

Next Sunday 24 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: 2nd book of Samuel 7.1...16

Psalm: 88

Second: Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and Fr Martin Bugler and Fr Paddy Collins 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 Three <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf>

Face to Face with a Koala in the Christmas Tree <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf>

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

17 December, 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ISAIAH 61:1...11

A jubilee year from God

- forgiveness, liberty, wedding joy

CANTICLE OF MARY - LUKE 1:46-54

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

*My spirit sings to God, my saving God,
who on this day above all others favoured me
and raised me up, a light for all to see.*

*Through me great deeds will God make manifest,
and all the earth will come to call me blest.
Unbounded love and mercy surely will I proclaim
for all who know and praise God's holy name.*

*God's mighty arm, protector of the just,
will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.
But mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt.
The strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.*

*Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth
be richly blest, be given greater worth.
And Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,
will live in peace throughout the promised land.*

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1st Letter to Thessalonians 5:16-24

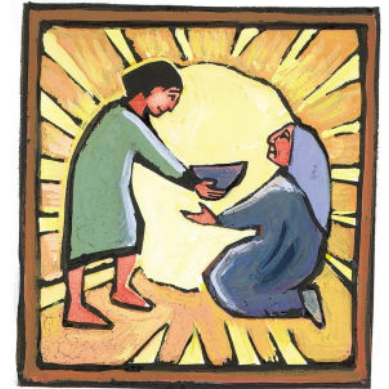
God's spirit dances within you!

Rejoice! Gaudete!

GOSPEL— JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptiser...

... true to himself, true to his calling



FRENCH ADVENT POEM

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, Word and response,
you are our only song,
Emmanuel in our silences.*

*Are you the one who is to come
to make our deserts bloom,
to free our hearts,
to bring our seeds to life
by the waters of the Jordan?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, Source of living water,
you are the springtime for the grain,
Emmanuel in our deserts.*

*Are you the one who is to come
and who comes each day
to free our lives,
to stir up our breath
by the movement of your own?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,
Jesus, the world's strength,
you are the Living One who returns,
Emmanuel, God-with-us.*

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To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – 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.

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



Hāto Petera past students and whānau are invited to comment on draft proposed repurposing plans for the site by 19 January. More information at: <https://hatopetera.com/about-hato-petera/>. **Hāto Petera repurposing:** All whānau and local communities are encouraged to review the proposals at www.hatopetera.com/about and provide feedback by **Friday 22 December** to teresam@cda.org.nz

To read about diocesan events in the last weeks and start filling your 2024 diary with opportunities for faith development, fun and diocesan life download the latest edition of CDA connect <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf> - the link can also be found on the front page of the diocesan website.

What about the Synod? The Synod on Synodality was not just a meeting in Rome in October. This week the Synod Secretariat issues guidelines *Towards October 2024* for how local Churches continue the journey together exploring the question "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?". Regional opportunities for holding conversations around this theme will be held post Easter that the diocese might participate in this phase. To find out more head to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> Details about the sessions available early 2024.

Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre Job Vacancy

This full-time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. To view the full advert and to apply, visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

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



Note to Parishioners from Mark Bond

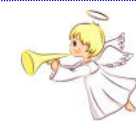
At the Sunday 10:30am Mass this weekend, I will be accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders by Monsignor David, on behalf of Bishop Steve. Candidacy is one of the final parts of a seminarian's training. It is a rite, typically done within a Mass, in which a seminarian will publicly declare his intention to receive ordination as a deacon, and then as a priest (unless he is a candidate for permanent diaconate). Before I could celebrate this rite of candidacy, I was required to write a letter to Bishop Steve, requesting his permission to be accepted as a candidate. He has since approved my request, and has authorised Monsignor David to perform the rite in his place. I am overjoyed at this new step in my vocational journey, and I thank all of you at St Joseph's Parish for your continued prayers and encouragement. I have been inspired and renewed in my own ministry simply by watching the many small and beautiful ways you reveal Jesus in your lives. You have invited me into your homes, laughed with me, inspired me, and supported me. So, I thank God for the gift of my vocation, but I also thank each one of you for helping me live out that vocation, day by day. God bless you this year and always, Mark

2023 CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES
Simbang Gabi sa Takapuna
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
10 Dominion St., Takapuna

17 DECEMBER (SUN) 6.00 PM
18-22 DECEMBER (MON-FRI) 6.30 PM
23 DECEMBER (SAT) 5.00PM

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING THANK YOU!

Your continued support is so appreciated. 50 Gift and Food bags were given to Monte Cecilia this week. A special thank you to St Joseph's School pupils who gave baskets of toys and books which accompanied the Gift and Food bags.

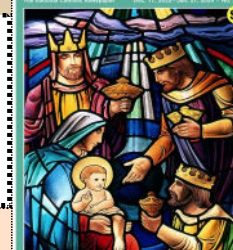


The Christmas 2023 Mass Times have been published on the CDA website. Here is the link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2023/>

MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted
by Anna and Lucia



NZCatholic



17 Dec. to 27 Jan. edition at church foyers today. Some headlines for this issue: Joy as fourth Bishop of Hamilton ordained; Don't forget suffering Church; Pope receives new NZ ambassador; South Korea pilgrimage was a real blessing. As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied here: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/7d2f4fc3-4750-490e-9037-f0042afa6a31>