

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

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 2018, 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.

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.

PRAYER TREE

The Prayer Tree is not on leave!! Any requests please phone Rose Muir 486 0070.

OVER 60'S CLUB—INDOOR BOWLS

Monday afternoons 1-3pm in St Joseph's Hall starting 5 February 2018. Cost \$3 includes cuppa and bowls. All welcome!

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFTING

PLEASE LEAVE ALL GIFTS
AND FOOD HERE TODAY
OR TO PARISH OFFICE
TOMORROW -
MONDAY MORNING

11 DECEMBER, AT THE LATEST.



THANK YOU!
To everyone who helped at
Joseph's Working Bee.
You sure made a
difference!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Winners of our Christmas raffle were:

First prize, Morna Neumann, Second prize, Serena Jang. These can be picked up from 21 Sylvan Park Avenue, Milford. Ph. 486-2526.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR STALLS AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCHES. We are very appreciative.

COME AND SEEThe Auckland Diocesan Peace and International Justice Committee is committed to stand in solidarity with people of other nations and faiths in the face of injustice. We are looking for people with a strong interest in global issues to join us: to exchange ideas, share knowledge and act together for peace and a better future for our children. Come and see for yourself. Prospective members please send an See the Justice & Peace Commission website www.catholicjusticeauckland.org.nz for more information on the committees and the work of the Commission.

FINAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETINGS 2017

St Luke's, Bayswater

Monday December 11th at 3pm

St Vincent de Paul, Milford

Tuesday December 12th at 7pm

Restart February 2018

NPH NZ—Raising Children, Transforming Lives

Gifts from the Heart brochures and cards are available from the Church foyer. Pick up one if you would like to give a gift to an impoverished, abandoned or orphaned child in Latin America. www.nph-nz.org for more information.

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	It is a time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome worthily and receive the Child Jesus in our midst at Christmas.
Sunday, 17 Dec.	7pm	
(Regular Sunday Mass)		
Monday, 18 Dec.	7pm	
Tuesday, 19 Dec.	7pm	
Wednesday, 20 Dec.	7pm	
Thursday, 21 Dec.	7pm	
Friday, 22 Dec.	7pm	
Saturday, 23 Dec.	5pm	

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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)

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL
ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP POMPALLIER'S
FIRST MASS IN AOTEAROA 13 JANUARY 1838
will be celebrated on

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY AT 11AM
at Totara Point, North Hokianga
followed by a shared picnic lunch.
For further information go to:
www.hokiangapompallier.org.nz



THANK YOU to St Joseph's School pupils and people of our parish for the all the contributions brought over many weeks for our Foodbank. It is greatly appreciated!

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISER

1 kg Christmas Cake \$30
750gr Christmas Cake \$24

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.



CUPPA AFTER 10AM MASS

Come and join us for a cuppa in the Flanagan Lounge today hosted by the Filipino Community.

DE PAUL HOUSE VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Only \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.
Volunteers will be selling after Masses TODAY—10 December
Thank you for supporting the families at De Paul House.

WOOD CARVINGS "NZ MADE" FOR SALE NEXT SUNDAY 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.

PAINTING WALLS OF FLANAGAN LOUNGE NEXT WEEKEND

ON SAT. 16 & SUN. 17 DEC. the Flanagan Lounge will be closed to parishioners. The cuppa after Sunday Mass will be in the Parish Hall.



Next Sunday 17 December - Third Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11
Psalm: Luke 1:46-50. 53-54
Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
GOSPEL: John 1:6-8. 19-28

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 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

LITURGY CENTRE COORDINATOR
 Full position description and to download an application form go to: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under quick links and staff vacancies.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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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



10 December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE WORD THAT BREATHES LOVE

The prophet ISAIAH 40:1...11

God calls his people home
 .. like a shepherd gathering sheep

PSALM 85

*I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace,
 peace for his people and his friends.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land.*

*Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven.*

*The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps.*

2nd letter of St Peter 3:8-14

*"work at your best ..
 .. as we wait upon God"*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL— MARK 1:1-8

John the Baptist—the last voice
 preparing us for Jesus-the-Word
 made flesh



WAITING

Instant gratification marks our culture
 - satisfaction with minimum effort.

The discipline of doing God's will
 is not so quick and easy.
 Neither is bearing with the things we
 have repeatedly asked God to fix.

Advent is identified with waiting
 - not usually pleasing to us.

Yet God waits so much for us - waits ..
 until we do right to each other
 until we give up sinful, harmful ways
 until we turn to prayer
 (and not just when we want something).

Remember your waiting anxiously
 for something? for someone?
 remember the joy the relief
 when that waiting was over?

Is there something you need
 to stop waiting to do?