

Next Sunday 11 February 2024 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: LEVITICUS 13:1-2 45-46

PSALM: 32

SECOND: 1ST LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 10:31-11.1

GOSPEL: MARK 1:40-45

PRAYER In charity we pray for Cynthia Forrest who died recently (Funeral at St Joseph's Church, 12 February at 11am) and those whose anniversaries occur

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-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 FIFTH week in OT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Celebrating-FIFTH-Week-in-OT.pdf>

How does Jesus answer the 'WHY' <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/How-does-Jesus-answer-the.pdf>

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 February, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

JOB, mocked by friends, yet trusts God throughout his sufferings

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord, my heart!
My whole life, give praise.
Let me sing to God
as long as I live.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel,
healing the broken-hearted,
Binding their aching wounds.
God fixes the number of the stars;
Calling each by name.

Great is our God and powerful,
wise beyond all telling.
The Lord upholds the poor
but lets the wicked fall.
Sing thanks to the Lord,
sound the harp for our God.

1st letter to Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul's 'burden' ... to carry
Christ's good news to all

Gospel— MARK 1:29-39

Jesus at work!

- ♦ healing the sick
- ♦ at prayer -
one with his 'Abba' Father
- ♦ moving from village to village



JOB, JESUS and SUFFERING

Job stands for all innocent people
in history who have wondered ...
Why sickness? Why pain?
Why suffering?

Job is familiar to us all; if few of us
share his innocence and strong faith,
all of us share his hurt and anguish.

We will all live through his same
Questions and his despair -
and ask why?

Jesus is a 'New Job' who questions the
suffering surrounding him
especially when facing his 'passion'.

But Jesus is committed to a
Ministry to all who are sick.

This is his enduring witness
and must be our faithful witness.

Let us see God's compassion reflecting
in the care of doctors and nurses.

And let us be like Jesus
who know that his schedule of care
to the sick must be kept.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

A conversation with Monsignor Tomáš Halik. Help my Unbelief! How can we find the “Galilee of Today”? Ordained secretly as an underground priest, Tomáš Halik is now theologian at Charles University Prague. Come and listen to Mons Halik. St Columba Centre 5 February, 7.30pm, followed by supper. Please RSVP Fr Merv Duffy m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz by 2 February.

WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA All are welcome to celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For more information email ManuelB@cda.org.nz

Year of Prayer Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/> and will be updated regularly particularly as resources become available through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

Past, present members of the **Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations**, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod’s call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February Poynton Room Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. RSVP pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz by 5 February.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Tuesday 13 February. Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: “Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God’s way of loving becomes the measure of human love.”

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students If you are a fourth or fifth year medical student in 2024, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information email scholarships@cda.org.nz

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD TRAINING SEMINAR

Christchurch Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 April Natural Fertility Management

This seminar will benefit Health Professionals and Natural Health practitioners interested in women’s health and fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, and those using or considering using the Billings Method. The seminar will also interest those involved in pre-marriage counselling and those wishing to promote the Method within their community. For further information and to register go to: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

14th February is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. As part of this special time of the year for our parish there will be an introductory course on Meditation in the Christian Tradition. Christian meditation is a simple way of being in God’s presence through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. In stillness we enter into union with God. In silence we give our own spirit room to breathe and to be with a God who longs to be in union with us. It becomes the prayer of the heart and the practice of the presence of God. Some also report physical and mental benefits.

The course will be held in the parish Meeting Room (the old office) and starts on Tuesday 20th February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and will run for four weeks - 20th & 27th February and 5th & 12th March. The course will be led by members of the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation.

All are welcome regardless of where you are on life’s journey. For more information please contact Graham on 09 489 4389.

Last week, 100 attendees (between campers and young adult missionaries) spent a week at Sunshine Ranch, Clevedon. Five days filled with adventure, keynote speakers, and an opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of *Real Presence*. Thank you so much for your endless support and prayers in the last few months, allowing this camp to happen! We’ll be kicking off our Life Nights very soon, so please watch this space!



Our National Anthem

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa.*

*Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa*

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 Feb.

WINGS.NGA PARIRAU – FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

This programme is offered again to parishioners in 2024. There will be an **Introductory Session**, after the 9.15am Mass on **Wednesday 14th February** [Ash Wednesday].

The full year programme consists of SIX sessions over the whole year. These will be offered on single Wednesday mornings after the 9.15am Mass in February [**Wednesday 28th February (Session 1)**], March, May, July, September and November.

Full support materials are provided and the sessions consist of meditation on a chosen Gospel, the theme for that session and lots of discussion. Wings.Nga Parirau contact is **Joh Cogle** – jcogle@xtra.co.nz to register if you have not already done so.

**PRAY MASS SUNDAYS AT 2PM ON
SHINE TV Free-to-air TV Channel 25
Sky TV Channel 201**

**PALMS FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
PLEASE BRING OLD PALMS TO CHURCH**



SAFEGUARDING AT ST JOSEPH’S PARISH

Safeguarding training is a requirement for those of our volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Accordingly, the Catholic Diocese of Auckland will be holding a Safeguarding workshop on Thursday, 15 February, 7.00pm in the St Joseph’s Parish Hall.

All are welcome, including volunteers from other parishes and those already trained but might like to refresh their knowledge. Please RSVP by Monday 12th February to secretary@stjoseph.org.nz

SVDP GOLD COIN CONTRIBUTION

SVDP 1st Sunday GC collection is held after all Masses today. If you wish to donate direct into the SVDP bank account the number is:

12-3008-0034519-00

We thank you for your generous contribution.

For assistance please call/txt our helpline on 0210 8867844 or

email svdptakapuna@gmail.com

**MORNING TEA after
10.30am Mass in the
Parish Hall hosted by
Fiona & Nick Kerr**

