

Next Sunday 8 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: The prophet Isaiah 35:4-7
Second: Letter of St James 2:1-5

PSALM: 145
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

PRAYER In charity we pray for Mary Wright (nee Bergin, Sue Elliott's sister) who died recently and Janina Collett whose anniversary occurs

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Jim Newfield, Corazon Andales, Marcia Healy, Maria Wang, Jon Cruz, John Yu, Francis Lionnet, Tony Ryan, Denis Trotman, John Slaven, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbyn, Raphael Ponce, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, John LeFeuvre, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, 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 - Monday to Saturday 10am, 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 TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY of OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Celebrating-Twenty.pdf>

NOAH'S ARK

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NOAHS-ARK.pdf>

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of DEUTERONOMY 4:1...8

Hear and observe the command (WORD) of the Lord - life is yours

PSALM 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?

Those who walk without fault,
those who act with justice
and speak the truth from their hearts,
those who do not slander with their tongue.

Those who do no wrong to their kindred,
who cast no slur on their neighbours,
who hold the godless in disdain,
but honour those who fear the Lord;

Those who keep their word, come what may,
who take no interest on a loan
and accept no bribes against the innocent.
Such people will stand firm for ever.

LETTER OF JAMES 1:17...27

Living the Word by looking after those in need

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You disregard God's living word .. for your human traditions



A MATTER OF THE HEART

For many of his hearers what Jesus said was bad news ... contradicting time-honoured traditions.

Jesus, always on his Father's heart speaks to our human hearts to that place within us .. with all its complex emotions and desires.

Jesus knows external laws do not change people's hearts even if they make them conform.

So he invites us: 'Set your hearts first on God's Kingdom'.

When our hearts are centred on God they are freed from a litany of human regulations that would prescribe our every move.

Jesus challenges! Jesus invites us into a sacred religion of the heart.

A heart for Jesus, for his Church, for his people: this is our real business.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September at the Malaola Samoan Catholic Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere. A time of celebration with Food, Music and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

G.I.F.T. a very warm welcome to all intellectually disabled people, their whānau and support worker for our first session at the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby on Saturday 7th September from 1pm to 4pm. Come and see our fabulous new home! Please come to the back of the building, park near the tennis courts and come to the cafeteria/ back door.

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team education session for the ministries of **1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation**. Open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Next session on **15 SEPTEMBER 1-3PM AT ST JOSEPH'S, TAKAPUNA**. Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> For any further information please contact Deacon Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021 439407.

SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION St Vincent De Paul collection will be held after all Masses at St Joseph's 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. *We are distributing Care Packages in collaboration with Waitemata District Health Board for mothers in need.*

POSITIONS AVAILABLE Following the finance presentation a couple of months ago, there has been restructuring of our parish staff, resulting in two positions becoming available:

Executive assistant, a 25 hours per week role; and (b) Property manager, 10-15 hours per week. For position descriptions and to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa fmark@stjoseph.org.nz Applications close 27 September 2024.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
To all fathers in our parish, we wish you many blessings this day and always!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The preparation programme for Adults Confirmation is offered for parishioners of Takapuna and the deanery of North Shore; commences on 12 September 2024 at 7pm. If you are in need of this, please contact Edwin on pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz for more details.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER | SEPTEMBER 7TH, 7:30 PM

Get ready for an evening of trivia and fun! Join us for our Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, September 7th at 7:30 PM. You can register as an individual or with a team of up to 10 people. Tickets are just \$15 per person and include thrilling trivia games, a beverage (tea, coffee, or hot chocolate), and a delicious dessert. Register your team or yourself by emailing: youth@stjoseph.org.nz We're also looking for dessert donations to make the night even sweeter. Whether you have cakes, cookies, or brownies to share, your contributions will enhance the event. Please include information about common allergens in your desserts to ensure we can accommodate everyone's needs. To contribute desserts, let us know asap. For more details or to arrange drop-off, contact the youth account mentioned above.

All funds collected go towards supporting our youth events including our summer camp in 2025!

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au



FR MARK BOND
Over the weekend, I was absolutely blown away by the generosity and support of our St Joseph's parish community. On ordination day, to look out and see the majority of St Patrick's Cathedral filled with our parishioners was truly humbling. And then, the celebrations around



my first Mass on Sunday were a testament to how selfless so many of you are - from the decorations, food, music, and speeches, to the ministers who helped out in various technical and hands-on roles- your generous support was like a sign from the Lord, saying, "Mark, you'll always get back more than you give!" Thank you to all of you who have journeyed with me, to those who were present during the weekend, and to those who were there in spirit, supporting me from afar. I keep you all in my prayers, and I look forward to serving you as a priest. Please take some time today to thank the Lord for His kindness to me, and to all of us.

God bless, Mark

FUNDRAISING FOR RENOVATIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Planning is well underway for an upgrade to St Joseph's Church, which will provide lift access, an improved hospitality area, and a safe gathering space in front of the church. Msgr David hopes his pilgrimage can be a fundraiser for the Church upgrade. Are you able to sponsor him on his 1600km pilgrimage?

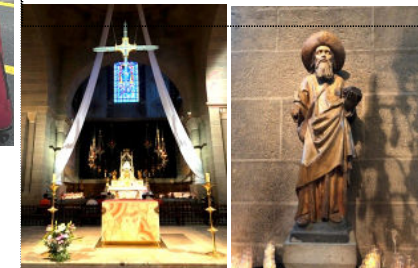
10 cents per kilometre means donating around \$160 to the Church upgrade; 20 cents per kilometre is \$360. \$5 per kilometre means a donation of \$8000.

It depends, of course, on how many kilometres he walks! Or you may prefer to donate a lump sum. Donations are tax deductible.

Clipboards at Church doors to make a donation pledge. Thank you.



Mons David's diary: Journey from Presbytery door to Le Puy-en-Velay took about 38 hours. To-day (Wednesday) we've enjoyed sight-seeing on foot in this beautiful, picturesque town. Cathedral entrance around 145 steps from top of a hilly road.



View of what pilgrims see at the cathedral and statue of St James

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 6 September at 11am in St Joseph's Church, followed by a light lunch downstairs in the Parish Hall. Please contact Morna at the Parish Office if you could help with the lunch. If anyone is needing transport please contact Parish Office 489 6486.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

St Joseph's Church Hall
Thursday, 26 September 7pm
Fr Mark Bond - Exploring the Psalms
Thursday 24 October 7pm
Fr Mark Bond - Praying with the Psalms

MORNING TEA after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Milford Church Group #2 - Sue, John, Deidre, Maureen & Carmel



ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA
Meeting Thursday 5 September at 7pm in the Meeting Room. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz