

St Joseph's Youth Group

Years 7-10

All new members are most welcome

Phone Jess 021 026 78239 or
Email: jessicaf@kidzcan.co.nz

DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Friday 8 December - Amazing Race/ Christmas shoe box packing.

Friday 15 December - **END OF YEAR PARTY!!**

If you want any more info. then let me know.
See you all in a couple of Saturdays!
Jess 021 026 78239.

YOUTH MINISTER

St Joseph's Parish Takapuna is looking to employ a leader for parish youth ministry from February 2017, initially 5 hours per week. Information from Morna at stjosephTakapuna@xtra.co.nz or 09 489 6486. Applications close 22 December 2017.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH IN PARNELL

Has a vacancy for a part-time 20 hrs per week Parish Secretary. This position could be fitted around school hours. For Application Information and a Position Description, please contact office@parnellcatholic.org.nz or 09 373 3132. Applications close on 15 December 2017.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE

HOME-STAY CO-ORDINATOR

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

30 hours per week, 42 weeks per annum. Key role is managing homestay families and all corresponding administration.
Closing date tomorrow 4 Dec. Please complete the non-teaching application form on <http://www.stmaryak.school.nz> and send with a covering letter and CV to pa@stmaryak.school.nz
Job description available on request.

CLUB GORDON - (formerly known as the Prescott Club) meet Wednesdays at the Parish Hall for early lunch and entertainment for the elderly. 2 volunteer helpers are needed to assist with food and helping at tables beginning again mid February 2018. Please phone Leslie at Aged Concern 489 4975 if you can assist.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFTING

Please take an Angel of your choice—either a gift for a family member that is marked, or a Treats or Food Angel.



Return them UNWRAPPED with the Angel attached.

ALL items need to be returned by NEXT SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER.

A great way to reach out to others this Christmas. All items are distributed to Monte Cecelia House and members of our own community. We have 50 families this year to assist.

We would be very grateful for large Christmas bags if you can help.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A stall will be held outside St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford TODAY, after the 9am Mass. Please support the Pacific Missions.

We have had a request for rosary beads and miraculous medals for a parish at Marau in the Solomons. If anyone has any spare rosary beads, etc. they would be most eagerly received and can be left at the Parish Office.

TIME OUT DAY

**AT ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE
9.30am - 1.30pm Wednesday, 13 December
50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill**

Everyone is invited to attend our final day of reflection for the year. A light lunch will be provided, and we ask that you bring a gold coin donation towards cost. If you have never been before do come and check us out and enjoy our beautiful surroundings and know afresh God's Blessing. Please contact 09 625 6651 or email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre to book your place.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE NZ
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER — 2PM
WELLINGTON CENTRAL
SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR FULL DETAILS
marchforlifenz.org.nz**

WOOD CARVINGS "NZ MADE" FOR SALE SUNDAYS 3,10 & 17 DECEMBER

Jiries and Marcelle Giacaman, Palestinian Catholics and artists from Bethlehem, and residing in Auckland, will be selling their beautiful religious wood carvings at St Joseph's after 7.30am and 10am Sunday Masses. Get some of your Christmas shopping done, and support a wonderful family small business.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS SCHEDULES

Friday, 15 Dec.	7pm	This 9-day Christmas novena masses (16-24 Dec.) is a long-treasured tradition in the Philippines (Misa de Gallo or Misa Aguinaldo) and other parts of the world.
Saturday, 16 Dec.	5pm	
Sunday, 17 Dec. (Regular Sunday Mass)	7pm	
Monday, 18 Dec.	7pm	
Tuesday, 19 Dec.	7pm	
Wednesday, 20 Dec.	7pm	It is a time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome worthily and receive the Child Jesus in our midst at Christmas.
Thursday, 21 Dec.	7pm	
Friday, 22 Dec.	7pm	
Saturday, 23 Dec. (Christmas Vigil Family Mass)	5pm	

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH PARISH '2ND' RITE' TUESDAY 12 DEC. 7PM

Wed. 6 Dec.	7pm	Mairangi Bay
Thurs. 7 Dec.	6.30pm	Takapuna 1 st Reconciliation
Fri. 8 Dec.	7pm	Devonport
Sun. 10 Dec.	5.30pm	Beach Haven
Tues. 12 Dec.	7pm	Takapuna
Wed. 13 Dec.	7pm	Northcote
Thurs. 14 Dec.	7pm	Orewa
Fri. 15 Dec.	7pm	Glenfield

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

10 Dominion St, Takapuna

Christmas Vigil 7.00pm

(Carols 6.30pm)

Midnight Mass 12 Midnight

(Carols 11.30pm)

Christmas Day 7.30am & 10.00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Cnr. Shakespeare Rd. & Fenwick Ave, Milford

Christmas Vigil 7.30pm (Carols 7.00pm)

Christmas Day 9.00am

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Bayswater Avenue, Belmont

Christmas Vigil 5.30pm (Carols 5.00pm)



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Sacrament of Reconciliation



1ST RECONCILIATION
7 December at 6.30pm
at St Joseph's Church.

NZ CATHOLIC - December 3-16

Issue—\$4 -at Church door today.

Some headlines: Ablaze conference inspires Christchurch; Mobile life centre on road in NZ; Destiny Church challenge for Catholics; Farewell to Dame Sr Pauline Engel.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISER

1 kg Christmas Cake \$30

750gr Christmas Cake \$24

On sale at the Cathedral—

Christmas Market on Friday 8 December.

Enquiries for Order Form to
christmascakes@st.patricks.org.nz or
ali.smith.bretton@xtra.co.nz or 410 0704.

We will be happy to deliver orders over 8 cakes.

DE PAUL HOUSE VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Only \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.

Volunteers will be selling after Mass on 2 & 3, 9 & 10 Dec.

Thank you for supporting the families at De Paul House.

SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

All parishioners are invited to join our prayer group for the pre-Christmas prayer meeting on Thursday 7 December from 7-8pm at St Joseph's Church. Learn how this modern saint is answering our parishioners prayers. Contact: Ron Hunter 489.1008 or email: Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

CDC PHILOSOPHY CAMP

Join Fr Dominique Faure and CDC students to Search for the Truth, Ask the Big Questions, Go Deeper, Have Fun! Aimed at 16-19 year olds. 3pm, 26 Dec. 2pm, 28 Dec. Cost: \$60 Includes two nights marae-style accommodation, all meals
Email cameron@cdc.ac.nz | facebook.com/cdcnz
489-8197 CDC, 1 Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna.

Next Sunday 10 December - Second Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 40:1....11

PSALM: 85

Second: 2nd letter of Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: MARK 1.1-8

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA
Monsignor David is chaplain on this pilgrimage to Argentina & Brazil
17 September to 4 October 2018.

Visit Buenos Aires and places associated with Pope Francis, Rio de Janeiro and the statue of Christ, Aparecida & Salvador. Enquires to Laura at laura@skytrain.co.nz or 09 9215106.



PART TIME CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN FOR AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITALS—18 hours per week as a part of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team. Full position description and to download an application form, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz
Applications close 11 December 2017.

PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR

Perla Cabrera (Perth) who died recently and Rosario Gancenina, David Hollis and Ian Timms whose Anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Helen Kennedy, Fr Paddy Collins, Joanne Harrington, Fr John Bland, Elizabeth Hennelly, Tom Turnwald, Charisse Gloria Alcock, Maisie Cate, Mary McAllister, Ross Evans, Lorraine Parker, John McLoughlin, Guia Olmedo, Maura Malabug, Virginia Russell, Michael Maiquez, Esme Commissaris, Janina Collett, Noelle McHugh, Rima Bennett, Sam Gabriel and Belinda Chamassian

2018 DAILY MASS CALENDARS—\$3

2018 COLUMBAN CALENDARS—\$12

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS
5 FOR \$2.50**

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 9am -1pm Website www.takapunacatholic.org.nz
St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford- Fr Martin Bugler bugler9@gmail.com - ph. 489 6543

ST. JOSEPH'S TAKAPUNA

Mass - Sunday 7.30am, 10 am, 7 pm - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 9.15am, Thurs. 12.15pm,
Wednesday evening Mass at 7pm

Saturday 9am, 3rd Sunday at 7pm -Youth Mass

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 9.30am and 5pm

Exposition and Holy Hour - Every Saturday after 9am Mass

Korean Community Mass - every Saturday at 7.30pm

Filipino Community Mass - every 4th Sunday at 4.00pm

Lady Allum Home - 3rd Tuesday of month at 11am

ST. LUKE'S BELMONT

Mass - Sunday and Thursday 10.30am

Sacrament of Penance—1st Sunday of the month before Mass

ST. VINCENT'S MILFORD

Mass - Sunday 9am, Monday to Saturday 10am

Exposition and Benediction every Friday - 10.30 to 11.00am

Sacrament of Penance - Friday and Saturday after Mass

NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASS - First Sunday of month: 11.00am



3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE WORD THAT BREATHES LOVE

**The prophet ISAIAH 63:16-17;
64:1...8**

"Tear heaven open .. come .. down
be our blood!"

PSALM 80

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your bright hand has planted.

May your hand be on the one
you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name.

1st letter to Corinthians 1:3-9

Already graced, we await even more
blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS
AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.

GOSPEL— MARK 13:33-37

Sleepers awake!!!



WAITING

We are an 'Advent' people

we are waiting ..

.. as in Mark's gospel story to-day.

Our waiting can often be in darkness
like parents waiting through a

troubled pregnancy

a sick person awaiting the results
of tests

business people waiting for better
economic times

a young person waiting for first love.

Yet as God's own people, we must be alert
for a new 'breaking in' of God's love
into our lives.

We wait in communion

with all who wait for God.

We must be faithful to our own tasks.

We must be vigilant for justice.

We must be compassionate to those who
lament.

we are 'trustees' of the one who is coming
as we live with both
ambiguity and Christian hope.