

Next Sunday 12 November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Wisdom 6:12-16

PSALM: 63

Second: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and Tolu Passi, John Armstrong, Margaret Russell, Nemesio Azul Sr, Reynaldo Azul **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://New Parishioner Sign Up - St. Joseph's Church (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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirty-First-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 November 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

MALACHI 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

PSALM 103

My soul, bless the Lord,

bless God's holy name!

My soul, bless the Lord,

hold dear all God's gifts!

Bless God, who forgives your sin
and heals every illness,
who snatches you from death
and enfolds you with tender care,
who fills your life with richness
and gives you an eagle's strength.

The Lord, who works justice
and defends the oppressed,
teaches Moses and Israel
divine ways and deeds.

The Lord is tender and caring,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God will not accuse us long,
nor bring our sins to trial,
nor exact from us in kind
what our sins deserve.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives.

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.



REFLECTION

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

Source: Loyola Press



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

"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/

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 6th 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

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.

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 are 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 or call Gerry on **M: 021 02247442**.

ADVENT RETREAT Saturday 2 December 8am-2pm, St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz. Join us as we interpret the deeper mysteries of the incarnation using the 'Four Senses of Sacred Scripture'. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. See our website for more information

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 Applications close Wednesday, 15 Nov. 2023.

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). Contact Edwin Macmac at the Parish Office 489.6486.

UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS AT ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about what St Francis had to say about death and what his approach to it was. Next session is this Sun 5 Nov- 'Sister Death' by Anne Moody - 2pm-4pm (Free)

Time Out Days - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 7 Dec | Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Thu 21 Mar 2024

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 TODAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS FOR AN AMAZING MORNING MARKET

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



NZCatholic

New bishop for Hamilton Diocese



NZ Catholic 5-18 Nov.

Edition at church doors today - \$4. Some headlines: Pope appoints new Bishop of Hamilton. Carmelites reflect on papal letter on St Therese of Lisieux. Young people told about navigating a cultural crisis. Synod on synodality first assembly closes.

SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION TODAY

SVDP First Sunday collection will be held after all masses - St Joseph's - 1st Sunday, St Vincent de Paul, Milford - 2nd Sunday. EFTPOS is also available. We thank you for your generous contribution. **HARD FACT:** \$930 was spent to support the Foodbank in Sep 2023.

Volunteers for the Washing of Altar Linen urgently needed - Please contact Parish Office 489 6486 or secretary@stjoseph.org.nz

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/> YouTube Recordings Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

