



**ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH ENJOYING THEIR RECENT CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR YOUTH AT MASSES TODAY**

*This Sunday a special collection will be taken at all Masses for the growth and support of our youth program in 2019.*

*We have a number of exciting events and developments coming up and we need your support to help make them happen.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Lambs...**



**COME DRESSED FOR OUR VIGIL MASS!**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AT CHURCH DOORS FOR COLLECTION AT MASSES TODAY**



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**St JOSEPH's, TAKAPUNA**

Christmas Vigil – 7pm (Carols 6.30pm)

Midnight Mass 12 Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)

Christmas Day – 7.30am and 10am



**St VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, MILFORD**

Christmas Vigil - 7.30pm (Carols 7pm)  
Christmas Day – 9am (Carols 8.30am)

**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*

*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.*



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)

**NZ CATHOLIC—Dec.23 to Jan.26 Issue at Church door today—\$4.** *Some headlines are: Pope's year in review; Papal medal awarded in recognition of decades in Maori mission.....*



**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 21 DECEMBER AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 9AM MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019.**

**This Newsletter will be our final one for 2018. The first newsletter for 2019 will be on Sunday 27 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 in 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 Auckland Catholic Youth and the Young Adult Ministry team.



**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)

**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.

**RENOVATIONS TO MILFORD CHURCH - HOW TO DONATE**

(a) Bring to Parish office or (b) Donate online to Parish Bank Account 020100 0120990 004 and **Specify Milford Church.** Your giving will be recorded. A tax receipt is issued each year after April 1st. If you have fundraising ideas please insert them in the black box in foyer of Milford church for consideration by the parish. Thank you.

**De Paul House Volunteer Christmas Hamper Raffle winners**

Congratulations to:  
Sue Steele – St Vincent de Paul Church  
Maria Corkin – St Marys Church  
Lily – St Johns Church

**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 HAVE NOW CLOSED FOR 2018, RE-OPENING WEDNESDAY 23 JAN. 2019.**

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

## Next Sunday - 30 December - The Holy Family

### PRAYER

**IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR** Velma Swann who died recently and Rev. Fr Patrick Collins, Elise Margaret Gannon, Clare Rugg, Mary Ball, Mary McAllister, Thomas Turnwald, Margaret Frickman and Elizabeth Wybborne whose anniversaries occur in December and January

### 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, Michael Maiquez, Esme Commissaris, Janina Collett, Rima Bennett & Belinda Chamassian

**FIRST:** First book of Samuel 1:20...28  
**PSALM:** 83  
**SECOND:** 1st letter of St John 3:1-2,21-24  
**GOSPEL:** LUKE 1:41-52



*Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence to hear the voice of love.*



## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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

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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, 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



23 December 2018

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The prophet MICAH 5:2-5

You! tiny Bethlehem  
will give us our new King!

### PSALM 79

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us  
and we shall be saved.

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,  
the one you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

### Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

The human body of Jesus ...  
will replace - temple, animal sacrifice

### LUKE 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth  
- mothers-to-be burst into praise



### ANNUNCIATION! ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mary is given a new, holy name  
... 'Full of grace'

and Mary shows 'honest grace' by  
not trying to hide her fear  
in the presence of Archangel Gabriel.

Mary's 'yes' to her new identity  
to its wondrous possibilities  
surely conveys to girls, to women  
that there is something in them  
no man can touch  
that belongs to them and to God only.

We each need to hear  
that God loves us.

The Annunciation to Mary  
reveals something of the  
ways of God's love  
.. that our response is critical.

Zachary, before the Angel 'lost his voice'  
Mary, finds her voice  
'let what you have said be done to me'.

And Mary proceeds—as we must in life  
carrying Christ to wherever he longs to be.