

Next Sunday 25 February 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

FIRST: GENESIS 22:1...18

PSALM: 116

SECOND: LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:31...37 GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-10

PRAYER In charity we pray for Brian Wilson, Roberto R. Monponbanua who died recently and Sylvia Samson whose anniversary occurs

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Pat McKay, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbyn, Raphael Ponce, Irene LeFort, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, Fran Meredith, John LeFeuvre, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, 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 First SUNDAY of LENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Celebrating-FIRST-SUNDAYof-lent.pdf>

Find Happiness

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/FIND-HAPPINESS.pdf>

First Sunday of Lent

18 February, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Genesis 9:8-15

Noah is promised a new beginning
- God's rainbow 'signs' the covenant

PSALM 24

Lord, I give myself to you.

I trust you, God;

do not fail me,

nor let my enemies gloat.

No one loyal is shamed,

but traitors know disgrace.

Teach me how to live,

Lord, show me the way.

Steer me toward your truth,

You, my saving God,

You, my constant hope.

Recall your tenderness,

your lasting love.

Remember me, not my faults,

the sins of my youth.

To show your own goodness,

God, remember me.

Good and just is the Lord,

guiding those who stray.

God leads the poor,

pointing out the path.

1ST LETTER OF ST PETER 3:18-22

Noah's clan was saved from floodwater

Christ saves us in baptism waters

GOSPEL— MARK 1:12-15

Jesus, newly baptised is tempted ..

..Angels 'look after him'



SURROUNDED BY WILD BEASTS ... AND ANGELS

Mark wrote his gospel, 60 A.D.
for persecuted Christians in Rome
- being thrown to wild beasts in the arena.

Jesus, newly baptised prepares for
his public ministry surrounded
by 'Satan' and the wild beasts.

Christ's followers are heartened in their
persecutions, trials and sufferings
to know that Jesus faced all this.

His baptism 'You are my beloved Son'
was his strength and 'ministering angels'
to defeat Satan - God's adversary.

Our life-time calling, like Jesus
is to hear God the Father's voice
- we are God's beloved through
our own baptism.

'Lent' calls us to face
the enemy within us.

Mark's good news is that we
do this with Jesus
and in solidarity with all
who follow Him.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Jesus tells us he loves us as the Father loves Him...how awesome!

This Lent take time to be with Jesus, the Beloved, pondering His Word, sitting with Him in loving silence, and coming together with others to reflect on your living Faith:

Word – Wednesday evenings in Lent 7-7.30pm on Zoom

Meditation – Wednesday mornings in Lent 6.15 – 6.45 am on Zoom

Faith Formation 3 x 1 day events. New start day: 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May.

Please register with Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz, Faith Formation Team, Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Living as Beloved Retreat – Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 30 Holdgate Road, Kohimarama led by Eamon Butler and Jeannie Blaker, Thursday 22 February 7pm – Sunday 25 February \$420 Registrations by February 15th to MOB 021 027 91424.

Masterclass Young Leaders' Formation, Sunday 25 February

Youth leaders, you're invited to Masterclass, our quarterly event focused on equipping you for ministry. There will be relevant workshops, fantastic (free) kai, and opportunities to connect with other young leaders! Masterclass will be taking place on Sunday 25 February, 2:30pm – 8:00pm, at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby. Register at masterclassCDA.eventbrite.com

Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass, Sunday 25 February

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry in the Diocese! Our Commissioning Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe, who will be commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2024. This special Mass will be taking place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 25 February at 7pm. Please join us to support our young leaders.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a course on Mission and Ministry for three Saturdays, 02 March, 06 April and 04 May 9am-4pm in Ponsonby Auckland. This can be for personal interest or credited towards Certificate in Christian Studies. Fee is \$374. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz

News about the Diocese. For news about the life of the diocese and to find out about events and other opportunities coming up head to CDA connect a monthly round up of what's happened and what is coming up. The February edition is now up <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>



COME JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide apostolic and service organisation of Catholic men and women who with the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit strive to develop greater spirituality in their lives while doing voluntary work approved by the Parish Priest/Spiritual Director.

If you are keen to learn more, meet us at St. Joseph Church's Meeting Room (previously the Parish Office) every Saturday after the 9am Mass. See you there!

YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY AT 6PM

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st

March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted
by our Milford Church Group #2



Caritas Lent Appeal 2024

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are at Church door today. You can use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. Thank you.

ROSTERS FOR MARCH TO JUNE 2024

The Rosters are:

- ♦ Ministers of the Word
- ♦ Ministers of the Eucharist
- ♦ Altar Flowers
- ♦ Church cleaning (1 hour every 6 weeks)
- ♦ Hosting Teas etc. after 10.30am Sunday Mass (Tea, Coffee, Sugar provided)

Thank you to the Ministers who have emailed their availability. I would appreciate hearing from everyone before the end of the week.

If you are thinking about joining a Roster, we are here to help. I look forward to any enquiries.

God bless, Morna Neumann, Parish Secretary secretary@stjoseph.org.nz or 09 489 6486.

MAGNIFICAT CHOIR - EASTER VIGIL MASS

Our seasonal choir will resume rehearsals soon in preparation for Holy Week, and we are extending open invitations to newcomers.

If you are interested in joining, contact Randall at randallramos@icloud.com (joining is subject to vocal capabilities and experience).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

First meeting of the year will be Tuesday 20 February, 10.30am, in the Meeting Room. Usual shared lunch, raffle, etc. For more information phone Margaret 486 3695.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 1st March

A service prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine. You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at St George's Presbyterian Church, 2 The Terrace, Takapuna at 11am.

DROP IN on Wednesday 21st February and we'll kick off with a Chinese New Year lunch at 12 noon. Bring a plate. Rose Muir, 1B Napier Ave. Takapuna. 09 486 0070. All welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening (7pm) during Lent at St Joseph's. Any groups who wish to lead the Stations of the Cross please contact the Parish Office 489 6486.



4 EVENINGS OFFERED BY OUR '2 MARKS' ON PRAYER AND THE ETHIC OF LIFE to be held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays

- Feb 22 7pm – Fr Mark Napa On Prayer
- Feb 29 7pm – Mark Bond On A consistent ethic of life
- Mar 7 7pm – Fr Mark Napa On Prayer
- Mar 14 7pm – Mark Bond On a consistent ethic of life

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The introductory course on Christian Meditation begins at 7-30pm on Tuesday 20th February at St Joseph's church in the parish Meeting Room (the old parish office). Each meeting will last just over an hour.

The course is being led by Vincent Maire and Father Peter Murphy from the World Community for Christian Meditation. The course lasts for four Tuesdays in Lent. There is no charge for attending the course. If you would like further information then please telephone Graham on 09 489 4389.

WINGS.NGA PARIRAU – FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM Meet on Wednesday 28 Feb. after 9.15am Mass in School Admin Block meeting room. Contact Joh Cogle jcogle@xtra.co.nz

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

TUESDAY, 20th Feb. at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church followed by a cuppa. Phone Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com