

## Next Sunday 3 December - First Sunday of Advent

**First:** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1..8

**PSALM:** 80

**Second:** 1st letter to Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13.33-37

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Margaret Nicholas who died recently and Joseph Nolan, Sier Vermunt, Peter Drumm, Tony Pearce whose anniversaries occur

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Teodora Dinolan, 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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### 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



### LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN IN ZAMBIA

Would you be willing to make a monthly donation to help finance school lunches for poor children in Zambia? Donations are sent to a trustworthy person who assists with the school operations. Contact Elizabeth at [emisichei@gmail.com](mailto:emisichei@gmail.com)

### HERE IS THIS WEEK'S KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Our-Lord-JESUS-CHRIST.pdf>

**MONEY DROPPED IN A SHOP** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Inspirational-Story-money-dropped-at-a-shop-1.pdf>

## 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King

26 November 2023

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The prophet EZEKIEL 34:11...17

God will come in person..  
to shepherd us ..

#### PSALM 23

Lord, you are my shepherd  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where you give me repose.

Near restful waters you lead me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
You guide me along the right path;  
you are true to your name.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

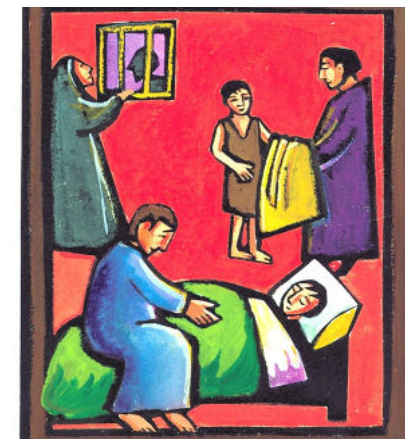
#### 1st letter to Corinthians 15:20—28

We are brought through death ..  
to life in Christ!

THE SHEEP OF MY FLOCK SAYS THE LORD  
HEARING MY VOICE, THEY WILL LISTEN  
THEY WILL FOLLOW ME, FOR I KNOW THEM  
THEY ARE MINE—ALLELUIA...

#### GOSPEL— MATTHEW 25:31-36

Our final judgement—  
rewarding the care we gave to the 'least'



### THEN THE KING WILL SAY ...

Only something very human is  
mentioned, everyone can understand.

'When you fed, clothed, welcomed,  
visited .. you did it to me.'

Jesus presents compassion  
as the ultimate judgement of our lives  
and our identification with him.

No difference between God's chosen  
People and other peoples.

Nothing is said of various religious,  
cults.

It is what everyone can understand;

What have we done  
for those who suffered in life?

Our life is on trial now.

It is now that we either meet  
or turn away from Christ  
in his 'least'.



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



## NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Celebrate a fantastic year of youth ministry at our end-of-year **CELEBRATION MASS**, 2 December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community as we mark the conclusion of an amazing year of ministry

**WITNESSES OF FAITH EVENT – THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 7 – 9 PM**  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH, AUCKLAND**

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. **More info and to register :** [www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses) or email [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org)

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available: Youth Ministry Officer** – Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **Youth Ministry Officer**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

**Taize Prayer for Advent**, Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

**Advent Retreat Day** Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th [MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au) MOB 0210710277



**ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2023** Christmas Trees at Takapuna and Milford churches today. Each year we provide Monte Cecilia with Christmas gifts for 50 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 No. is 02 0108 0706814 000, 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 will be at Takapuna and Milford churches TODAY 26 November. **These will be for Christmas Treats ie. Packaged Christmas Tarts, Chocolates and Chocolate biscuits, Chips etc. and General Non-perishable food items ONLY and Bathroom items. Thank you!**

The NZ Catholic Bishops have written for us a teaching document *Te Ahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life*. It is available online as an easy-to-read flip book, at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-ahu/>

The bishops want every Catholic to read it. *Te Kahu o te Ora* reminds us that all life is a gift from God.

**St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture** with Beate Matthies. Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>  
**YouTube Recordings** Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023 ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TAKAPUNA

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL (Sunday) 6.00pm**  
 preceded by Carols at 5.30pm

**MIDNIGHT MASS**  
 preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY 7.30am & 10.30am**  
**NO Christmas Night Mass**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, MILFORD**  
**NO Christmas Vigil - CHRISTMAS DAY - 9am**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE (SUNDAY)**  
**5pm Saturday Vigil**  
**Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am, 6pm**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**  
**Milford 9.00am**

**New Year's Eve Mass at St Joseph's**  
**10.30pm**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY (Monday) 9.15am**

**ST JOHN PAUL II - Holy Cross Anglican Church, Albany**  
**Christmas Vigil 8pm - Carols 7.30pm**  
**NO Christmas Day Mass**

## 2023 CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

*Simbang Gabi sa Takapuna*

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TAKAPUNA

Friday 15 December	6.30pm
Saturday 16 December	5.00pm
Sunday 17 December	6.00pm
18-22 December (Mon-Fri)	6.30pm
Saturday 23 December	5.00pm

## NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting of the year is this Wednesday, 29 Nov. at 7:30pm at St. Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Our scripture is from Revelation 7: 17.

**2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR**  
**AVAILABLE AT CHURCH DOOR & PARISH OFFICE \$12.00**  
**YOU CAN ALSO PAY BY DIRECT CREDIT TO PARISH ACCOUNT**  
**02 0108 0706814 000**



**MORNING TEA after 10.30am**  
**Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by**  
**Abeer George & Family**



## RECONCILIATIONS IN ADVENT DATES DURING DECEMBER AT 7PM

<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	St Mary's, <b>NORTHCOTE</b>
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	St John the Baptist <b>MAIRANGI BAY</b>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	St Francis de Sales & All Souls, <b>DEVONPORT</b>
<b>TUESDAY 12th</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TAKAPUNA</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	St John the Evangelist <b>OREWA</b>
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	St Thomas More, <b>GLENFIELD</b>
<b>Friday 15th</b>	Maria Assumpta, <b>BEACH HAVEN</b>

## JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

Join our prayer group meeting every Wednesday 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm, at St Joseph's Church Hall.

And join us for a family growth camp, "Hearts on Fire". Friday 1st Dec 5pm to Sunday 3rd Dec. 2pm. at: Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creightons Rd, Clevedon. Young or old, a camp for all ages. International Speakers – Ralph Martin and Joe Heschmeyer, live on Zoom, from the US. Mass with Fr Nathaniel Brazil. Cost (including meals and accommodation): per person \$100; children - 5 to 10yrs \$50; and under 5s free. Teachings, Eucharist, Music, Food, Games, Christmas Carols, Bonfire. Register by 27 Nov. at [bit.ly/jtgsonfire](mailto:bit.ly/jtgsonfire) Email: [CONTACT@JESUSTHEGOODSHEPHERD.CO.NZ](mailto:CONTACT@JESUSTHEGOODSHEPHERD.CO.NZ)

## DIRECTORS AND BOARD CHAIR

Carmel College Auckland Limited wishes to recruit new Directors to refresh the Board and to complement the strength and experiences of the current Board. Please follow this link to view the full advertisement.

<https://www.appointbetterboards.co.nz/position/apt21741>

## JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NTH SHORE

The end of year meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Wed 29 Nov 23 at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna**. It will be a celebratory gathering for the successful year we have had. We warmly invite all men together with their wives/partners for a shared meal and fellowship. Please bring a plate. Refreshments will be available. You may bring a friend. For more information contact Russell 022 034 5678.