

Next Sunday - 25 December - The Nativity of the Lord

First: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7
Second: Titus 2:11-14

Psalm: 96
Gospel: Luke 2.1-16

PRAYER In charity we pray for Denis McMahon who died recently and Fr Martin Bugler and Kenneth Carnall whose anniversaries occur

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
laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

God alone can promise
human survival

PSALM 23

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things.

They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves them.
These are the ones who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Letter to Romans 1:1-7

Jesus! Son-of-David in flesh
SON-OF-GOD in resurrection

MATTHEW 1:18-24

The 'Joseph tradition'
recalls Christ's virginal conception

Joseph's Annunciation

God reveals to Joseph
in a dream

what no God-fearing
Jewish man had heard before.

'Forget the Torah-Law!
take Mary as your wife
for the child is of the Holy
Spirit'.

Joseph's obedient response,
his change-of-mind,
helps us to keep faith
in our human nature.

Human life is God's creation
but our responsibility.

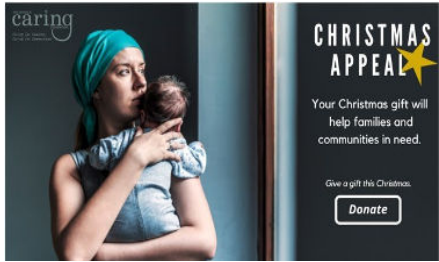
To-day we give praise for
Joseph, Son of David
Joseph, Husband of Mary

and for the miracle of
Bethlehem.



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



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.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022 ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 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

NEW YEAR'S EVE SATURDAY VIGIL - 5.00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY 7.30AM, 10.30AM & 6.00PM

Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Lambs
COME DRESSED FOR OUR VIGIL MASS



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, MILFORD

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY 9.00AM



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank St Joseph's School and Parish community, for your gracious assistance in 2022.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas.



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

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THANK YOU

St Joseph's is sincerely grateful for our financial support to assist our parishioners to be missionary disciples of Jesus. For your information our bank account is: RC Bishop of Auckland-St. Joseph Takapuna 020 100 012 0990 004 (or 04).

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

**NO 5PM MASS ON SATURDAY 24 DEC.
NO 6PM MASS ON SUNDAY 25 DEC.**

DATES FOR RITE II RECONCILIATIONS DURING ADVENT

Sun. 18 Dec.	7:00 PM	St Francis de Sales & All Souls, DEVONPORT
Tues. 20 Dec.	7:00 PM	Maria Assumpta, BEACH HAVEN

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

Come along tonight for some night market food and Christmas Carols. 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.



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NZCatholic

At Church doors today. Price \$4 Some headlines for this issue: De La Salle brother's Christmas in Bethlehem. Two new Monsignors in Hamilton. SVDP gift an experience in Dunedin. Papal and NZ church year in review.

DROP IN—ROSE MUIR

The Drop In is on leave til Wednesday 18 Jan. 2023. Prayer requests and books available by phoning 486 0070.

There is an Open Home for Christmas Hospitality at 1B Napier Ave.

Come for a chat and look at the Nativities!

Also contact me for St Joseph's Parish Prayer Tree, if you would like prayers said for a relative or friend in ill health or need.

Join us for a cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in Flanagan Lounge hosted by Sue & John, Maureen & Morna
The 2023 roster will start again on Sunday 29 January 2023.



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. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required term time only (32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 01 January 2023.

Fourth Week of Advent: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/4th-WEEK-of-ADVENT.pdf>
Parents Pondering: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/O-Holy-Night.pdf>

Preparation for this year's Christmas Readings:
The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>
Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

