

Next Sunday 10 March 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent

FIRST: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14...23 **PSALM:** 137
SECOND: EPHESIANS 2:4-10 **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

PRAYER In charity we pray for Joy Crowle who died recently and Gerardis Vervoort, Rosina Basile whose anniversaries occur
PRAYER FOR THE SICK Sue McHardy, 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 Third SUNDAY of LENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Celebrating-Third-SUNDAYof-lent.pdf>

LIFTING OUR EYES TO THE HEAVENS <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Lifting-our-eyes-to-the-Heavens-and-receiving-a-kiss-of-God.pdf>

Third Sunday of Lent

3 March, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Exodus 20:1-17

'The 10 words' .. commanding us to honour God, and love our neighbour

PSALM 19

God's perfect law
revives the soul.

God's stable rule
guides the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Their worth is more than gold,
The purest gold;
Their taste richer than honey,
sweet from the comb.

1ST LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Jesus crucified reveals the wisdom
and the power of God

GOSPEL— JOHN 2:13-25

The Jerusalem Temple is ending! Jesus ..
.. raised in 3 days ..
is the place of world-wide worship



THE TRACE OF GOD

God prepared for himself
a dwelling among humans,
he has set the stone
and lighted the fire.

Today,
he multiplies the bread
and joins our hands together:
now our hearts are but one.

God with us, God in us,
we are the body of Christ!

Here is the promised land
where the human assembly
knows the love of God.

Here is the festive space
where the human family
gives a face to God.

Here is the house of peace
where those who share
receive the gift of God.

Here is the open temple
where those who adore
become witnesses of God.

French Cistercienne poem

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 2 x 1 day events. New start day: 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 7 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 Monday 11 March, 7pm St Francis Friary and Retreat Centre 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/>

Lenten Evening Reflection Come along to an evening of reflective prayer with readings, music, and meditative silence to enrich your Lenten journey. Lenten Evening Reflection on Wednesday 6 March, 7pm – 8pm. At the Mary MacKillop Chapel in Mission Bay. *Light refreshments will be served after this time of prayer.*

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29 March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samueltb@cda.org.nz

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION - First Sunday collection will be held after all Masses - St Joseph - 1st Sunday, St Vincent de Paul, Milford - 2nd Sunday. EFTPOS is also available. We thank you for your generous contribution.

HARD FACTS: On an average one food parcel was being distributed daily in 2023.

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 reignite 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.

ADULT PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Monday 4 March at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Email Edwin at

pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

Join us at our midnight Candlelight Vigil!

When? Wednesday 6 March – at 7:30 p.m.

Where? Potter's Park – corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral

For more information, contact Simon: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz or at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife/

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.



LENTE RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN MARCH AT 7PM

Wed 13th St John the Evangelist, **Orewa**

Thurs 14th St John, **Mairangi Bay**

Tues 19th St Mary, **Northcote**

Wed 20th St Thomas More, **Glenfield**

THURS 21ST ST JOSEPH, TAKAPUNA

Fri 22nd Maria Assumpta, **Beach Haven**

Sun 24th St Francis & All Souls, **Devonport**



Caritas Lent Appeal 2024

Examples of our Work: In the Solomon Islands Caritas work with both Church and community partners to respond to key needs across the education sector, as well as water and sanitation needs with the community. Rural Training Centres are vocational that offer agricultural, carpentry and mechanical life skills to empower young people in countries with high youth unemployment and a growing young population.

E te Ariki, te Reme o te Atua, Jesus, Lamb of God, help us to see the things we need to change in our lives to be more like you. Give us courage to act justly, love tenderly and to walk humbly even when it may challenge the status quo. Amene.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY, TUESDAY 19 MARCH

To commemorate the Feast of St Joseph the Legion of Mary will sponsor a 9 day Novena from 10 March til 18 March - Monday to Friday 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 3pm.

On the 19th March we have the 9.15am Mass and a special 7pm Mass followed by a gathering in the Hall. Finger food, wine! available and Amigos Coffee and Real Fruit Ice Cream from the Pereira family Food Truck! Let's celebrate our patron Saint's Feast Day together.



PASSION PLAY At St Joseph's Church Tuesday 26th March at 7pm performed by Rosmini & Carmel College Students.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COURSE

We are half-way through the course and we believe people are enjoying it. It is still not too late to take part. We have a brief summary of the basics at every session and then a period of meditation. There is still a good chance to try this special way of meeting God in stillness and silence. The next two meetings are on Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 12th March at 7-30pm in the parish meeting room. Call Graham on 09 489 4389 for any more information.

WASHING OF ALTAR CLOTHS

We really need more people for the Roster. Some of our parishioners who have been doing this so diligently need a break. If you could please assist phone the Parish Office 489 6486 or email: secretary@stjoseph.org.nz

ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Meeting Thursday 7 March in the Meeting Room. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz
More and more miracles!

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).