

## ANGEL TREE GIFTING



A very big THANK YOU to all who have contributed gifts, food and donations to the 2018 Angel Tree Appeal. There were 50 families at Monte Cecilia again this year who will benefit from your generosity. Thank you to Sue and Michaela Fraser and Fr Anthony and all the helpers who spent the morning packing and sorting goods and gifts.

Once again our amazing parishioners have responded with such generosity. May you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas and be assured of our prayers of thanks for such a wonderful giving community.

### YOUTH MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TONIGHT, 16 DECEMBER AT 7PM

The theme is called "O come Jesus, prepare the way." Praise and worship will begin at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. There will also be a blessing for the pilgrims from North Shore region, who are journeying to World Youth Day Panama in January.

### THE FIRST DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS FOR 2019

Will be held on **Sunday, 10 February** starting with praise and worship from 6.30-6.50pm followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

This Mass is co-hosted by the Youth Advisory Council and ACYM. Bishop Patrick Dunn will be our main celebrant for the Mass and will also be commissioning youth leaders, the youth advisory council members and the Auckland Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry team.

### NZ CATHOLIC—December 16-22 Issue

at Church door today—\$4. Some headlines are: 100 in March for Life in Wellington; Translation wars running out of steam? Mary comes back to her Tuakau grotto; Abraham faiths deepen understanding.

### PROPERTY MANAGER ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TAKAPUNA

Our parish, consisting of 3 churches – St Joseph's Takapuna, St Vincent de Paul Milford, St Luke's Belmont – is looking to recruit a Property Manager to start in the new year. This position would be for at least 10 hours per week with scope for expansion of these hours possible (days and times by negotiation).

The person will be responsible for overseeing ongoing maintenance and development across our 3 churches. A full Job Description is available from the Parish Office and also on our Website [www.takapunacatholic.org.nz](http://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz) Applications should be submitted by email to the Parish Priest, Monsignor David Tonks, email: [davidtonks@cda.org.nz](mailto:davidtonks@cda.org.nz) and close on Friday 18 January 2019.

### INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP POMPALLIER'S FIRST MASS IN AOTEAROA 13 JANUARY 1838

will be celebrated on

#### SUNDAY 13 JANUARY AT 11AM

at Totara Point, North Hokianga followed by a shared picnic lunch. For further information contact: [www.hokiangapompallier.org.nz](http://www.hokiangapompallier.org.nz)

### HEAR THE CRY OF THE POOR AND OF THE EARTH

A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm **Sat. 23 Feb. 2019** Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) ph 022 1300 730 to book.

### Divine Will Conference

Wed. 16 and Thurs. 17 Jan. 2019

Time: 10am-6pm (Mass: 9.15am)

Venue: Parish Hall, St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland. Bring a plate for a shared lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Entry is free but a koha would be appreciated.

See Noticeboard for full details.

## Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Lambs...



### COME DRESSED FOR OUR VIGIL MASS!

#### ST JOSEPH'S 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 VINCENT DE PAUL

Do you need help or know anyone who requires help...please contact us at [svdptakapuna@gmail.com](mailto:svdptakapuna@gmail.com)

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOPS

CLOSING FROM MONDAY 21 DEC. 2018  
RE-OPENING WEDNESDAY 25 JAN. 2019

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

Please contact us after 25 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.

Tookta (Ellice Rd, Glenfield) 443 5274.

Blessings to you for Christmas and New Year.

#### FOOD and FRIENDSHIP – no charge!

“Eddie’s Meals” at Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion St, Takapuna. Friday 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

Today, Sunday 16 December 5pm Devonport

Parish Rite II Tuesday 18 December, 7pm  
at St Joseph's Church, 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 at Holy Cross

Anglican Church, Albany

Christmas Vigil - 7pm (Carols 6.15pm)

New Years Eve - 7pm

ST JOHN PAUL II at Holy Cross Anglican Church, 222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, (access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension)

MASS - SUNDAY AT 5.15PM

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



#### PRAYER TREE

The Prayer Tree is not on leave!!

Any requests please phone Rose Muir 486 0070.



A junior and intermediate youth group 5-12 years of age is proposed to commence in the Parish from the end of February 2019. This cannot happen unless there is a large group of adult helpers. If you are interested please contact Fr Christopher at [cbrady@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cbrady@xtra.co.nz)



#### CUPPA AFTER 10AM MASS

Come and join us for a cuppa in the Flanagan Lounge today!

## Next Sunday - 23 December - 4th Sunday of Advent

### PRAYER

**IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR** Helen Kennedy and Arthur Rutter whose 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

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS

The Christian Meditation Groups will have a break over the holidays. The last meeting at St Luke's for this year will be on Monday, 10 December at 3pm.

The last meeting at St Vincent's will be on Tuesday 11 December at 7pm. The meetings stop but the meditation goes on! Contact Graham and Sheila on (09) 489 4389 or Eileen on 0210 822 4744.

**First:** Micah 5:2-5  
**PSALM:** 80  
**Second:** Hebrews 10:5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

**NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE  
PARISH OFFICE**

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
Gift cards 10 for \$2.50. available  
from the Parish Office

**2019 COLUMBAN ART  
CALENDAR - \$12.00**

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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**Parish Office hours:** Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm **Website** [www.takapunacatholic.org.nz](http://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz)  
**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 Anglican Church**, 222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany,  
(access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension) **Mass** - Sunday at 5.15pm



16 December 2018

## Third Sunday of Advent

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The prophet ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18**

'REJOICE! the Lord is with you

.. have no fear'

(to become .. the 'Hail Mary')

**CANTICLE ISAIAH 12:2..6**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my Saviour.

With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,  
give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of God's name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord

who has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Letter to Philipians 4:4-7**

'Rejoice in the Lord always!'

**LUKE 3:10-18**

John the Baptist calls for re-form

.. within daily occupations and duties



WHAT MUST WE DO?

The coming of the Son of God  
as a human being confirms  
that our 'secular' world  
is now God's world.

Our daily lives are now important.  
God's presence in our lives  
depends on our daily behaviour

sharing our warm clothing, our food,  
transparent justice, integrity,  
non-violence.

The work-place, the market place  
become sacred places.

And Christ's Church must comment  
on the issues of every day life.

The 'way of the Lord' lies in active  
engagement with life's complexities.

John the Baptist knew 'someone else'  
was coming after him.

John's humble honesty made him  
Content to be the 'bridegroom's  
friend'

and to prepare the world  
to receive the 'Lamb of God'.