

Next Sunday - 25 September, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: The prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7

PSALM: 145

Second: 1st letter to Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: LUKE 16:19-31

PRAYER In charity we pray for those whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Stephanie Barfoot, Margaret Hamill, Tony & Esma Commissaris, Teadora Dinolan, Frances O'Ferrall, Cassie Ilagan, Clive Auckram, Sue McHardy, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Chris McEntee, Annabelle Sia, Clara Jung-Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Rima Bennett, Belinda Chamassian, Jesus Fernando

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am (live-streamed) and 6pm

Youth Mass: 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9.15am (live-streamed)

Saturday Mass 9.00am (live-streamed) Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Exposition and Holy Hour—every Saturday after 9am Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, CNR FENWICK AVE & SHAKESPEARE RD, MILFORD

Mass - Sunday at 9am

Korean Community Mass - every Saturday at 7.30pm

Filipino Community Mass - 4th Sunday - to resume when advised

NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASS

First Sunday of month: 11.00am - resumed when notified

St JOHN PAUL II - Holy Cross Anglican Church 222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, (access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension) **Mass - Sunday at 5.30pm**



ALL ARE WELCOME - EXPLORING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

We hear a lot about Missionary Discipleship. The call from Pope Francis is clear he calls us to have huge hearts to create communities of welcome to look out. At our mission momentum sessions we will have time to reflect on our discipleship as individuals and faith communities, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship (recorded just for us - the Catholic Diocese of Auckland), and explore some hot topics that arose in the Synod process.

- school/ parish engagement
- inviting and welcoming young people
- growing faith in families

Please register through the website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/> There are still two opportunities for participation:

Saturday 24 September

Onehunga Church Hall

RSVP 19 September

Saturday 15 October

St Joseph's, Takapuna, Church Hall

RSVP 10 October

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 September 2022

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Amos 8:4...7

God will remember unjust treatment of his 'little ones'



PSALM 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set them in the company of rulers,
yes, with the rulers of his people.

1ST LETTER TO TIMOTHY 2:1-8

Disciples of Jesus pray like He does
for every human purpose and need

GOSPEL - LUKE 16:1-13

The parable of the 'Cheating Steward!'

THE CHEATING STEWARD

A rich master cannot punish
his cunning steward .. to do so
would expose his own sin-crime
.. charging interest on a loan!

When a debtor comes to repay his loan,
the cunning steward uses his skills
to 'adjust the books'.

The master and the steward
are both "saved" and Jesus' listeners
would see the point at once.

Jesus tells this parable
to challenge his hearers - and us
as stewards of inestimable treasure
- the riches of God's kingdom.

'If the children of this world'
can be so astute,
why cannot we .. 'children of the light'
be much more so

with what Jesus has entrusted to us?



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

Go to: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod-participation>



COVID RESTRICTIONS EASED

The NZ Bishops have restored the Sunday Mass obligation, following the government’s removal of most Covid restrictions. They have also asked communities to arrange how they will restore “normal” Sunday worship arrangements, while keeping people safe.

For the present, we will continue with the current arrangements at Takapuna, except that masks are now optional at Mass. The North Shore parishes will try to arrange, in the week ahead, a common policy on how and when we exchange the sign of peace, return holy water to the fonts, offer Holy Communion from the chalice, and offer Holy Communion in the hand. Please see the Bishops’ letter—*Lifting of Covid-19 Restrictions* on the Diocese of Auckland homepage.

YOUTH MASS AT 6PM TONIGHT AT ST JOSEPH’S CHURCH All Welcome!

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: “When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation” Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

Praying with Icons - Saturday 24th September. The Christian Meditation Community is hosting a day devoted to praying with icons. This is a form of contemplative prayer that dates back to the very early centuries of the Christian church. Icon writer Michael Pervan of the Studio of St John the Baptist invites participants to bring an open spirit to this event. Starting 10am at St Leo’s Catholic school, 4 Owens Road, Devonport. Bring lunch and a koha. Visit christianmeditationnz.org.nz for more details.

Liturgical Formation People of God

The Pope has recently addressed the ‘People of God’ in a letter titled, the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. The Liturgy Centre for the Diocese of Auckland is hosting a Formation Day which will unpack some of the contents of this letter. This formation day is an ideal opportunity to provide formation for your various ministers of liturgy, Lay Leaders of Prayer, Liturgy Committees and Parish Councils. All are warmly invited. The formation Day is October 29th 9.30 – 3pm, and will be at Rosmini College. There is no cost, but registration is appreciated. Register by email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz or visit the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgyformation/>

The RISE UP! FESTIVAL! SAVE THE DATE, 1-2 October 2022, SANCTA MARIA GROUNDS, FLATBUSH

The Ethnic Chaplaincy faith communities of Auckland invites YOU to the Catholic Diocese Festival of Communities.

Let’s RISE UP! and gather to celebrate as ONE-in-CHRIST. To know who we are & strengthen our communities. To build up our spirituality. To be visible to serve the poor. Bring your sun hats, mats, and chair for the whanau. We hope to see you there! **Arise! Shine!**

For He is Risen! – Isaiah 60:1 The RISE UP! FESTIVAL

MORNING MARKET YOUTH FUNDRAISER NEXT SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

You’ve asked and we’ve answered!! The Morning Market will run a breakfast stall after the 7.30am Mass on **Sunday, 25th September.**

We will also have a \$5 carwash to get your ride nice and shiny for spring.

Additional food & dessert stalls, a car wash, games, live music, raffles, and silent art auctions will be available after the 10.30am Mass. All proceeds will go towards our annual youth & young adults funds, and the highly anticipated Summer Camp in 2023.

Payment on the day via cash and EFTPOS.

Contact youth@stjoseph.org.nz for any queries.

NZCatholic Deacons of Dunedin



Latest edition available at Church doors. Some headlines for this issue: Three ordained deacons for the Dunedin diocese; Papal Knight-hood for Christchurch parishioner Geoff Bailey; Hamilton priests celebrate their anniversaries. Please support your local Catholic paper.



Join us for a cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in the Flanagan Lounge hosted by Abeer George and Family

As we are having a Morning Market youth fundraiser next Sunday we will not have Teas after 10.30am Mass - but will resume next month.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOODBANK will be open Tuesday mornings. Enquiries at the Parish Office. If you are needing assistance at any time please phone SVdP direct line 021 088 67844.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 6 AUGUST 2023

This Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Our pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal. Interested in being part of it? Email samuelf@cda.org.nz.



ST FRANCIS OPEN DAY—Sunday 2 Oct. 2-4pm - 50 Hillsborough Rd.

Come for an afternoon to St Francis! Explore the grounds and learn about St Francis of Assisi patron saint of animals and ecology. Bring your pets for a special blessing at the Animal Blessing Service. To register and info: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

As September is our birthday month, we will be going for lunch to the Northcote Tavern, Tuesday, 20 Sept. at noon. Ring Margaret to book your place - 486 3695.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR NORTH SHORE WOMEN invites all women to come and sing and praise our God at

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Meeting Wednesday, 21 September at 7:30pm. Topic this month is Holy Spirit Overflow and Barbara Hines will give a talk about the Holy Spirit.

DROP IN - Wed. 21 Sept. 11am-1pm

Let us share and listen to stories of our journey in faith. Fellowship with conversation and food at the home of Rose Muir 1B Napier Avenue, Takapuna. Phone (09) 486 0070.

North Shore Philatelic Society

Saturday 1st October from 10am - 4pm at St Joseph’s Church Hall. Annual competitive stamp competition. Light refreshments provided. Awards presentation at 3pm. Contact: NSPS 444 6734. Website: www.norshoreps.com



Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Join our prayer group meeting with our next talk “Listen - what the Spirit is saying to the church today”, by Antonio Pereira. **Wednesday, 21st Sept, 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm** at St Joseph’s Church Hall.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TWENTY-FIFTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Uber-drivers-Act-of-Honesty.pdf>