

Next Sunday 17 December - Third Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11 **Psalm:** Luke 1:46-50. 53-54
Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **GOSPEL:** John 1:6-8. 19-28

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and Janet Laurent, Denis McMahon whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Aurora Madrigal, Alex McNaughten, Teodora Dinolan, Michael Dobbyn, 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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NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP
<https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/new-parishoner/>



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 TWO <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-two-PEACE.pdf>

PEACE DURING ADVENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Mother-Teresa.pdf>

Second Sunday of Advent

10 December, 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ISAIAH 40:1... 11

God calls his people home

.. like a shepherd gathering sheep



PSALM 85

I will hear what the Lord has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people and friends.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march in the forefront,

and peace shall follow the way.

2nd letter of St Peter 3:8-14

"work at your best ..

.. as we wait upon God"

GOSPEL— MARK 1:1-8

John the Baptist—the last voice preparing us for Jesus—the Word made flesh

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptised the people, in preparation for the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Source: Loyola Press



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

Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal – donations doubled! Give an impactful gift this Christmas! Give a gift that changes lives! Every donation to the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. The Caring Foundation partners with over 60 local agencies to provide the right help at the right time for families and people in poverty and hardship. To find out how to donate, pick up our Christmas post-card today, or check out our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz



G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Today 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, Deacon Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021 439407.

DO YOU HAVE THE CALLING TO BE A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT (VCA)?

VCA PROVIDES: A confidential listening ear; Safe and supportive help; Prayers for patients and their families; Spiritual support; Encouragement; Ward visits during the day.

If you do join as a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant in North Shore or Waitakere Hospital, training starts in April 2024.

Refer enquiries to Pauline at 022 3612134 or email at pauline.soo@waitematadhb.govt.nz before March 3rd 2024.

N.B. As outlined in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order – our Volunteers will need to be fully vaccinated and boosted.

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/> 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/>

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
Our Filipino Community



RECONCILIATIONS IN ADVENT DATES DURING DECEMBER AT 7PM

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
WE REQUIRE ALL FOOD ITEMS AND BATHROOM PRODUCTS DELIVERED TO ST JOSEPH'S OFFICE BY MONDAY 11th DECEMBER. WE ARE STILL ABLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL PAYMENTS WHICH WILL HELP TO COVER THE COST OF THE GIFTS THE PARISH HAS PURCHASED ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR PARISH FAMILIES. Our Receiving bank Account No. is 02 0108 0706814 000, A/C RC Bishop of Auckland-Parish Account Takapuna **THANK YOU!**

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>
YouTube Recordings
YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>
Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/ March on the theme of Miracles.
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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.

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wednesday 21 Feb. 2024, Thurs. 21 Mar. 2024.

Homecoming - A Lenten retreat that will reflect on the spiritual implications of Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" - Friday 22 March 7pm, Sunday 24 March 7pm.