

## Next Sunday 26 Nov. - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First: The prophet Ezekiel 34:11...17 PSALM: 23  
Second: 1st letter to Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Gospel: MATTHEW 25:31-46

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for those who died recently and Joseph Nolan, Madeleine Ellison 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

### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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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 Third Sunday of OT](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ThirtyThird-SUNDAYof-OT.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ThirtyThird-SUNDAYof-OT.pdf>

PARENT PONDERINGS [The perfect Mistake](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/The-Perfect-Mistake-1.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/The-Perfect-Mistake-1.pdf>

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The book of PROVERBS 31:10..31

Wisdom and perfection of achievement in the life of a Jewish woman

#### PSALM 127

O blessed are you who fear the Lord and walk in God's ways.

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed Those who fear the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life.

#### 1st letter to the THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Be awake! Be sober!

Live in the light of God

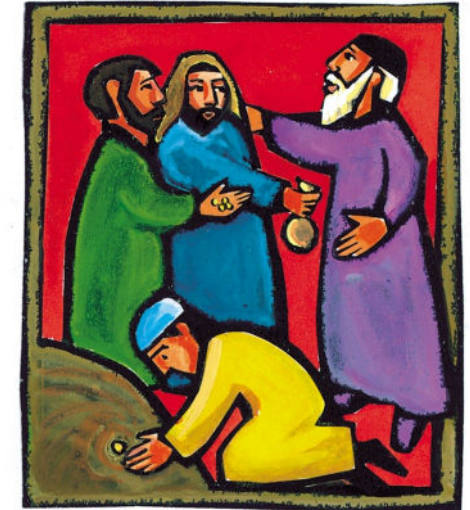
#### GOSPEL— MATTHEW 25:14-30

Parable of the silver talents!

- our wise use of God's gifts

*"MAY SONGS OF THE ANGELS WELCOME YOU AND GUIDE YOU ALONG YOUR WAY. MAY THE SMILES OF THE MARTYRS GREET YOUR OWN AS DARKNESS TURNS INTO DAY. EVERY FEAR WILL BE UNDONE AND DEATH WILL BE NO MORE, AS SONGS OF THE ANGELS BRING YOU HOME BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD."*

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#### A MATTER OF TALENT

The 'parable of the talents' imagines God as a risk-taker forever entrusting us with gifts.

God gives 'talents' to each of us and what matters is how we use these gifts to build God's kingdom.

When we use and share our gifts God's will and our will are as - one.

The first two servants know that their master trusts them and expects them to share the divine attitude of adventure!

The third servant shares none of this - regarding the master as hard and exacting this servant is afraid nothing comes of his opportunity.

The third servant 'buries' a part of himself.

The first two use wisely the master's assets and are ready to accept even greater responsibility and joy.

FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.S.S.R.



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

**World Day of the Poor 2023: Join Us in Making a Difference today**, Sunday, 19 Nov. marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7). **Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment** Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. **Get Involved!** Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! **Caritas Website:** [caritas.org.nz](http://caritas.org.nz) **Caritas Facebook page:** [facebook.com/caritasaotearoa](https://facebook.com/caritasaotearoa) **Caritas Instagram:** [@caritasaotearoanz](https://instagram.com/caritasaotearoanz)

#### 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)

**Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you**, and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to [www.lifeteen.nz](http://www.lifeteen.nz) to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz)

**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.



**ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2023 IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!** 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 next Sunday 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!**

**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)

#### 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.

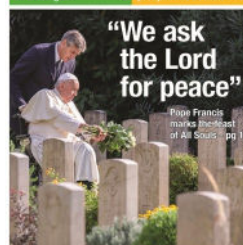
**When:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2pm. **Where:** Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creightons Rd, Clevedon. Cost (including meals and accommodation): per person \$100; children - 5 to 10yrs \$50; and under 5s free.

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)

#### 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.



Nov. 19 to 2 December Edition at Church foyers today—\$4. Some headlines for this issue; Kiwi Sister of Sion working in Holy Land strife. Mothers who have four kids are tax-free for life in Hungary; Surprise pilgrimage in Scotland and York.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Last meeting of the year, Tuesday 21 Nov. 10.30 am, in the Parish Meeting Room (the old office). Usual shared lunch, raffle, etc. For more info phone Margaret 486 3695.

**Pro-Life Witness** Every Wednesday 10 - 11am. Phone Tony Brebner 486 4418.