

**"ON THE 14TH OF DECEMBER, THE ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL. THEIR FESTIVE VOICES ECHOED THROUGHOUT THE WARDS AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE HOSPITAL, SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TO ALL THE PATIENTS AND HOSPITAL STAFF."**



**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](http://www.hokiangapompallier.org.nz)



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

To Commemorate 180th 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.

**THANK YOU!**

*St Vincent de Paul Society and the Glenfield and Beach Haven Vinnies shops wish to thank all our generous parishioners who have supported us by donating your wonderful items for our shops & your monetary donations after Masses.*

*Our shops close on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and reopen on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. However we will still be collecting your donated items over the Christmas/New Year period, so please continue to leave them for us. Thank you and have a happy and Holy Christmas.*

**DROP-IN LIBRARY**

1B Napier Avenue, Takapuna  
An Exhibition of Nativities, Open Home Monday, 1st January, 10am-2pm.  
Drop-In and Book Club resumes 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing 17th January.  
Young and old all welcome! Story corner for little ones! Rose Muir 486 0070.

**THANK YOU FROM THE CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION**

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation, throughout 2017. Through your support, the Foundation was able to give grants of over \$650,000 to organisations caring and supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We couldn't have done this without your support. Thank you. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas.

**THE YEAR AHEAD**

We look forward to working with you throughout 2018, to ensure that we are reaching grass-roots organisations who are providing support and help to those in hardship. Our next grants round will open in **Feb 2018** and close on the **13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018**. Details for making an application for a grant in 2018, will be available on our website in January [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)  
We welcome your interest at any-time and thank you again for your support.

**LIVING THE BREAD OF JUSTICE WITH SUZANNE AUBERT:**

A Day of Retreat, Reflection & Refreshment for all who journey for justice and peace. Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove of the Sisters of Compassion. Saturday 24 February, 9am-4pm, Mary McKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Mission Bay. Lunch supplied. Small koha towards costs. Contact Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) or phone 022 1300 730 to register.



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS, AND A SAFE AND REWARDING NEW YEAR.**

**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH THIS YEAR IN THE PARISH AND IN THE NAME OF THE PARISH, AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS VOLUNTARILY.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 9AM MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018.**

This Newsletter will be our final one for 2017. The first newsletter for 2018 will be on Sunday 21 January.

**ADVENT PRAYER**

*'Like Mary and Joseph let us keep faith in our human nature.  
God's creation our responsibility.  
Always open to God's wondrous intervention in our lives.'*

**AUCKLAND DIOCESE PRIEST APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018**

**CLOVER PARK & OTARA** Fr Aleki Piula SDB PP, Fr Michael Endemann Asst. & Samoan Chaplain; **MANUREWA** Fr Brian Prendeville SM PP, Fr Kerry Prendeville SM Asst; **MASSEY** Fr Mosese Tui SDB PP; **NORTHCOTE** Fr Soane Lomu SM Asst; **OKAIHAU** Fr Emile Frische MHM PP; Fr Maliu 'Otutaha Asst; **PANGURU** Fr Richard Cortes MSP PP, after Easter; **PAKURANGA** Fr Oliver Aro MSP PP; **PAPAKURA** Fr James Mulligan Asst; **PUKEKOHE** Seminarian Romano Tikotikoca; **TAKAPUNA** Fr Lolesio Tupa SM Asst, Fr Christopher Brady Asst; **THAMES** Fr Valerian d'Souza OFMCap PP, Fr Albert Suprpto OFMCap Asst; **WHANGAREI** Fr John Craddock SM Asst; Fr Trevor Tindall SM Asst; **AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL PRIEST CHAPLAIN** Fr Talipope Vailfale MF; **VOCATIONS DIRECTOR** Fr Sherwin Lapaan (at Cathedral); Fr Jun Peralta SVD (Panguru) returns to his home province of Japan after Easter; Fr Larry Rustia (Devonport) leaves for Rome in mid-year to undertake studies for seminary formation work.

+ Patrick Dunn

**DE PAUL HOUSE HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS:**

1st Hamper: Margaret Moverlay  
2nd Hamper: Amber Campbell  
3rd Hamper: Rosalind Halpin  
4th Hamper: Rose Muir!! Well done Rose.

**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)



**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES AT CHURCH DOOR TODAY FOR SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

**House to Rent**

4 bedroom family home available for rent in Karaka St, Takapuna - 600m from St Joseph's. Please call 021 417 025

## Next Sunday 31 December - The Holy Family

**FIRST: THE BOOK OF Sirach 3:2...14**

**PSALM: 128**

**SECOND: COLOSSIANS 3:12-21**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40**

### 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](mailto:laura@skytrain.co.nz) or 09 921 5106.



### PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR

Arthur Rutter who died this week and Elise Margaret Gannon & Mavis Flowers whose anniversaries occur

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Hilary Adams, 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

**NZ CATHOLIC—24 Dec. to 27 Jan. Issue at Church door today—\$4.** Some headlines are: Parishes to get Euthanasia Bill letter from Bishops; NZ abuse inquiry likely to include churches; 'Our Father' translation not on ICEL agenda yet; Clergy appointments in four NZ dioceses.....

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### 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



24 December 2017

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 2nd book of Samuel 7:1...16

God will become present in human flesh .. not a building!

#### PSALM 88

*I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.*

*'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish his dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.'*

*He will say to me: 'You are my father;  
my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.*

*Blessed the people who acclaim such a King  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face  
who find their joy every day  
who make your justice in your name  
the source of their lives.*

#### Letter to the Romans 16:25-27

*God's wonderful plan to save  
all humans, now known to us*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

#### GOSPEL— LUKE 1:26-28

*'The Lord is with you ..'  
.. Mary's 'yes'*



ADVENT'S WAITING IS OVER

God's promise to King David is realised.

God works the impossible.  
Mary is asked to believe this ..  
.. she is open and accepting;

and this .. her aged relative  
Elizabeth is pregnant!

God has 'waited' for Mary's yes;  
Adam, Eve, the dead in the underworld,  
the angels all wait; and so do we.

Mary's yes changes history  
there is an unimaginable future  
for the human family.

A future that comes from God.

All nations assemble in compassion,  
in justice and gratitude.

There is now a Godly presence  
altering human history.

Salvation lives in the hearts  
of those who believe with Mary.