

## Next Sunday 19 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Proverbs 31:10...31      **PSALM:** 127  
**Second:** 1st letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-6      **Gospel:** MATTHEW 25:14-30

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Bev Munday who died recently and Shakib Petros, Colin Fraser, Pauline Wilson 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

[Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirty-Second-SUNDAY-of-OT-2.pdf)

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2023

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The book of WISDOM 6:12-16**

If you seek God - wisdom ..

.. she will come to meet you!

**PSALM 62**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**1st letter to the THESSALONIANS  
4:13-18**

Christian hope - that the living,  
the dead will meet again

**GOSPEL— MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Look! The Bridegroom is close  
- be awake, ready to greet him



### BEING READY!

The oil .. is our anointing  
our Baptism, our Confirmation  
with God's Holy Spirit  
that fills our hearts  
enabling us to respond in love  
to the call to be with  
Christ - the - bridegroom  
who approaches us in love.

And we need not fear  
the unexpected coming of Christ.

Meister Eckhart - 14th century mystic  
'Wisdom consists in doing  
the next thing you have to do,  
doing it with your whole heart,  
and finding delight in it.'

The wisdom of the 5 bridesmaids  
was in their readiness  
for the bridegroom's arrival.

To-day is 'Lady Wisdom' Sunday!



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. This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. We are excited to celebrate the many ways they have served in 2023. At this mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards. These awards recognise young people who have made an outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! 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

**Between 8 to 23 October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza.** A humanitarian crisis is looming. A Gaza Health Ministry spokesperson says that 7,000 patients and wounded in Gaza hospitals are at risk of death as fuel supplies, providing electricity, for kidney dialysis, intensive care support, and oxygen supply begin to run out. 12 hospitals and 32 Health centres are already out of service. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is calling for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. **Caritas is also receiving donations through its website:** <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>

#### 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. Information at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course.

#### Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: [marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz) or call Gerry on **M: 021 02247442**.

#### 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. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers (including the Melkite Catholic Patriarch His Beatitude Joseph Absi from Syria) who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register :** [www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses) or email [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org)

#### INCREASING DONATIONS APPEAL LETTER TO PARISH

Here is the link for the letter from Mons David and Bruce Munro (Finance Council Chairman) <https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Increasing-Donations-Appeal-2023.pdf>

**MASS COUNTS** For diocesan planning purposes, the annual Mass count takes place on the Saturday Vigil and Sundays of November.

*There will be an Anointing Mass at 11am, Friday 24 November in the Parish Hall, followed by a light lunch.*



*Carmel College is organising a fabulous Christmas Market on Saturday, 18 Nov. 10am-3pm. Come along and indulge in some great food, our Champagne Terrace bar, food trucks, live performances and over 65 Stalls to get some Christmas shopping started. See you there!*

**SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION TODAY**  
at St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford

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



#### 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**". 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.

**When:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2pm. **Where:** Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creightons Rd, Clevedon. 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 20 Nov. at [bit.ly/jtgsonfire](http://bit.ly/jtgsonfire) Email: [CONTACT@JESUSTHEGOODSHEPHERD.CO.NZ](mailto:CONTACT@JESUSTHEGOODSHEPHERD.CO.NZ)

**MORNING TEA** after 10.30am  
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by our Milford #2 Group  
Sue, John, Maureen, Deidre



**DROP IN** is on Wednesday 15 November, at 11am...1pm at 1B Napier Ave. Tel. 09 486 0070 . It will be the last meeting for the year. It will resume in February 2024.

**CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY** in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. To purchase a book of details of hosts, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email me at [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

#### HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, AUCKLAND

##### SEEKING PART-TIME CHEF

A part-time chef for 30-hours per week over 5 -days (Sunday-Thursday non-negotiable), commencing early February 2024. For information email: [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz) Applications close Wednesday, 15 Nov. 2023.

**Volunteers for the Washing of Altar Linen urgently needed** - Please contact Parish Office 489 6486 or [secretary@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:secretary@stjoseph.org.nz)

#### St JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INDOOR BOWLS CLUB 2023 PRIZEGIVING

**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 7.15pm** at St Joseph's Hall, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna  
All welcome including non-bowlers  
If you haven't played bowls before this is a good opportunity to come and give it a go.  
2 games of fun bowls will be played  
Lucky door prizes and raffles  
Prize Giving followed by a light supper.