

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU!

Our Angel helpers have flown and below is a picture of the 50 family group packages and Foodbank boxes taken to Monte Cecelia last Wednesday. Once again our amazing parishioners have responded so generously for those in need. Blessings for Christmas & New Year & be assured of our prayers of thanks for such a wonderful giving community.



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.hokianganpompallier.org.nz

PILGRIMAGE TO GRAVES OF MARY AND THOMAS POYNTON ON SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018

To Commemorate 179th Anniversary of Bishop Pompallier's First Mass in Aotearoa, New Zealand, after 10.30am Mass at St Luke's Church, Bayswater Ave, Bayswater.

Refreshments served at St Luke's afterwards, all warmly welcome. Contact Eileen 0210 822 4744.



Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search

St Josephs Takapuna to download the App to your phone or tablet.

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

For young adults 18-35 yrs. The School runs for 10 days during summer every year.

29 December 2017 to 7 January 2018.

Nga Tawa School, Marton, North Island.

Super Early Bird registration now open.

Go to website WWW.HEARTSAFLAME.ORG.NZ for full details.

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.

COME AND SEE The 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 expression of interest to peterg@cda.org.nz. See the Justice & Peace Commission website www.catholicjusticeauckland.org.nz for more information on the committees and the work of the Commission.

Happy 100th Birthday to Reg Olausen. Wishing you many blessings tomorrow for this wonderful milestone in your life.



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.

WOOD CARVINGS "NZ MADE" FOR SALE TODAY AFTER 7.30AM AND 10AM MASSES

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 Church. Get some of your Christmas shopping done, and support a wonderful family small business.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS SCHEDULES

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

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.

It is a time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome worthily and receive the Child Jesus in our midst at Christmas.

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 (Carols 8.30am)

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Bayswater Avenue, Belmont

Christmas Vigil 5.30pm (Carols 5.00pm)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOPS

CLOSING FROM 22 DEC. 2017 RE-OPENING 22 JAN. 2018

Thank you for all your donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please contact us after 22 January if you are available whilst seeking employment? School leavers, between jobs, new immigrants wanting to practise English in a NZ workplace. We can offer voluntary work with hours to suit.

Our hours are Monday-Friday 9.30am - 4pm.

Pauline (Beach Haven) 09 482 3017.

Leslie (Ellice Rd, Glenfield) 443 5274.

Blessings to you for Christmas and New Year.

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. Go to www.nph-nz.org for more information.

OUR MID WEEK WEDNESDAY MASS WILL CEASE AFTER THIS WEEK. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN THE WEDNESDAY MASS WILL RECOMMENCE NEXT YEAR— IN FEBRUARY.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AT CHURCH DOORS TODAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTION NEXT WEEK.



NZ CATHOLIC Dec. 17 – 23

Issue at Church door today - \$4.

Some headlines are: Marist to be new Bishop of Christchurch; Seriousness of diocese priest shortage brought home; Hundreds at Catholic Youth Festival; Pope worried about Trump Jerusalem move. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on Dec. 24.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL UPDATE ON CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR NORTH SHORE OR WAITAKERE HOSPITALS

Training starts April 2018

Can you give a confidential listening ear, safe and supportive help, prayers for patients and their families, spiritual support, encouragement, ward visits during the day.

Enquiries to Pauline at 22 361 2134 or email

pauline.soo@waitematadhb.govt.nz before 12 February 2018.



CUPPA AFTER 10AM MASS WILL BE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL NOT THE FLANAGAN LOUNGE

Next Sunday 24 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: 2nd book of Samuel 7.1...16

Psalm: 88

Second: Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

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 09 921 5106.



PRAYER

In charity we pray for Helen Kennedy and Doug Brebner who died this week

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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



17 December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ISAIAH 61:1...11

A Jubilee year from God

- forgiveness, liberty, wedding joy

CANTICLE OF MARY - LUKE 1:46-54

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

My spirit sings to God, my saving God,

Who on this day above all others favoured me

And raised me up, a light for all to see.

Through me great deeds will God make manifest,

And all the earth will come to call me blest.

Unbounded love and mercy surely will I proclaim

For all who know and praise God's holy name.

God's mighty arm, protector of the just,

Will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.

But mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt.

The strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.

Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth

Be richly blest, be given greater worth.

And Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,

Will live in peace throughout the promised land.

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1st Letter to Thessalonians 5:16-24

God's spirit dances within you!

Rejoice! Gaudete!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS

AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION

GOSPEL— JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist...

... true to himself, true to his calling



FRENCH ADVENT POEM

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, Word and response,
you are our only song,
Emmanuel in our silences.*

*Are you the one who is to come
to make our deserts bloom,
to free our hearts,
to bring our seeds to life
by the waters of the Jordan?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, Source of living water,
you are the springtime for the grain,
Emmanuel in our deserts.*

*Are you the one who is to come
and who comes each day
to free our lives,
to stir up our breath
by the movement of your own?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, the world's strength,
you are the Living One who returns,
Emmanuel, God-with-us.*

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