Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey as their assistant (Acts 13:5). He is described by Paul in Philemon 24 as a fellow worker. He is known to have been in Rome with Peter, with Peter describing him as a "son". The extra biblical source Papias of Hieropolis (c.150) also points to their relationship and to Mark as the originator of the second gospel, he writes "Mark who had been Peter's interpreter, wrote down carefully but not in order, all that he remembered of the Lord's sayings and doings. For he had not heard the Lord or been one of his followers, but later, as I said, one of Peter's."

Mark helped spread the good news of Jesus, not just in his writings but also through his in person witness and leadership and in this post-resurrection period it interesting to reflect on how much impact the resurrection had in moving the gospel from a small geographical area to a worldwide movement- all through believers sharing their lives and beliefs in the power of the Spirit. May God use each of us too, in the power of his Spirit to share the good news of his saving death and resurrection with our family, friends and neighbours, all those whom God brings across our path. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*Julie*

***We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.***

<b>Readings:</b>	<b>27 April</b>	<b>4 May</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 5:27-32 or Isaiah 62:6-12	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
<b>Epistle</b>	Rev 1:4-8 or Acts 15:36-40	Rev 5:11-14
<b>Gospel</b>	John 20:19-31 or Mark 13:9-13	John 21:1-19

### **Sentence & Collect**

**The Sentence of the Day:** "Go out into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (*Mark 16:15*)

**The Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, by your grace John Mark rose above failure, and proved useful in your service; grant that we may steadfastly abide in Christ, and be fruitful in good works, to the honour of your name. Amen.

### **Celebrating the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist**

**Psalm 119:1-8** A Wisdom meditation, urging commitment to the statutes and commandments of the Lord.

**Isaiah 62:6-12** The Lord promises to deliver Zion (Jerusalem) from her enemies and restore her to His favour; and her people shall be called "The Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord".

**Acts 15:36-40** Returning from their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas remain several days in Antioch, proclaiming the word of the Lord. Paul then declines Barnabas' request for Mark to accompany them as they retrace their steps, refusing to take someone who had deserted them earlier on their journey. Barnabas sails with Mark to Cyprus, while Paul travels on to Cilicia with Silas.

**Mark 13:9-13** During his last days in Jerusalem, Jesus warns the disciples of confusion and hardship ahead. False messiahs will appear, the very fabric of society will collapse, and family members will turn against each other. The faithful will be ridiculed, arrested and persecuted – but must stand firm in their faith.

*Chris Durrant*



# Notices

## ***New Home Group***

Robyn and David McLay started an extra homegroup during Lent. This will now resume on Thursday afternoon at 2pm from 1 May as a permanent home group.

## ***Prayer For Growth and Renewal in the Church***

You are invited to attend our prayer for growth and renewal in the church meetings at any time. Come and join us! Every Tuesday 7-7.30pm & Wednesdays 12-12.30pm at St Paul's.

## ***Upcoming Study Group on Ephesians***

Want to go deeper with God through His word?

A walk through the Letter to the Ephesians. A series of 4 studies taking us deeper into Ephesians and its implications for the church and believers.

Sundays in May 3-4.30pm

St Paul's Lounge. RSVP the Office. All welcome.

## ***Holy Here***

Join us in Praying for every home, every street, and every neighbourhood in our cities and towns. Through prayer-walking and the Holy Here app, we seek kingdom renewal—where pain turns to joy and brokenness is met with God's restoration.

What would happen if every home, every street, and every neighbourhood in our cities and towns were covered in prayer? This Easter to Pentecost, we invite parishes and mission units to join in a season of intentional intercession, to invite God's transformation of our communities.

Inspired by the vision of Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement, this initiative seeks to spiritually re-map our cities—transforming streets, homes, businesses, and public spaces into places of divine encounter. From Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we are dedicating this time to walk our streets in prayer.

Stepping out together, we ask for God's goodness to fill our neighbourhoods, for healing to touch the hurting, and for Jesus' love to be made manifest in the places we live, work, and worship.

Bishop Ana says, "There is something profoundly sacred about walking our streets in prayer. As we move through our neighbourhoods, we are reminded that God is already present, inviting us to partner with the Spirit in bringing renewal.

To download the App go to Movement Online or go to

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.holyground&hl=en-US&pli=1>

Let's see if we can cover Kapiti in prayer as we walk and pray our neighbourhoods.

## Regular Happenings

Free Community Lunches	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 11.30am in Parish Hall
0-5 Parish Community Playgroup (Interactive music and free play)	9.30-11.30am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall.
4+More (After school programme for primary age children)	Wednesdays 3.30-5pm Parish Hall during term time
Marksmen (A men's group for fellowship and dinner followed by a talk or guest speaker)	Fourth Monday of the Month 6.30pm in the Parish Lounge
Women's Fellowship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, Parish Lounge 2pm
Fruit and Veggie Coop	Parish Hall every Thursday; Packing from 11.45am. Pick up for packs - 2.30-3.15pm
Evensong	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, St Mark's church 5pm. Shared supper to follow.

For more information regarding anything happening in our parish, don't hesitate to ring or email the Parish office.

### ***Parish Prayer Chain***

Contact Jackie Smith on 022 0384 116 or email [adjanz0190@gmail.com](mailto:adjanz0190@gmail.com)  
For confidential prayer support.

### ***Morning Prayer Tues-Fri via Zoom***

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703543297?pwd=Ih3NztJZChUTEWTL9T555djbesorsQ.1>  
Meeting ID: 703 543 297 Passcode: 6NpsHP

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