

Next Sunday 8 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 5:1-7 PSALM: 80
Second: Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

PRAYER In charity we pray for Andrew Auckram, Benjamin Brazil Snr (Fr Nathaniel's father) and Peter Isichei who died recently and Dulcie Buist, Tom Frew, Mary Ashton, Graeme Robson, James Murray (USA) whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Michael Dobbyn, Trish Murfitt, Sister Margaret Browne, Raphael Ponce, Irene LeFort, Boyd Squires, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, Kathryn Healy, Fran Meredith, John LeFeuvre, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Marcia & Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Annabelle Sia, Clara Jung-Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Rima Bennett, Belinda Chamassian, Jane Barrita.

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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 Parish Bank Account No. is 02 0108 0706814 000.

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

ST JOHN PAUL II - Holy Cross Anglican Church

222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, (access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension)

Mass - Sunday at 5.30pm



HERE IS THIS WEEK'S KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Twenty-Sixth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

The Art of Discernment <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/THE-ART-OF-DISCRNMENT.pdf>

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

EZEKIEL 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin,
they shall certainly live.

PSALM 25

Lord, I give you myself to you.

I trust you, God;
do not fail me,
nor let my enemies gloat.
No one loyal is shamed,
but traitors know disgrace.

Teach me how to live,
Lord, show me the way.
Steer me toward your truth,
you, my saving God,
you, my constant hope.

Recall your tenderness,
your lasting love.
Remember me, not my faults,
the sins of my youth.
To show your own goodness,
God, remember me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Be united in your love.

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God before you.



REFLECTION

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Source: Loyola Press



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

The Season of Creation - A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation, we pray that “**justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.**” Pope Francis.

CDA CONNECT There is lots to read in this edition. Prayers, stories about the life of the diocese and invitations to participate in events from celebrations of our ethnic diversity to joining the Methodists and Anglicans in prayer. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CDA-CONNECT-28-Sept-23.pdf>

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starts September 25.

“With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable.” To learn more about the programmes, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! At Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, **Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023**. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz


For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue. The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a **Liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation**. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe. Wednesday | 25 October 7.30pm Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

The *Instrumentum Laboris* is the official working document for the October gathering of the Synod on Synodality. All have been invited to engage with the document. The diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> contains basic details of structure and purpose.

Date Claimer 9 November The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchase liturgical resources and more.

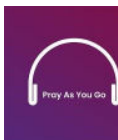
ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES

YOUR **CATHOLIC** CORNER PODCAST yourcatholiccorner.com



Your invitation to deepen your spiritual bond with God by exploring each Sunday’s Liturgical readings - in advance of going to Mass - and their relevance in our lives today

Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. pray-as-you-go.org



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS!
We're in search of passionate souls to lead the music at our 1st Sunday 9am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Milford. If you've got the talent and a heart for worship, we'd love to have you. No worries if you're a bit rusty; we'll provide the support and training. Your music can truly make a difference. Email Talitha for more info: music@stjoseph.org.nz

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us for our series ‘Kings, Queens and I’, as we explore stories of the Old Testament monarchy and understand their relevance for our own lives today. Wednesday 4 October 7.30-9.15pm in the St Joseph’s Church hall. Praise & Worship, Teaching & Fellowship.

JOIN ST JOSEPH’S YOUTH FOR A SPECTACULAR MORNING MARKET! ON SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER
We're crafting an even more unforgettable event for our community. Expect an array of delightful experiences, including diverse food stalls, raffles, live performances, a car wash, and more. All proceeds will directly support our Youth Ministry, specifically our upcoming *January 2024 Summer Camp*. **Getting involved ???**
1) Consider showcasing your unique cuisines at our Morning Market.
2) Donate delicious food items for us to offer.
3) Extend the invite to your communities for an inclusive celebration. (Filipino, European, Malaysian, Indian, Korean, South African, Samoan & beyond!)

VINNIES SHOP NEEDS HELP!!!

Are you practical?
Do you like working with your hands?
Have you half-a-day each week to volunteer in a shop of clothing + curiosities + occasional chaos when kindly donated goods come in bulk?
Ring 09 443-5274 or visit 175 Ellice Road in the Wairau Valley!
P/s: Come with a friend/ neighbour(s).

The National Day of Celebration for the life, spirituality, and good works of **Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert** will be on this Sunday 1st October. Source: Celebration Sunday 2023 - compassion.org.nz



MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by **Sue & John, Maureen & Deidre**



NZ BISHOPS' 2023 ELECTION STATEMENT

The NZ Catholic Bishops are urging politicians elected on 14 October to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation, rather than on the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate. A copy of their Election Statement is available online: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre: For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

St Francis Open Day - Join us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis with the Blessing of Animals Service. Bring your pets and explore our grounds today Sunday 1 Oct. 2pm-4pm.
Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec.
Contemplative Prayer Retreat - Come to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition | Sat 7 Oct 10am-4pm (\$80 fee includes lunch, tea/coffee).

ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA PRAYER GROUP
Prayer Group Meeting Thursday 5 October at St Joseph’s. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

2024 Columban Art Calendar for sale.
Available in the church’s foyers.
\$12 each.

A garden garage sale for 2 weeks, from Sat. 7th Oct. - Mon. 23rd Oct. Please ring Rose Muir 09 486 0070. Thank you!

SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION

SVDP First Sunday collection will be held after all Masses - St Joseph - 1st Sunday, St Vincent de Paul, Milford - 2nd Sunday. EFTPOS is also available. We thank you for your generous contribution.
HARD FACT: 73 food parcels assists during Aug'23.