

Next Sunday 10 December - Second Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 40:1....11

PSALM: 85

Second: 2nd letter of Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: MARK 1.1-8

PRAYER In charity we pray for who died recently and David Hollis, Ian Timms, Jean Luoni 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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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

CELEBRATING ADVENT WEEK ONE <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>

EMBRACING GOD <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>

First Sunday of Advent

3 December, 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ISAIAH 63:16-17; 64:1...8

"Tear heaven open .. come .. down
be our blood!"

PSALM 80

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the one
you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

1st letter to Corinthians 1:3-9

Already graced, we await even more
blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS
AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.

GOSPEL— MARK 13:33-37

Sleepers awake!!!



After devoting the year 2023 in reflecting and studying the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, and just after the *Synod on Synodality*, Pope Francis has proposed that 2024, beginning the First Sunday of Advent, should be marked as the **Year of Prayer**.

In preparation for the Jubilee Year on 2025 with the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**," we are invited about the centrality of both individual prayer and communal prayer.

Please click on the link below for resources about the Year of Prayer 2024:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-anno-della-preghiera.html>





To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - **Saturday evenings** to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; **Wednesday mornings** in silent Meditation; **Wednesday evenings** to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'. We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

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 MOB 0210710277

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 10th December at 4pm in Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral followed by a light meal. All disabled people and their whānau and support workers most **WELCOME!**

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwae – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to participate and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. To register email, Den Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021 439407.

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-kahu/>

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The bishops want every Catholic to read it. *Te Kahu o te Ora* reminds us that all life is a gift from God. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>



NZ Catholic - 3-16 December edition available at Church doors today - \$4. Some headlines are: NZ representatives at Vatican synod reflect on experience; Changes to sanctuary at Dunedin cathedral; Young people debate topic of married priests; Transitional deacon ordained in Wellington.

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

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
10 Dominion St., Takapuna

15 DECEMBER (FRI)	6:30 PM
16 DECEMBER (SAT)	5:00 PM
17 DECEMBER (SUN)	6:00 PM
18-22 DECEMBER (MON-FRI)	6:30 PM
23 DECEMBER (SAT)	5:00 PM

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 Carmina, Michelle & Elena



RECONCILIATIONS IN ADVENT DATES DURING DECEMBER AT 7PM

Wednesday 6th	St Mary's, NORTHCOTE
Thursday 7th	East Coast Bays at St Francis' TORBAY
Sunday 10th	St Francis de Sales & All Souls, DEVONPORT
TUESDAY 12th	ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TAKAPUNA
Wednesday 13th	St John the Evangelist OREWA
Thursday 14th	St Thomas More, GLENFIELD
Friday 15th	Maria Assumpta, BEACH HAVEN



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2023
Christmas Trees at Takapuna and Milford churches.. 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. ALL GIFTS—UNWRAPPED—ARE TO BE LEFT AT TAKAPUNA AND MILFORD CHURCHES BY NEXT SUNDAY 10 DEC.**
Thank you!

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