

Next Sunday 3 March 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

FIRST: THE BOOK OF EXODUS 20:1-17 **PSALM:** 19
SECOND: 1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 1.18, 22-25 **GOSPEL:** JOHN 2:13-25

PRAYER In charity we pray for Mary Finlay, Patricia Meier **who died recently** and Janet Daley, George Foster **whose anniversaries occur**
PRAYER FOR THE SICK Sue McHardy, 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Celebrating-SECOND-SUNDAYof-lent.pdf>

A LENTEN Story <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/A-Lenten-Story.pdf>

Second Sunday of Lent

25 February, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Genesis 22:1...18

God blesses Abraham for his faith
... and willingness to sacrifice Isaac
his only child

PSALM 116

I trusted, even when I said:
"I am sorely afflicted."
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:31-34

God handed over his only child ..
.. for the sake of us all.

GOSPEL— MARK 9:2-10

'This is my beloved Son .. listen to Him'



RELINQUISH YOUR DREAM

God doesn't call us from our dreams
into a vacuum .. the possibilities
God offers outstrip us in excellence.

God promised Abraham and Sarah
an heir .. Abraham relinquished
his hold on Isaac .. and was
granted descendants countless
as the stars ..

Jesus came as a rabbi-teacher
he allowed himself to be
handed over to death..

.. and was revealed as
the beloved Son of God
who sits at God's right hand.

Can we relinquish our hold
on what we believe
will be our future?

With Peter, James, John
we ponder our future wondering
what 'rising from the dead'
could mean.

SR DIANNE BERGANT C.S.A.

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

The Upper Room Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics.

Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Danielle Mourits. Thursday 7th March 7pm at Good George Mission Bay. Tickets \$10.

Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

Parish Renewal Are you a lay leader wishing to learn more about what leadership, renewal and vibrancy in your parish can look like?

Then this evening event is not to be missed.

Fr Chris Ryan(MGL) Author, Parish Priest and founder of The Arete Mission Discipleship program will be sharing the ways to help in invigorating your parish.

Registration is essential <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

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. See the February edition at

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>



ALPHA RETURNS – Alpha is a forum which every parishioner can attend and have a refresher on the basics of our faith. It is also an opportunity to invite friends and family who are not Christians, or who are not coming to church - to come and kick-start or re-ignite a faith in Jesus, in a friendly and informal environment. Participants will enjoy good food, meet new friends, and learn more about faith and God.

There is no charge.

Starts Tuesday 9th April, 7pm in the St. Joseph's hall (for 9 Tuesdays).

To REGISTER please contact Deacon Steve Fraser; email: stephenf@cda.org.nz – Ph 021 439 407 OR Engelbert Dsouza; email: engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – Ph 021 0234 6853.

UPCOMING RETREATS AND EVENTS AT ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE:

Time Out Days—for those who seek a day retreat—9.30am—2.30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

Thursday 21 March, Tuesday 16 April. Homecoming—A Lenten retreat reflecting on Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" - Friday 22 March 7pm to Sunday 24 March 4.30pm cost \$330. For more info/dates and to visit book www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

ADULT PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

is available on Mondays 26 February and 4 March at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Email Edwin at pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz

MORNING TEA after 10.30am

Mass in the Parish Hall
hosted by Josephine Ramos
& Family



LENTEN RITE II AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, THURSDAY 21 MARCH AT 7.00PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 8 March at 11am in St Joseph's Church, followed by a light lunch downstairs in the Parish Hall.

If anyone is needing transport please contact Parish Office 489 6486.



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.



Caritas Lent Appeal 2024

Examples of our Work: Fiji Caritas supports young people to become self-employed farmers through non-formal training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre supporting students with the skills, opportunities and tools to run their own small businesses. They train farmers in water and soil management using resilient seeds and seedlings, land and crop stability and organic pest control and fertilisers. Tutu also teaches storm-resilient building and construction.

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).

NZCatholic

Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers

Pounamu taonga for national shrine in Wellington

New college blessed



At Church doors today—\$4. Some headlines for this issue: St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College in Drury opens. Pounamu taonga for national shrine. Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers. Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little communities.

JOSHUA NORTH SHORE

An open invitation to all men to join others in a spirit of learning, camaraderie, prayer and fellowship. And a special welcome to those who we have not seen for some time.

Meeting Wednesday 28 Feb. 7.30pm-9.30pm
New Venue: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland
Speaker: Fr Carl Telford SM
Topic: Fostering a strong Prayer Habit
Private Confession would be available on request.

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

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 resumes at 7-30pm on Tuesday 27 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 continues over 3 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

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.