

Next Sunday 29 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Book of Numbers 11:25-29

PSALM: 19

Second: Letter of St James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and Maureen MacNeill, Esma Commissaris, Peter Isichei, Trevor Williams, Patricia and Reynaldo Yambao whose anniversaries occur

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 Dobbryn, Raphael Ponce, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, 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-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 - 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-FIFTH SUNDAY of OT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Celebrating-Twenty-Fifth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

When I say..." I am a CHRISTIAN" <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/When-I-say.-I-am-a-Christian.pdf>

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 September 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20

A just, truthful person is condemned to a shameful death

PSALM 54

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For the proud have risen against me,
ruthless foes seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
Let the evil recoil upon my foes;
you who are faithful, destroy them.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good;
for you have rescued me from all my distress
and my eyes have seen
the downfall of my foes.

Letter of James 3:16-4:3

God's justice is the harvest of
Peacemakers sowing seeds of peace

MARK 9:30-37

Whoever wants to be 'first' in God's
world will serve with child-like trust



UNLESS YOU BECOME ...

Jesus speaks a second time
of his coming crucifixion.

His disciples do not take it in.

Their idea of God's Kingdom
is like that of King David,
King Solomon

—now surely to overthrow Roman rule.

And who amongst them
is to be the greatest?

Jesus, who possessed "the child"
within himself—goes to the heart
of the matter—places a child before
them.

Instead of high and mighty goals,
jealous ambition, an eye to preferment.

Each true disciple will be concerned
with the needs of the most
vulnerable and powerless.

In every culture, in every age
the innocent child will
speak this truth to us.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations. Contact: Email: j.cortez@tekupenga.org.nz Website: <http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz>

Please prayerfully consider supporting the **Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph's annual appeal**, held 21 September. As the Mother Church of our Diocese, it stands as an oasis of peace for all in Auckland. Donations can be transferred to **Cathedral Appeal Account: 02-0108-0722881-005. Cathedral Appeal Envelopes are at Church doors.** Bishop Steve invites all in the diocese to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024.**

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. **Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz**

Liturgy is a quarterly magazine, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is available online on the diocesan website. It is free: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/magazine/>

Prayers in Te Reo Last week was Te Wiki o te reo Māori. Manuel Beazley Vicar for Māori produced a set of videos praying in Te Reo. These are available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/maori-vicariate/prayer-te-reo/>

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 frmark@stjoseph.org.nz Applications close 27 September 2024.

JOSHUA **Men's Group North Shore** Next meeting Wed. 25 Sept. (7.15-9pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield.

One-day Men's Retreat, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe on Saturday 19 Oct. (8am - 4pm). Use the link below to register, <https://nsjoshua.wufoo.com/forms/z1orc750bqcbub/>

*We will celebrate **St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals**, at our 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6 Oct. with a blessing for our pets. So bring your pet along and the blessing will take place after 10.30am Mass in the Church Hall, or outside, depending on the weather. Don't forget to have your car window down if you have your pet in the car whilst at Mass. Should be fun!!*



PILGRIMAGE WITH THE SAINTS TOUR 2025 Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

Our pilgrimage brought us last weekend to Rocamadour, a town built in three levels on a cliff side, where an image of the Black Madonna is venerated. We lit candles in the chapel, praying for those at home. We received a pilgrim's blessing at the end of a beautiful Sunday Mass. Mary-Anne and I have walked over 400km, and were joined by our other companion, Fr Marcel Smits, on Wednesday. I pray for you daily. David



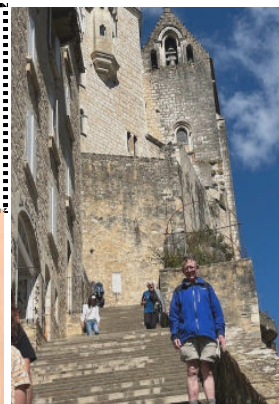
Image in Rocamadour church of St James



Chapel of the Black Madonna



The original Black Madonna statue in Rocamadour



260 steps from our accommodation level in Rocamadour to the church!

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

MORNING TEA after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Pinoy Cravings

HERE TO HELP! Alone, Elderly, Downsizing - Need Help - call St Vincent De Paul, Takapuna Conference. If you need help to move please call us on 0210 886 7844 or email svdptakapuna@gmail.com

Christian Meditation Group The midday Christian meditation group meets each Wednesday at 1-30pm in St Vincent's Church in Milford. New and old meditators are all welcome. For more information phone Graham on 09 489 4389.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP invites you to join us for our weekly prayer meetings. **Every Wednesday 7:30 pm to 9:15pm** at St Joseph's Church Hall. Praise & Worship, teaching & Fellowship.

Pro-Life Witness Every Wednesday 10 -11am. Phone Tony Brebner 486 4418.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS
WITH FR MARK BOND
 St Joseph's Church Hall
Thursday, 26 Sept 7pm
 Exploring the Psalms
Thursday 17 Oct. 7pm
 Praying with the Psalms
ENGLISH CLASSES
 With Fr Mark Bond and Johanna Klein in the Meeting Room every first three Fridays of each month. They are held after 9.15am Mass, 10am - 11am.