

Next Sunday 5 November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

PSALM: 131

Second: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9:13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

PRAYER In charity we pray for Simon Smith (Sue Smith's husband), Valentinus Muliadi Lay (Budi Lay's brother), Suzanne Young, Willie Puno **who died recently and** Michael Knowles, Hilary Adams **whose anniversaries occur**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Michael Dobbyn, 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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirtieth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

EXODUS 22: 21-27

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you.

PSALM 18

I love you, God my strength,
my rock, my shelter, my stronghold.

My God, I lean on you,
my shield, my rock,
my champion, my defence.
When I call for help,
I am safe from my enemies.
Praise the Lord!

Death had me in its grip,
the current swept me away;
Sheol was closing in,
I felt the hand of death.

From the depths I cried out,
my plea reached the heavens.
God heard me.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 22:34-40

You must love your neighbour as yourself.



REFLECTION

The context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question about the Resurrection. The third question is asked by a Pharisee about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers.

Jesus answers the question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: *love God and love your neighbor*. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Source: Loyola Press



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

THE JOINT ANGLICAN-CATHOLIC BISHOPS STATEMENT ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE conflict is on the Church Noticeboards and attached to the emailed Newsletters.

The Anglican and Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, meeting together in Wellington last week, jointly express their horror at the latest acts of violence and join international voices in calling for an immediate ceasefire.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

- ◆ University Ministry Coordinator
- ◆ Youth Ministry Officer
- ◆ Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant
- ◆ Mt Eden Corrections Facility - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

Applications close 17 November.

To learn more about these positions, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

You are warmly welcomed to join us for our final **Auckland Divine Renovation** event for the year. We will be watching the recorded session of Revival and Renewal – **Watch Party** This promises to be excellent with speakers including Fr James Mallon, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Bishop Andrew Cozzens. 6pm at 30 New St – Ponsonby Monday 4th November. Dinner provided. Please register at Divinerenovation/events. For more information, please contact Cheryl Surry on Cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org or Stephenf@cda.org.nz

Requiem Mass for All Souls All are welcome to attend a Mass for the Faithfully Departed - All Souls, 7 pm Thursday, 2 November, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street.

The Book of Remembrance will be available to sign in the front of the Cathedral by Our Lady’s Chapel for the month of November. Please feel free to write down the names of your loved ones who have died. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car park on Durham Lane (\$3). Parking with a discounted rate (\$4.50) is available at the Hobson Street (Farmers) Car Park using the ParkMate App only. Please register and use the Code: STPATS to access this discount.

Parish Coordinator Vacancy The Parish of St Luke’s in Flat Bush is on the hunt for a Parish Coordinator to join the team. As one of the largest growing parishes in Auckland, we wish to employ a person for 25-30 hours a week as the parish coordinator. For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

The **Rise Up and Shine Ethnic Festival committee, and the Catholic Diocese of Auckland** would like to say thank you to all the Ethnic communities for your fantastic and marvellous mahi towards the festival. We have received words of gratitude and inspiration. You can organise your communities to an evening of video with food and snacks to watch the Ethnic Thanksgiving Mass together in full. If you have ideas how to make this annual event better for 2024, please email us your suggestions to pastoral@cda.org.nz See you in 2024. The link to the Mass: [\(5\) 15 October 2023 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Bishop Steve Lowe - YouTube](#)

Come and visit us and see the diocesan centre, 9 November, The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay on Thursday 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm 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.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY
Wednesday 1 November
Masses at 9.15am & 7.00pm

At our 7pm Mass for All Saints’ Day, any children who may be attending are invited to dress up as their favourite Saint! We look forward to seeing all these “little saints” in our midst.



ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Thursday 2 November
Masses at 9.15am and 7.00pm

If you have a relative or friend who has died over the past 12 months come to our Mass and light an individual candle in their memory. Come forward after the homily. Tea light candles will be provided.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A Book of Remembrance is placed at the front of each Church during November. To have prayers said for your loved ones please write their name in it.

WORD MADE FLESH

The parish invites you to an opportunity to have a closer look at the Bible/Scripture and be more confident in reading and understanding the story of our God who reveals himself to us and dwells among us.

Wednesdays from 6.30PM-7.30PM, starting 8 NOVEMBER 2023 and Thursdays from 10.30AM-11.30AM starting 9 NOVEMBER 2023 in the parish meeting room (old parish office).

MASS COUNTS For diocesan planning purposes, the annual Mass count takes place on the Saturday Vigil and Sundays of November. We are needing counters at our Masses - please phone the Parish Office or email if you can help.

JOIN ST JOSEPH’S YOUTH FOR AN AMAZING MORNING MARKET NEXT SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER.

A FUNDRAISER LED BY OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS DIFFERENT CUISINE, LIVE MUSIC, FACE PAINTING. Please feel free to contact Romwell youth@stjoseph.org.nz



2024 Columban Art Calendar
Available in the church foyers.
\$12 each.




MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by
Milford Church group
Carmela, Alex and friends



ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP invites you to join us for, ‘Biblical authority and the scientific age’. Wednesday, 1st November, **7.30-9.15pm** in the St Joseph’s Church hall.

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

