

REPORT TO THE PARISH ON MEETING OF 20 NOVEMBER 2018

1. The **Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils met together** on Tuesday to plan for the future of the parish. The Principals of St Joseph's School & Rosmini College also participated in the meeting.
2. The diocese wishes to develop **St Joseph's Centre** (the old orphanage) in a way that relates to the needs of the two schools and the parish. The centre currently houses a Catholic gift shop, and provides meeting space for various groups. Most of the centre is unoccupied. Our meeting suggested the Centre could be developed to provide better meeting space, apartment accommodation for teachers at local Catholic schools, for parish clergy if the presbytery needs to be moved, and for an early childhood centre. If parishioners have further ideas about the possible use of the centre, please contact the parish office.
3. **We are a growing community!** Population in the Takapuna area is projected to increase by 20,000 in the next 30 years. Rosmini College is expected to increase its roll in the next three years from 1025 to 1200; and St Joseph's School from 445 to 620. To accommodate the growth, at Rosmini, new classrooms are to be built; at St Joseph's, classrooms currently leased out to Summit School will be reclaimed. The roll growth will increase the activity on the whole campus. We will need to decide how best to provide vehicle entry and exit to the whole campus.
4. The meeting considered **the renovation of St Vincent de Paul Church at Milford**, as required by the current building code, and the possible extension of a foyer, kitchen and meeting room, added on to the Fenwick Avenue side of the church. Money already donated for the development of the church will cover less than half the cost of renovation. The proposed extension would cost a further \$6-700,000. The combined councils decided that, in light of other parish needs, the extension would not proceed at present. The parish will move ahead with the renovation of the existing church building only. At a later date, the addition of a meeting room could be considered.
5. **St Joseph's Church** is in significant need of renovation, but leaks and problems with the church's roof need to be addressed first. The interior of the church, especially the flooring and the ceiling require attention. Other challenges, such as access and suitable space for small children and families, need to be addressed. A project group will be established.
6. In 2019, we will mark **the centenary of the parish**, with events throughout the year – including pilgrimage walk, a parish mission-retreat, a centenary Mass, cultural events, and a centenary booklet.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Today, Sunday, 25 November, we have a stall in the Hall, after the 2 morning Masses to raise funds for our mission stations.

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 8 December at 8.30am and a Choral Mass at 7.30pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking available for all Masses.

RELIGIOUS ART:

The Giacaman family, originally from Bethlehem, are selling religious objects (Christmas symbols, crosses, cards) handcrafted from wood, at St Joseph's Church today after Mass. An opportunity to buy gifts or Christmas decorations!

NZ CATHOLIC—Dec. 2-15 Issue at Church doors today—\$4. Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin; Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools.....

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 9 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 again this year to assist.

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



NZ ROSARY CRUSADE SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER AT 3PM

There will be a nationwide Pro-Life Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) on 8 December at 3pm. To find out more, or how to lead a group, please go to www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone 022 1912 886.

1. Peter Menzies is organising a group from our parish to gather quietly at **Hurstmere Green (49 Hurstmere Rd—middle of Takapuna) at 3pm. Pray the Rosary respectfully, sing a hymn and the National Anthem and depart. Any enquiries contact Parish Office 489 6486.**
2. The Legion of Mary group will pray the Rosary outside **St Vincent de Paul Church—on the corner grass section of Fenwick and Shakespeare Roads, Milford at 3pm.**
3. **St Thomas More Church, Glenfield will be holding a Rosary at 3pm on Sat. 8 Dec.**

Please join in prayer for this most important peaceful affirmation of our concerns and faith.

'GOOD Grief!!!'

The Grief Pastoral Support Team [GPS] is available if you would like someone to walk with you. The team comprises an excellent group of trained parishioners who come with many skills to help. If you wish to discuss this further please phone or text me on 0275 805805.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Christopher.

ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA PRAYER GROUP

Last meeting for 2018 at 7pm in the Flanagan Lounge this Thursday 6 December. Meetings will resume on Thursday 7 February 2019.

Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or

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FOOD and FRIENDSHIP – no charge! "Eddie's Meals" at Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion St, Takapuna.

Friday 7, 14 and 21 Dec at 6pm
Come..... Eddie's Meals aims to bring together, through food and conversation, people who might eat alone, people who live without much excess, people looking for friendship, those feeling isolated or lonely. Bring nothing – just come. You could also bring along someone who would enjoy and benefit from the experience.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

St Joseph's Church Parish '2nd Rite'

Wednesday	5 Dec. 6pm	- 1st Reconciliation
Wednesday	12 Dec. 7pm	Northcote
Thursday	13 Dec. 7pm	East Coast Bays
Friday	14 Dec. 7pm	Glenfield
Sunday	16 Dec. 5pm	Devonport
Tuesday	18 Dec. 7pm	Takapuna

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Joseph's, Takapuna
Christmas Vigil – 7pm (Carols 6.30pm)
Midnight Mass (Carols 11.30pm)
Christmas Day – 7.30am and 10am

St Vincent De Paul Church, Milford
Christmas Vigil - 7.30pm (Carols 7pm)
Christmas Day – 9am

St Luke's, Bayswater
Christmas Vigil – 5.30pm (Carols 5pm)

St John Paul II, Holy Cross Church, Albany
Christmas Vigil - 7pm (Carols 6.30pm)
New Years Eve - 7pm

ST JOHN PAUL II—Holy Cross Church,
222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany,
(access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension)
MASS - NOW SATURDAY & SUNDAY AT 5.15PM

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GOLD COIN COLLECTION
We have donated a total of \$2,000 to Indonesia Earthquake Relief. Thank you for your generosity. We will take a break from collection and we will resume in February 2019.
Thank you for your support and we wish you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.
SVP Takapuna Conference.

DE PAUL HOUSE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Making your Christmas shopping easy!
Quality and brand new goods including Importers' clearance of home décor, giftware, Christmas baking International food
SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 9AM -1PM
92 Onewa Road, Northcote
De Paul House -
Supporting families for over 32 years.

Next Sunday - 9 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

PRAYER

IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR Perla Cabrera, Tony Pearce, David Hollis and Ian Timms who anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angel Andales, Clara Jung-Ja Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Emma Washer, Elizabeth Hennelly, Charisse Gloria Alcock, Maisie Cate, Ross Evans, John McLoughlin, Maura Malabug, Michael Maiquez, Esme Commissaris, Janina Collett, Rima Bennett & Belinda Chamassian

FIRST: The prophet Baruch 5:1-9
PSALM: 125
SECOND: Letter to the Philippians 1:3...11
GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

ADVENT IS A TIME TO PRIORITISE GOD, OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE.

Pope Francis 3/12/17



NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

DAILY MASS CALENDARS \$4.00, MASS AND PSALM BOOKS \$8, VINYL COVERS \$4.00

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS CARDS

Can be purchased at the Parish Office or from SVdP member after Mass.
Cost \$2.50 per pack of 5 cards/envelopes or pack of 10 Gift cards \$2.50.

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR - \$12.00

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford— Confession & Exposition after Mass on Friday

ST. JOSEPH'S TAKAPUNA

Mass - Sunday 7.30am, 10 am, 7 pm - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 9.15am, Thurs. 12.15pm, 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
Sacrament of Penance and Exposition - after Mass on Friday

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

ST JOHN PAUL II—Holy Cross Church, 222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany,
(access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension) **Mass** - Saturday and Sunday at 5.15pm



2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

God promises 'new life' to the family tree of King David

PSALM 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed,
but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

God's ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

1st letter to Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Our call to be blameless
for Christ's returning

LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

How can we 'stand secure' before God?
... prayerful alertness to 'signs of the time'



WAITING FOR GOD

Once more, the wheel of the year
has turned .. we are back
at the beginning.

Four weeks of waiting ..
at a place where the rush stops.

We turn to this patch of holy ground
to sit and wait, to set aside.

The insistent world we live in
would have us want things now
but we wait
in God's good time.

For God to come, take us home
past trees of Wisdom and of Life
to open wide the door
to close the path of misery
to make us laugh.

Let us hear words, stories,
that will not pass away
that God is all around us.

How can we wait for a God
who has already arrived?