

Next Sunday 31 December - The Holy Family

FIRST: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

PSALM: 128

SECOND: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and Fr Martin Bugler, Fr Paddy Collins, Susan Bedford, Mary McGuigan, Rose D'Urban, Elise Margaret Gannon whose anniversaries occur during December and January

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-parishioner/>



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 FOUR <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf>

ADVENT, GOD'S LOVE, AND OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Advent-Gods-Love-and-our-Love-for-others.pdf>

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December, 2023



LITURGY OF THE WORD

2nd book of Samuel 7:1...16

God will become present in human flesh .. not a building!

PSALM 88

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

With my chosen one I have made a covenant
I have found David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne for all ages.

He will say to me: 'You are my father;
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Letter to the Romans 16:25-27

God's wonderful plan to save
all humans, now known to us

GOSPEL— LUKE 1:26-28

'The Lord is with you ..'
.. Mary's 'yes'

ADVENT'S WAITING IS OVER

God's promise to King David is realised.

God works the impossible.
Mary is asked to believe this ..
.. she is open and accepting;

and this .. her aged relative
Elizabeth is pregnant!

God has 'waited' for Mary's yes;
Adam, Eve, the dead in the underworld,
the angels all wait; and so do we.

Mary's yes changes history
there is an unimaginable future
for the human family.

A future that comes from God.

All nations assemble in compassion,
in justice and gratitude.

There is now a Godly presence
altering human history.

Salvation lives in the hearts
of those who believe with Mary.



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS, AND A SAFE AND REWARDING NEW YEAR. OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH THIS YEAR IN THE PARISH AND IN THE NAME OF THE PARISH, AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS VOLUNTARILY.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 10AM MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2024.

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUR FINAL ONE FOR 2023. THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2024 WILL BE ON SUNDAY 21 JANUARY.



Anniversary of Profession: Sister Margaret Browne will mark her 70th anniversary of religious profession as a Mercy sister on Sunday 7 Jan. at 10.30am St Joseph's Mass. Sr Margaret was on the staff of St Joseph's Parish for many years. In recent months, diminishing health has seen her relocated to St Mary's in Ponsonby. We are honoured to have her celebrate a great milestone with us!

carpenter's square

Happy Advent !! First and foremost, on behalf of the Core Team of 2023, we would like to thank you for an amazing year. We have had countless glory stories and amazing events that have helped us and the young people we serve encounter the living God. None of this is possible without your prayers. So, from the depth of our hearts, we thank you. Click the link below to find out more - Carpenter's Square | Summer Edition you can find out what we have been up to from July to December 2023.

2024 AUCKLAND CLERGY APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE 3/4 FEBRUARY

Table with 2 columns: Location/Parish and Clergy Name. Includes Coromandel Peninsula & Hauraki Plains, Flatbush, Te Unga Waka, Glenfield, Kaitaia, Manurewa, Mt Albert, Papatoetoe, Papakura, Pukekohe, and Waiuku.

Seminarian on Pastoral Placement

Owairaka Ryan Sy
Priests leaving the Diocese
Fr Nathaniel Brazil Returns to Palmerston North Diocese as PP Stratford
Fr Patrick Breeze SM To Christchurch Diocese, Christchurch South Parish
Fr Peter McAfee SM To Christchurch Diocese, Christchurch South Parish

Drop In invites anyone on their own on Christmas Day to join my family for lunch and share their Nativity stories. Ring Rose Muir, 09 486 0070 at 1B Napier Ave. Takapuna.



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

We are so grateful to the St Vincent de Paul Society who work tirelessly in our parish. Their willingness to help those in need is very much appreciated.



The direct line for Foodbank requests is 0210 8867844.



Calling all Altar Servers. A one day get together of Altar Servers from all North Shore parishes will be run by Mark

Bond our Parish Seminarian. Details are as follows :-
Date : Wednesday 10 January
Time : 9.15am Mass in St Joseph's Church followed by Retreat in St Joseph's Church Hall finishing at 2.15pm
Come and meet other servers, have snacks, play games, and explore what it means to be "dignified" as you serve at the Lord's altar!
Please bring you own lunch. Parents are more than welcome to attend with their child(ren).

CALLING ALL OUR ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, LAMBS... COME DRESSED FOR OUR VIGIL MASS



A heartfelt thank you from the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous donations of food and Christmas presents, which brought joy and comfort to families residing in Monte Cecilia accommodation during a time that is often difficult and stressful for many. Your kindness reflects the true spirit of community and compassion that we cherish and strive to foster.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and know that your generosity has made a significant difference in the lives of many. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas.

VINNIES SHOPS THANK YOU



For supporting our Vinnies shops and the SVDP Society. The revenue we get from selling your generously-donated goods goes directly towards providing resources for families in desperate need. Pop by, drop off your donations, pick up a bargain and see what we do at our shops at 8/75 Elice Road, Glenfield and 25 Barry's Point Rd, Takapuna, opposite Woolworths. We close for the year on Saturday 23 December and Glenfield Shop reopens Wednesday 3 January 2024 and Barry's Point Rd on Monday 8 January 2024. We would love you to join our Volunteer team next year. Merry Christmas everyone!