

## Next Sunday - 11 December - Third Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 PSALM: 145  
Second: Letter to St James 5:7-10 Gospel: MATTHEW 11:2-11

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Florita B Huelar, Rosario M Gancenía, David Hollis, Ian Timms and Tony Pearce 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



### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz)

## Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2022



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

Promise of a 'new prince' to be born  
promise of a 'new paradise'

#### PSALM 71

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails:  
he shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

#### LETTER TO THE ROMANS 15:4-9

Christ Jesus brings hope of  
universal harmony for all peoples

#### MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist's cry ..  
threatening the powerful  
- 'the chaff'  
giving hope to the humble  
- 'the wheat'

#### THE THREATS DO NOT WANE

The threats do not wane  
dangers are not imagined  
the power to undo is on the loose.  
And in the midst, you speak your word.  
You speak and all is made new.

You give your true self  
in the utterance of 'Fear Not'.

We diminish our lives in feeble anxiety  
... you veto our anxiety.

We cheapen our neighbour with our  
frantic greed  
... you nullify our greed.

We pollute our world in lusting for  
safety  
... you detoxify our mess.

Now come here!  
override the fickleness of it all  
make us free  
give us joy.

And give us faith commensurate  
with your true, abiding self.

Walter Bruggemann



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



**NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE**

Come sing with us our Christmas prayers. On **Thursday 8 December at 2pm in the chapel of St Benedicts** Bishop Steve will pray the Mass of Christmas day which will be filmed for broadcast on Shine TV. We would deeply appreciate a good congregation so... please consider joining us and adding your prayers and voices.

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>

**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@sosi.org.au](mailto:marymackillopcentre@sosi.org.au) Ph: 09 528 1801.

**WYD23 Fundraiser: Private Screening of Avatar 2 (Rated M), 18 December at 2pm,** Midcity Hoyts Cinemas \$20 per ticket includes entry, ice-cream, popcorn, drink and sweets. Email [mdmwydmovie@gmail.com](mailto:mdmwydmovie@gmail.com) or ph Paula 021827225.

**Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland, is seeking a part-time qualified chef for 25-hours per week over 5-days (Sundays being one of those days).** Full details on church noticeboard. Please send your CV with Cover Letter to [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz) by Sunday, 11 December 2022.

**Catholic charity NPH New Zealand** offers a range of Christmas Gifts which help vulnerable children and families in Latin America. E-cards and Gift Certificates available. More info at [www.nph-nz.org](http://www.nph-nz.org)

Congratulations to our young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening from Bishop Steve Lowe; and to those receiving Holy Communion for the first time at Masses this weekend. May the Lord fill your hearts with gratitude, and strengthen your hands with love.

**TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy** For more information: : [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Online Sessions (Evening):**

**Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees with Beate Matthies**

Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

**Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father** (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

*Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group will be visiting our parishioners, to share some Christmas joy, singing Christmas carols. We will be going around the parish on Saturday, 17 Dec. from 3pm to 7pm. If you know of any parishioners who would like us to visit them & are homebound or just need some Christmas joy, please email Debra Dsouza at [dsouza.debra@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:dsouza.debra@yahoo.co.nz) with their details (address & phone no.).*



**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2nd-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>

**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/The-College-Student-Who-Found-Her.pdf>

DATES FOR RECONCILIATIONS DURING ADVENT			
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 are at Milford, Takapuna, Albany churches. **These will be for Christmas Treats ie. Packaged Christmas Tarts, Chocolates and Chocolate biscuits, Chips etc. & General non-perishable food items ONLY and Bathroom items.***

**ALL GIFTS—UNWRAPPED—ARE TO BE LEFT AT TAKAPUNA AND MILFORD CHURCHES BY SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER. Thank you!**



*There will be no Gold Coin collection for our SVdP group this Sunday. Instead we encourage you to consider donating to the Angel Tree appeal. SVdP would like to thank our parish for the incredible support we receive throughout the year.*

**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.*



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Some headlines for this issue: Bishop wants 'thriving parishes of faith'; COP27 didn't heed call from Pacific; Synod is like a hui, says Bishop Lowe; CEC launches podcasts with a Christmas focus.

Join us for a cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in Flanagan Lounge hosted by Elena, Carmina and Michelle



**Religious gifts for sale after Mass** Marcelle and Jiries Giacaman, Catholics from Palestine, are selling their craftwork at St Joseph's today. An opportunity to buy **NZ made woodcraft** Christmas gifts, or religious items for your own home.