

Next Sunday - 4 December - Second Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Isaiah 11:1-10 PSALM: 71
Second: Letter to the Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: MATTHEW 3:1-12

PRAYER In charity we pray for Joseph Nolan who died recently and Diwata Pantig, John McLoughlin, Nicholas Tordeich, Alfredo Mendoza, Peter Drumm whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK John Hill, John LeFeuvre, Chris Prajogo, Stephanie Barfoot, Tony Commissaris, Teadora Dinolan, 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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LINK FOR NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP REGISTRATION FORM

[New Parishioner Sign Up - St. Joseph's Church \(takapunacatholic.org.nz\)](#)

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 10 DOMINION ST, TAKAPUNA

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



ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE, 50 HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH PH. 021 927770

Casual/Part Time Work - Experienced cook to work weekends and to help out in our kitchen.
Contact Sam kitchen@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz for more information.

Fulfilled Retreat - Fri 2 - 4 Dec 2022. Weekend retreat on the life-changing series by Christopher West, *Fulfilled - The Promise of the Christian Life*. Visit <https://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz/events/fulfilled-weekend-retreat/> or email retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is on the C.R.I.B with Fr Mario Dorado OFMCap on Sunday 4 December at 2pm - 4pm (Free).

Time Out Day - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)
Tuesday 6 December.

First Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
God promises 'new life' to the family tree of King David

PSALM 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed,
but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

God's ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

1st letter to Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Our call to be blameless
for Christ's returning

LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

How can we 'stand secure' before God?
... prayerful alertness to 'signs of the time'



PLOUGHS INTO SWORDS

And now
ploughs are bent into swords
sickles into spears.

of steel on flesh
of power against bodies.

And in our indignation we say
'Blessed are the peacemakers'.

Deliver us from
excessive certitude about ourselves

Hold us ..

Show us yet again
the gaping space
between Your will
and our feeble imagination.

We are well short
of being blessed.

Give us freedom
for Your deep otherwise
- finally to be blessed.

WALTER BRUGGEMAN



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

The **Continental phase of the Synod of Synodality** has opened. Read all about it, how NZCBC are implementing it and how you might be involved <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> Let's walk together in this additional stage. Online Event for Oceania There will be an **online Preparatory Event for the Continental phase of the Synod**. The Preparatory Event *Our Ocean Home* has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5pm to 7pm NZ Time. This scheduling allows all participants to engage with and experience an online process of listening, discerning and conversation together. Please note that the sessions are not repeated but rather explore a different theme each session on *Our Ocean Home*. In the spirit of the synodal process, this event is open to all. Registration is now open. <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/annual-lectures-talks-and-conferences/our-ocean-home#register>

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite you to you consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

Taize Prayer For Advent Friday, 9 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 10 December 10am – 3pm. \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by 9 December marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au Ph: 09 528 1801.

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hiko with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience, and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier, and the early missionaries. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred. Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.nz

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2023. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022.**

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 4 December at 4.30pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden. After we will share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

Our prayer group meets every Wednesday 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm. at St Joseph's Church Hall. Join us for a growth camp, "Wise men seek Him still". For all ages. Special guest speakers : Fr. Martin Wu and Brendan Woodnutt along with the JTGS Team on Friday 2 Dec. 6pm to Sunday 4 December 2pm at Hunua Falls Camp, 203 Falls Road, Hunua 2583. Cost (including meals and accommodation): per person \$120; children - 5 to 10yrs \$100; and under 5s free.

DATES FOR RECONCILIATIONS DURING ADVENT			
Tues. 29 Nov.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	St John the Baptist MAIRANGI BAY
WED. 7 DEC.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	SAINT JOSEPH'S, TAKAPUNA
Tues. 13 Dec.	7.00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	St John the Evangelist OREWA
Thurs. 15 Dec.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	St Thomas More, GLENFIELD
Fri. 16 Dec.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	St Mary's, NORTHCOTE
Sun. 18 Dec.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	St Francis de Sales & All Souls, DEVONPORT
Tues. 20 Dec.	7:00 PM	Advent Rite II Reconciliation	Maria Assumpta, BEACH HAVEN

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022 - ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TAKAPUNA

Christmas Vigil 7.00pm preceded by Carols at 6.30pm

Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

Christmas Day 7.30am & 10.30am

St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford - 9.00am

New Year's Eve Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

New Year's Day 7.30am, 10.30am & 6pm

St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford - 9.00am



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2022 IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Each year we provide Monte Cecilia with Christmas gifts for 45 families. Christmas gifts will be purchased on your behalf with funds you are able

to donate into the parish Angel Tree account.

CAN YOU HELP? Please donate to the *St Joseph's Account* with your *Surname and Reference (ANGEL TREE)* and it will be added to your *End of Year tax donations*. **Receiving bank account number.: 02-0100-0120990-004 (or 04) A/C RC Bishop of Auckland-Parish Account Takapuna.**

We would like to raise \$5500.00 to provide each family with a nice gift and add some Christmas Treats and general food items to help during this wonderful time of year. The Christmas Trees will be at Milford, Takapuna, Albany churches. These will be for Christmas Treats ie. Packaged Christmas Tarts, Chocolates and Chocolate biscuits, Chips etc. and General Non-perishable food items ONLY and Bathroom items. Thank you!

COVID-19 is still spreading in the community. Go to [Unite Against COVID-19](https://www.uniteagainstcovid19.org.nz) website for information.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/1ST-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Heaven-and-Angels-Sing-1.pdf>



ANointing MASS

This Friday 2 Dec. at 11am in the Parish Hall followed by a light lunch.

If you are needing transport to attend please contact the Parish Office 09 489 6486 or secretary@stjoseph.org.nz Help serving lunch would be most appreciated.

Please join the annual Coast to Coast Rosary on Saturday 3rd December at 3pm. Go to: coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

National March for Life Wellington 2022, 3 Dec. Go to: www.marchforlife.nz for info.

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NORTH SHORE

Meeting Wed. 30 Nov. at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna. All men together with their spouses/partners are invited. We request you bring a plate. For more information ph. Russell at 022 034 5678.

ST PIO OF PIETRELICINA

Meeting Thursday 1 December in the Flanagan Lounge. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz More and more miracles!

Join us for a cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in Flanagan Lounge hosted by the Legion of Mary



Religious gifts: Next weekend, Marcelle and Jiries Giacaman, Catholics from Palestine, will sell their craftwork at St Joseph's. An opportunity to buy **NZ made wood-craft** Christmas gifts, or religious items for your own home.