



**CALLING ALL WOMEN OF
ST JOSEPH'S PARISH**

Next year we will be celebrating the Centennial of the Parish.
We want to make sure that the Women's part of the history is told.
We want your stories about the parish.
What makes you smile when you remember earlier events?
Stories about friendship and community and about difficult times.
In fact about anything you would like to share. We hope to include these stories in a book of the history of the parish that is being put together.
Please send your story in writing or email to the parish office stjosephentakapuna@xtra.co.nz for the attention of Sheila McBride-Stewart.

**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

Applications should be submitted by email to the Parish Priest, Monsignor David Tonks, email: davidtonks@cda.org.nz and close on Friday 18 January 2019.

**ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT –
DAY OF REFLECTION**

*Seeking a Mary Heart in a Martha World
Take time out in the busy-ness of our lives.*

Saturday 15 December, St Joseph's Retreat Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna.

9.30am - 5pm. \$20 (lunch included)
Contact Glenfield parish office 444 8624 or email: st.thomas.more@xtra.co.nz for more information.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFTING

PLEASE LEAVE ALL GIFTS
AND FOOD HERE TODAY
OR TO PARISH OFFICE
**TOMORROW -
MONDAY MORNING
10 DECEMBER, AT THE LATEST.**



THANK YOU
To St Joseph's School pupils and people of our parish for all the contributions brought over many weeks for our Foodbank. It is greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU!
To everyone who helped at St Joseph's Working Bee. You sure made a difference!

ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

Time Out Day for prayer and reflection
Wednesday 12 December, 9.30am – 2.30pm
at 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill.
Light lunch provided.
Gold coin donation for the day.
Booking essential : ph. 09 625 6651 or
email : admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz



**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

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 **Saturday 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 ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thank to our Catechists and Parents for the help in preparing the 65 children for their First Reconciliation last Wednesday. May the Good Lord who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfilment. God bless us!



'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 VINCENT DE PAUL

Do you need help or know anyone who requires help...please contact us at svdptakapuna@gmail.com

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

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.

**PAX CHRISTI AOTEAROA
New Zealand AGM**

Will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, 5.30pm, Wednesday 12 December. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

**Parish Rite II Tuesday 18 December, 7pm
at St Joseph's Church, Takapuna**

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

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



CUPPA AFTER 10AM MASS

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

Next Sunday - 16 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

PRAYER

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 Zephaniah 3:14-18
PSALM: 12
Second: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

**GOD'S HOPE TOOK FLESH,
IT BECAME A MAN, IT
BECAME HISTORY
JESUS CHRIST**

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



9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet BARUCH 5:1-9

God will 'prepare a way home'
from exile .. and restore splendour

PSALM 125

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Letter to Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

St Paul bursts with joy as he urges
new believers to increase in charity

LUKE 3:1-6

John-the-Baptist recognises
earthly rulers!
but points out the way of the
world's saviour



THE VERY LAST VOICE...

John the Baptist challenges us
to abandon old ways.. to let go
of our 'failed world'.

To turn from our deceptions
our cover-ups, our denials
God's reign is near!

We need to change—to re-pent.

John reveals a God of generous heart
who helps us level out injustices
who helps us place people before
possessions, who reconciles,
who makes it impossible
to mis-use others.

The world's true light is near!

May our lingering greed for power
not block us from the joy
with which
He would fill our hearts.

Fr Bill Fletcher