

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2-9 June 2019

Dear friends

This week we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The unity of Christian churches is not usually something that is top in our minds in our daily lives. We tend to focus our time and energy within our own faith community.

Over the last 100 years there have been startling developments in the movement of the Christian churches towards one another. There are doctrinal differences, and differences in styles of worship and prayer. But compared to the animosity of previous centuries, we have made huge strides in learning to work together, especially in assisting the disadvantaged and in joint worship.

The Week of Prayer extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. You may have the opportunity to take part in an ecumenical service in your area - don't miss that opportunity. You can use the Eight Days of Prayer for Christian Unity leaflet

([www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz)) for personal prayer or in a group, or simply pray in your own way for unity. Consider a practical action, for example, making contact with someone from another denomination, maybe just for a cup of coffee. Other Christians are just like us, followers of Jesus Christ, committed to his way, his truth and his life.

No action is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. Our small actions are often multiplied by the Holy Spirit in amazing ways.

✠ John A. Cardinal Dew  
Archbishop of Wellington  
Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

**CANNABIS PETITION** The government has decided to hold a referendum in 2020 on the legalisation of cannabis. We will all be invited to vote. How much knowledge of cannabis and its effects do we have, in order to vote wisely? Cannabis has been promoted as a means of pain control. Recent international studies have also found that THC, the active compound in cannabis, is linked with mental health issues and violent behaviour. A petition is available in the church porch asking that, before the referendum, the government investigate the possible link between cannabis and violence. You are invited to sign the petition – or online at [cannabisinquiry.nz](http://cannabisinquiry.nz)

### MONS. DAVID ON PILGRIMAGE

Monsignor David leaves on Sunday 9 June to Wednesday 17 July visiting Ireland, Scotland and England with a pilgrimage group.

Please remember Mons. David in your prayers as he journeys north!

Fr Philip Sullivan is assisting in the Parish during Mons. David's absence.

### New Appointment to Parish

*Bishop Patrick Dunn has appointed Martin Wu to the staff at St Joseph's Parish early July. Martin is a Deacon in the Diocese and will be ordained a priest on 10 August at St Patrick's Cathedral.*

*We welcome Martin among us!*

### PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED AT MASSES

If you can help please contact Randall Ramos at the Parish Office 489 6486 or email [randall\\_0420@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:randall_0420@yahoo.co.nz)

### VINNIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Our Glenfield St Vincent de Paul charity shop, Vinnies, in Ellice Road, desperately needs new volunteers as some of our volunteers have now found jobs. Are you available to help others? New to NZ? Between jobs? Bored at home? Recently retired? We are open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. We can offer you hours that will suit you. Can you please spare a few hours a week? Maybe once a month on a Saturday?

We really need you! We know your time is precious and would appreciate it greatly. If you want to make a difference, make new friends and have some fun, please call Leslie or Wanda on 443-5274 or text 021-248-0629.

**Vacancy - Personal Assistant/Secretary** – a newly established position for the NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board providing assistance to the Director of Business Services, the District Leader and the Director of Mission. For a position description and application form please contact: [janpender@aheadassociates.co.nz](mailto:janpender@aheadassociates.co.nz)



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019



**RITE OF CONFIRMATION  
WILL BE CELEBRATED IN  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
ON THURSDAY 6 JUNE AT 6PM**

*Official photo session with Bishop Patrick Dunn in the Parish Hall before the Rite of Confirmation.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE  
CELEBRATED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON  
SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT  
7.30AM, 10AM AND 7PM MASSES**

**MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES**—St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham St, Auckland—Saturday, 8 June, 5.30pm—The Vigil Mass of Pentecost—Praising God for the gift of faith and welcoming those newly baptised and those received into full communion at the Easter ceremonies.

### COME AND SEE DAY—SATURDAY 22 JUNE

The Sisters of Mercy invite young women aged 18 and over to a **Come and See Day** to discover more about our Mercy Life. From 10am to 3.30pm at St Mary's, New St, Ponsonby. RSVP and more information Sr Fatima - [flem2609@yahoo.com](mailto:flem2609@yahoo.com) – 021 0842 9440 or Sr Linda - [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) - 021 263 0439.

### CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (CLSS)

“Be Still; Know that I Am God” (Ps 46:10)  
22 June, 29 June, 06 July, & 13 July 2019  
Saturdays; from 7.00pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford.

**NZ CATHOLIC - June 2-15 Issue at Church door today—\$4. Some headlines are:** New NZ Catholic Medical Association meets; Marlborough parish priest dies on plane; Leaky Ponsonby seminary to be fixed.....

**ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA PRAYER GROUP**  
Meeting this Thursday 6 June in the Flanagan Lounge. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or [Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz)



## 100 Years SAINT JOSEPH'S Centenary News

### EVENTS SO FAR CONFIRMED

#### 6 June – Ecumenical Gathering:

At Takapuna Methodist Church, 429 Lake Rd, Takapuna. Thursday 6 June. Everyone welcome! Simple meal at 6.30pm. Service at 7.30pm.

#### 9 August – Shared Evening Meal in Flanagan Lounge:

Further details next week.

#### 11 – 14 August – Parish Mission:

By Fr Nick Punch OP and Sr Joan Buckley OSF

**9 August:** Family Fiesta in Parish Grounds following 10am Mass.

**Date to be fixed:** Cultural Food Festival in Flanagan Lounge (more details later).

#### Parish Centenary Art Work Competition

The Parish would like to have an art work of St Joseph outside the church, to mark our centenary. It could be a sculpture (as on the side of St Joseph's School), a grotto, a mural or some other work. It will be permanent. Please submit designs to the parish office [stjosephentakapuna@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjosephentakapuna@xtra.co.nz) by 31 July 2019. The winning design will receive \$500.

**Centenary Website:** Check out historical stories to be posted at:

<https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/parish-centenary-2019/>

Scroll down to Susan Morgan's PDF document: **A HISTORY OF ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TAKAPUNA.**

**DIOCESAN-WIDE ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, Sunday 16 June at 5pm.**

Theme: *Justice and only Justice you shall pursue (Deut 16:18-20)* With Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Coptic churches. Homilist: Bishop Pat Dunn. Free parking in Cathedral grounds accessible from Parnell Rd or Brighton Rd. A collection will be taken and refreshments will be available afterwards.

## Next Sunday - 9 June - Pentecost Sunday

First: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

PSALM: 103

Second: Letter to the Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

### PRAYER

**IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR** Leslie Carnall and Nigel Honiss who died recently and Joyce Clark, Marjorie Eddon and Mildred Collins whose anniversaries occur

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Tony Ryan, Angel Andales, Clara Jung-Ja Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Gloria Alcock, John McLoughlin, Michael Maiquez, Esme Commissaris, Janina Collett, Rima Bennett & Belinda Chamassian

**Today, Sunday 2 June, is World Communications Day. Pope Francis writes:**

*If a family uses the internet to be more connected, to then meet at table and look into each other's eyes, then it is a resource. If a Church community coordinates its activity through the network, and then celebrates the Eucharist together, then it is a resource. If the internet becomes an opportunity to share stories and experiences of beauty or suffering that are physically distant from us, in order to pray together and together seek out the good to rediscover what unites us, then it is a resource.... This is the network we want, a network created not to entrap, but to liberate, to protect a communion of people who are free. The Church herself is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on "likes", but on the truth, on the "Amen", by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others.*

## 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 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



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## The Ascension of the Lord

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Acts of Apostles 1:1-11**

40 days .. Jesus goes .. await another

**PSALM 46**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

The leaders of the people are assembled  
with the people of Abraham's God.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
to God who reigns over all.

**LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**  
**9:24-28. 10:19-23**

Through his death, Jesus has entered  
heaven, and opened for us a new and  
living way there...

**LUKE 24:46-53**

The 'going of Jesus' to prepare an  
Eternal home for us



### POEM FOR ASCENSION MORNING

O Son of God resurrected,  
Why do we seek your face  
in the skies?

You come to us on every shore  
of humanity.

Heaven is where you descend,  
You give living water to your people,  
living love,  
and you draw us like a stream  
into your current.

The joy promised to our thirst,  
how shall we seize it in both hands  
before the evening?

In partaking of your supper  
and of your cross.

You will return to transfigure  
the world eager to be reborn  
in your light.

You are the glory of your Father,  
God revealed.