

Next Sunday 15 October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

PSALM: 23

Second: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

PRAYER In charity we pray for Joseph Daniel who died recently and Mons. Terry Leslie, Allen Rawson, Hugh Laracy 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 \(takapunacatholic.org.nz\)](https://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz)

St Joseph's Parish Bank Account No. is 02 0108 0706814 000.

SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION At St Vincent de Paul, Milford - after 9am Mass this Sunday. EFTPOS is also available. We thank you for your generous contribution.

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

Prayer is Being Gazed Upon <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Prayer-is-being-gazed-upon-1.pdf>

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard.

PSALM 80

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
leader of Joseph's flock.

From your throne on the cherubim

shine out for Ephraim,

for Benjamin and Manasseh.

Gather your strength,

come, save us!

Restore to us, God,
the light of your presence,
and we shall be saved.

How long, Lord God of might,
will you smoulder with rage,
despite our prayers?

For bread you feed us tears,
we drink them by the barrel.
You let our neighbours mock,
our enemies scorn us.

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us
kill him.



REFLECTION

In telling a parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7 in today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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.

Exploring Sacred Spaces started on 30 September. You can still participate in October. For more information, please see website at <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2023/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandinterfaithcouncil>. These are open events with no registration necessary but as the respective hosts are planning to offer a cuppa with their event, it would be great if you could let us know if you are planning to join us.

Job vacancy: Te Kupenga - Catholic Leadership Institute is inviting applications for the **Operations Manager position**. Visit <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/we-are-seeking-for-operations-manager/> for the position description and how to apply. Applications close on **Friday 20 October 2023**.

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.

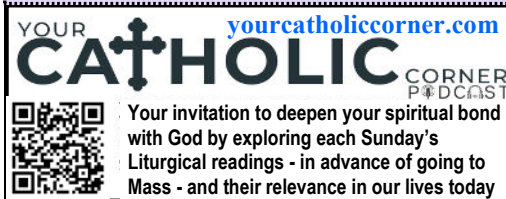
Date Claimer 9 November The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure,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

Hāto Petera Hui-a-Whānau Saturday 11 November from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Te Kamaka Marae. For those who wish to stay there will be Miha Māori at 6.00pm.

Saturday 25 November 2023 Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols from 3pm to 6pm. Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese. Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / **Entry by Koha** | Free Parking Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal.

Caring Foundation’s latest newsletter: See where your donations are truly making a difference to help so many in need throughout the diocese. A huge thanks to everyone who has supported our appeals – check out the agencies that are bringing our grants to life! Take our newsletter home and share, or check out our website. www.caringfoundation.org.nz/newsletters


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



AUCKLAND MARATHON - ROAD CLOSURES - SUNDAY 29 OCT 2023

Road closures will be in place on Taharoto Rd and Anzac St from **5:30am-10:30am**.

The Northcote Rd and Taharoto Rd intersection is also closed on race-day.

Please access to St Joseph’s via the back entrance on Fred Thomas Dr via Esmonde Rd.

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us for the **‘Unlimited series’**. We all want unlimited freedom, dream of unlimited power and think that we have unlimited time. But what is true freedom? What is real power? And do we really have unlimited time?
Wednesdays OCT 11 - Unlimited Freedom, OCT 18 – Unlimited Power & OCT 25 – Unlimited Time
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!)
Please feel free to reach out to Romwell youth@stjoseph.org.nz

MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group.



ROSTERS FOR NOV. 2023 TO FEB. 2024 are due out in a couple of weeks for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word, Altar Servers, Altar Flowers, Cleaning. We would love to hear from you if you wish to participate in our parish with any of these Ministries.

Hosting Tea/Coffee after 10.30am Mass—get a group together—family, friends. It’s great fun and lovely to meet parishioners. Call or email Parish Office for any information.

PRIESTS’ CONFERENCE

Msgr David and Fr Mark will be away this week in Rotorua for an assembly of priests from throughout New Zealand, organised by the NZ Bishops. From Tuesday to Friday, the weekday Mass will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, led by members of our parish community.

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.
Online copy: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf

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



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers. **\$4 each!**
Some headlines:
- Bishop John Adams ordained in Palmerston North.
- Catholic bookstore organised in Christchurch parish.
- New youth hub opened in Auckland.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next meeting will be our AGM, Tuesday 17 October 10.30am, in the old office. Usual shared lunch, raffle, etc. For more info phone Margaret 486 3695.

SPRING JAZZ CONCERT
with Ben Fernandez and friends
3pm Sunday 15 Oct 2023 in the Puriri Center (Takapuna Methodist Church) 427-429 Lake Road, Takapuna
Entry: Koha (Suggested donation \$20)
For further information phone: 09 489 4590
Website: takapuna.methodist.org.nz