

Next Sunday 8 December - Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST: THE PROPHET BARUCH 5:1-9 PSALM: 125
 SECOND: LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6, 8-11 GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and for Helen Ann Bremford whose 1st anniversary occurs. Mass dedication Monday 2nd December 9:15am.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Jim Newfield, Francis De Leon, 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, 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

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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MORNING TEA after 10.30am
 Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Jesus the Good Shepherd - Winnie & Antonio Pereira

St Joseph's Parish Bank Account
 No. 02 - 0108 - 0706814 - 000

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

NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASS - First Sunday of month: 11.00am

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 ADVENT WK1 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>
 JUST A SEED OF FAITH <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Just-A-Seed-Of-Faith.pdf>

POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of the Liturgical Music Coordinator— a 10 hours per week role - is available. For the position description and to apply contact Fr. Mark Napa frmark@stjoseph.org.nz. Applications close on Friday 13th December 2024.



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10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

First Sunday of Advent - 1st December 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

God promises 'new life' to the family tree of King David

PSALM 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
 do not let my enemies triumph.
 Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed, but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
 for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 He guides the humble in the right path,
 He teaches his way to the poor.

God's ways are faithfulness and love
 for those who keep his covenant and will.
 The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

1st letter to Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Our call to be blameless for Christ's returning

LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36

How can we 'stand secure' before God?
 ... prayerful alertness to 'signs of the time'

Waiting for God

Once more, the wheel of the year has turned .. we are back at the beginning.

Four weeks of waiting ..at a place where the rush stops.

We turn to this patch of holy ground to sit and wait, to set aside.

The insistent world we live in would have us want things now

but we wait in God's good time.

For God to come, take us home past trees of Wisdom and of Life

to open wide the door
 to close the path of misery
 to make us laugh.

let us hear words, stories, that will not pass away that God is all around us.

How can we wait for a God who has already arrived?

Trevor Dennis
2005



NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025

Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae
10th to 12th January 2025

Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage.

This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae.

Your own transport will be required.

For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PRAYER TREE

We are a group of people who pray for the needs of others in our community. The new intentions box, which is kept in the side recess, is a great help in telling us who needs our prayers. Call 027 200 8791 or email swmorgan@xtra.co.nz

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2024 - DONATIONS

Christmas Trees at Takapuna and Milford churches. Each year we provide Monte Cecilia with Christmas gifts for 50 families. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SELECTED AN ANGEL AND ALREADY BROUGHT IN THEIR GIFTS. THESE WILL BE FOR CHRISTMAS TREATS IE. PACKAGED CHRISTMAS TARTS, CHOCOLATES AND CHOCOLATE BISCUITS, CHIPS ETC. AND GENERAL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY AND BATHROOM ITEMS. ALL GIFTS ARE TO BE LEFT AT TAKAPUNA AND MILFORD CHURCHES BY SUNDAY 9 DEC. THANK YOU!**



ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Meeting **Thursday 5 Dec. 2024** at 7pm in the Meeting Rm. Ph. Ron Hunter 489.1008 or Ronhunter@xtra.co.nz. Saint Pio by his priestly life and prayer filled days, has given us an amazing image of God, a source of grace & healing, a consolation in times of need.

All men are invited to **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** gatherings. This great bunch of God-fearing guys meet monthly in both Glenfield and Pakuranga for fellowship, and to pray, grow and worship together. **Monday 9 Dec. 2024** 7.15pm for 7.30pm at **St Marks Church Hall**, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Guest speaker: **Rebecca Crowe** (Pregnancy Choice.) Contact Mike (021) 2809285.

Celebratory mass & tea on Sunday 1st December 2024 after the 10:30am mass for the St. Joseph's retired secretary, Morna Neumann. All welcome.

TAKAPUNA SUMMER CAMP 2025: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

Calling all Year 9-13 students! From **January 19-23**, Takapuna Summer Camp returns for its fourth year at Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon – and it's going to be bigger and better than ever!

Get ready for epic outdoor challenges, messy games, and friendships that will last a lifetime. Each day brings something new, from bold activities to deep conversations that will shape your experience.

The moment you step onto camp, you'll feel the energy of our home away from home. Connect with teens from our parish and beyond as you experience powerful prayer moments and the sacraments in a truly meaningful way, all while deepening your faith. Come as you are – you're always welcome here!

Registrations now open. Contact youth@stjoseph.org.nz for more details.

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 hospital-ity 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?**

10c per kilometre means donating around \$160 to the Church upgrade; 20c per kilometre is \$360. \$5 per kilometre means a donation of \$8000. It all depends on how many kilometres he walks! Or you may prefer to donate a lump sum. A very big thank you to those who have so generously donated already. Remember, donations are tax deductible. Clipboards at Church doors to make a donation pledge.



DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST JOSEPH'S, after 5 days of rest following the Camino, Mary-Anne McKay and I flew south to Seville to spend about ten days in the southern part of Spain. Our post-Camino travels remind me of Pope Francis' theme for the holy year which begins on Christmas Eve: Pilgrims of Hope. Hope is about experiencing our own limitations and trusting that the Lord will bring about what truly is for our best. Both of us put money on Cash Passports to pay our way - but their system crashed 10 days ago. We would have been stranded if I hadn't also had a Wise card, which is excellent and dependable. We've tried to book rail travel online unsuccessfully: we went to a railway station seeking help and discovered we could travel more cheaply by buying an inexpensive senior's card. The Lord provides for us! We'll continue travelling in hope, trusting that the Lord has a better way for us than our limited planning! You are in my prayers.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - A big congratulations on the baptism of **Ashley Blair Gan; Atticus James Lin & Damian Clark Corpuz** on Saturday 23rd November 2024.

To make baptism arrangements please email pastoral@st.joseph.org.nz att: **Edwin Macmac** who will guide you through the programme. The next set of baptism dates: 22 March 2025: two (2) slots available; 26 April 2025: four (4) slots available; 24 May 2025: OPEN.

2024 Christmas Novena Masses
Sinuhang Gabi sa Takapuna

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
10 Derrimuir St., Takapuna

15 DECEMBER (SUN) 6:00 PM
16-20 DECEMBER (MON-FRI) 6:30 PM
21 DECEMBER (SAT) 5:00 PM
22 DECEMBER (SUN) 6:00 PM
23 DECEMBER (MON) 6:30 PM

Anyone is welcome to sponsor masses and/or join in the offertory.

National March for Life. You're invited to 'love them both' by attending the NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on **Saturday 7 December**. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a **celebration of life** which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment. The March will go out from Parliament Grounds at 2pm and return again - all activities conclude by 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz

Pictured left: Image 1 with Salesian priest Manuel, after English language Mass in the pilgrims office chapel at Santiago de Compostela & image 2 outside the cathedral in Seville.

CATHOLIC SINGLES 30S AND 40S MEETUP

**Franklin Road
Christmas Lights**

**12 December
6:30pm**

Meet at Ponsonby International Food Court

For more info email:
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