

Next Sunday - 18 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

PSALM: 24

Second: Letter of the Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: MATTHEW 1:18-24

PRAYER In charity we pray for John Hill, Chris McEntee & Jean Luoni **who died recently**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Fran Meredith, 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, 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 \(takapunacatholic.org.nz\)](http://www.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**



JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND WITH BISHOP STEVE LOWE

Commences Sunday 5 March 2023 - 17 Nights/20 Days

Contact: Colleen Duffy
Harvest Journeys

NZ Toll-Free: 0800 819 156
www.harvestjourneys.com

SEE THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There are still some places available for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023, led by Pat McCarthy, with chaplain Fr Chris Denham. Details from Pat patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or (09) 480-4463.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & BARCELONA, SPAIN

5 – 28 September 2023

Chaplain:

Monsignor David Tonks

Information: <https://bit.ly/Pilgrimage2023ItalySpain>

Bookings: Laura Yap

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Third Sunday of Advent

11 December 2022

Gaudete! Rejoice! Hauri!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

God is coming in person to rescue us..
we dance! we sing!

PSALM 145

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

THE LETTER OF ST JAMES 5:7-10

With patience we await God's coming

MATTHEW 11:2-11

John the Baptist dies in prison -
still pondering the mysteriousness
of Jesus?



WAITING

Is God a thing
that can be grasped and known
among other things?

Is God less
than a human person?

We wait for each other!

In the most intimate
human loving
there is .. not having,
not knowing, waiting.

God is infinitely hidden,
free and incalculable.

So we must wait
for God in the most
radical and absolute way.

God is God for us
just in so far as
we do not possess Him.

We have God
through not having Him.



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** met on Saturday 26 November. Their newsletter is available for everyone to read on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, Auckland, is seeking a part-time chef for 25-hours per week over 5 days (Sundays being one of those days). Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, as well as one evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. If you are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 01 January 2023

2023 AUCKLAND CLERGY APPOINTMENTS
Effective 28/29 January 2023

Cathedral & Waiheke Island	
Assistant Priest	Fr Glen Lowe SDB
Epsom & Te Unga Waka	
Parish Priest	Fr Anthony Trenwith
Flatbush Assistant Priest & Syro Malankara Community Chaplain	Fr Daniel Kulangara
Hibiscus Coast Assistant Priest & Fijian Community Chaplain	Fr Pio Fong SM
Kerikeri and Waitaruke	
Parish Priest	Fr Tony King-Archer
Korean Parish	Fr Joachim Kang
Mt Albert Parish	Fr Rob O'Brien
Northcote Assistant Priest & Sri Lankan Community Chaplain	Fr Lalith Amarasinghe
Pakuranga Assistant Priest	Fr Albert Suprpto
Papatoetoe Assistant Priest	Fr James Walsh
On Overseas Study	Fr Francis Poon
Retiring	Fr Peter Murphy
	Fr Savelio Tevaga
Effective 10/11 June 2023	
East Coast Bays Assistant Priest	Fr Emile Frische MHM
East Coast Bays Parish Priest	Fr Carlo Cruz
Mt Wellington Parish Priest	Fr Alejandro de la SottaSVD

Priests joining Religious Communities in the Diocese

Capuchin Friars	Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap
	Fr Rajat Dungdung OFM Cap
Franciscans Friars	Fr Adri Nahal OFM
	Fr Yornes Pangur OFM
Marist Fathers	Fr Carl Telford SM - Manurewa
	Fr Philip Bennenbroek SM
	- Marist Seminary
	Fr Rodney Smyth SM - Chaplain,
	Little Sisters of the Poor
Salesians of Don Bosco	Fr Eteuati Milo SDB



The Pontifical Mission Societies help find way to appreciate the Bible better in our daily life. One way is promoting the Bible Diary Word in Other Words Book containing a short daily reflection based on the Gospel of each day. The reflections are written by missionary priests, Brothers and Sisters working in various parts of the world. It helps one to pray and get a little insight into the gospel of the day. A good Christmas gift for the family. \$20 per book. Order now Call (09) 489 6549 or 027 922 9902 or email info@missio.nz



CARING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Caring Foundation. Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable. www.caringfoundation.org.nz Please take home a copy of Bishop Steve's Christmas message and the Foundation's appeal postcard.

DATES FOR RITE II RECONCILIATIONS DURING ADVENT		
Tues. 13 Dec.	7:00 PM	St John the Evangelist OREWA
Thurs. 15 Dec.	7:00 PM	St Thomas More, GLENFIELD
Fri. 16 Dec.	7:00 PM	St Mary's, NORTHCOTE
Sun. 18 Dec.	7:00 PM	St Francis de Sales & All Souls, DEVONPORT
Tues. 20 Dec.	7:00 PM	Maria Assumpta, BEACH HAVEN

Christmas Novena Masses 2022
Simbang Gabi sa Takapuna

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
10 Dominion St., Takapuna

DECEMBER 15-16	6.30PM
DECEMBER 17 (SAT)	5.00PM
DECEMBER 18 (SUN)	6.00PM
DECEMBER 19-23	6.30PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO STAY SAFE AROUND COVID-19 which is still spreading in the community. We were notified that someone with COVID-19 attended St Joseph's Church on Saturday 3 December at 5pm Vigil. Please remember the following Public Health messages to help stop COVID-19 spreading:

- Stay home if you are unwell
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have cold or flu like symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19 ([How to get a COVID-19 test](#))
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser
- Face masks are a way we can protect ourselves and others.

Improve ventilation at your gathering. More information on these and other messages are on the [Unite Against COVID-19](#) website, which includes information [translated in several languages](#)

Third Week of Advent - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/3RD-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>
Hope is a Blue Eyed Husky - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Hope-is-a-blue.pdf>

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING
ALL UNWRAPPED GIFTS ARE TO BE LEFT AT TAKAPUNA AND MILFORD CHURCHES TODAY, SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER OR PARISH OFFICE MONDAY 12 DECEMBER AT THE LATEST. ALL ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP FROM ST JOSEPH'S FOR MONTE CECELIA ON WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER. THANK YOU!

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

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET
Sunday, 18 Dec, 7pm-9pm
St Joseph's Church Takapuna, Parking Lot

Come along for some night market food and Christmas Carols on Sunday, 18 Dec. from 7pm-9pm held at our parish parking lot (right after the 6pm Mass). Enjoy the vibrancy of our parish community, with a selection of exquisite meals and drinks from different cultures, and the beautiful sound of Christmas tunes by our very own singers & musicians. Cash and EFTPOS accepted.

All funds will go towards our Parish Youth Ministry, particularly for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon.

Join us for a cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in Flanagan Lounge hosted by our St Vincent de Paul