

Next Sunday 22 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Micah 5:2-5

PSALM: 80

Second: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45


PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and for **Quintin James & Denis McMahon whose anniversaries occur.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Jim Newfield, Francis De Leon, Corazon Andales, Marcia Healy, Maria Wang, Maria Jia, 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, Mrs Kika Neville & Joanne LeFort.

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NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP
<https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/new-parishioner/>

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

 **MORNING TEA** after 10.30am
 Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Legion of Mary

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 PONDERING

CELEBRATING ADVENT WK3 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf>

ENJOY THE SEASON <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Enjoy-the-Season.pdf>


**LAST YOUTH MASS FOR THE
 YEAR SUNDAY 15TH
 DECEMBER AT 6:00PM**

TO BOOK THE HALL, MEETING ROOM OR CHURCH FOR YOUR EVENTS. Please email ea@stjoseph.org.nz and we will send you the necessary booking forms to complete. **Use of the facilities is strictly by booking only.**

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 10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Third Sunday of Advent - 15th December 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

'REJOICE! the Lord is with you... have no fear' (to become .. the 'Hail Mary')

CANTICLE ISAIAH 12:2..6

Truly, God is my salvation,
 I trust, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord is my strength, my song,
 he became my Saviour.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,
 give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of God's name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
 who has done glorious deeds,
 make them known to all the earth!
 People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Letter to Philippians 4:4-7

'Rejoice in the Lord always!'

LUKE 3:10-18

John the Baptist calls for re-form
 .. within daily occupations and duties

WHAT MUST WE DO?

The coming of the Son of God as a human being confirms that our 'secular' world is now God's world.



Our daily lives are now important.
 God's presence in our lives depends on our daily behaviour.

sharing our warm clothing, our food,
 transparent justice, integrity,
 non-violence.

The work-place, the market place
 become sacred places.

And Christ's Church must comment
 on the issues of every day life.

The 'way of the Lord' lies in active
 engagement with life's complexities.

John the Baptist knew 'someone else'
 was coming after him.

John's humble honesty made him
 Content to be the 'bridegroom's friend'
 and to prepare the world
 to receive the 'lamb of God'.

NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025

Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwāe
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 info. contact Dcn Steve stephenf@cda.org.nz

TAKAPUNA SUMMER CAMP 2025: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

Calling all Year 9-13 students! From 19-23 **January 2025**, 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.

RITE II RECONCILIATIONS AROUND THE NORTH SHORE PARISHES COMING UP 7PM:

- ◆ Saint Mary's, Northcote—12 Dec
- ◆ Saint John the Evangelist, Orewa—13 Dec
- ◆ Saint Frances de Sales and All Souls, Devonport—15 Dec
- ◆ Saint Thomas More, Glenfield—17 Dec
- ◆ Saint Joseph's, Takapuna—18 Dec
- ◆ Assumpta Parish, Beach Haven—20 Dec



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING THANK YOU! Your continued support is so appreciated. 40 families (280 people) will receive gift & food bags which were given to Monte Cecelia this week. A special thank you to St Joseph's School pupils who gave baskets of toys and books & to St. Joseph's parish for their monetary donations, and bags of food & bathroom items.



MENTOR/ BUDDY WANTED FOR CHRISTIAN TEEN IN HILLCREST (NORTH SHORE)

An 18 year old Christian teenager is seeking a mentor/ buddy to provide up to 32 hours of weekly companionship & support. The role involves going with him to volunteer work, activities and church conferences or camps. For the full job description please contact Sarah on 022 013 2580 or email sarah.allan@flyingkites.org.nz

Parish office closed 24 Dec 2024 & will reopen Monday 13 Jan 2025.

2024 Christmas Novena Masses

Simbang Gabi sa Takapuna

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

10 Dominion St., Takapuna

16-17 DECEMBER (MON-TUE) 6:30 PM

18 DECEMBER (WED) 5:30 PM

19-20 DECEMBER (THU-FRI) 6:30 PM

21 DECEMBER (SAT) 5:00PM

22 DECEMBER (SUN) 6:00 PM

23 DECEMBER (MON) 6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to sponsor Masses and participate in the offertory.

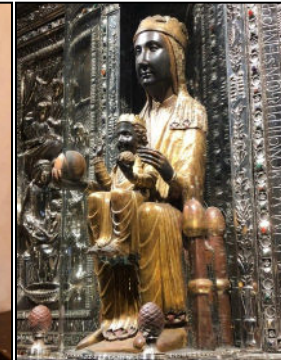
FUNDRAISING FOR RENOVATIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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. **Have you sponsored him on his 1600km pilgrimage?** A very big thank you to those who have so generously donated already. Remember, donations are tax deductible.

Top: Our Lady of Le-Puy-en-Velay; The grotto at Lourdes **Bottom:** Our Lady of Rocamadour; Our Lady of Monserrat



Dear Parishioners of St Joseph's, our travels have brought us to places where Mary, the mother of Jesus, is venerated. At Le Puy-en-Velay, her huge statue overlooks the city from a hilltop. At Rocamadour and Monserrat, her image, enshrined in a church, has black features. At Lourdes, she appeared to 13-year-old Bernadette and named herself the Immaculate Conception. Advent days invite us to remember the young woman who opened her heart to the word spoken by the angel. Through her, that Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Mary calls us to join her in serving the Lord. In wet and 2 degrees Lourdes, I've been praying for you all! David



Young Catholic Family Seeking Rental

We are a young Catholic family looking for a 3-4 bedroom rental in Auckland, ready to move in before the end of January 2025. As responsible, community-minded tenants, we are ideally looking for a longer-term tenancy, within the \$600-\$700pw range. If you have a property available, please contact Sam at 027 1800 2238.

Christmas grants—Catholic Caring Foundation Thanks to a generous donor, the Foundation has funds available to support families and people in hardship or an emergency situation this Christmas. Typically, the grants are used to provide food vouchers or gift vouchers etc. so that families can have a special meal or gifts on Christmas day. These grants are between \$250 - \$500 per family and \$150 - \$200 for a single person. For a request form or any questions please contact Ann-Marie Parker: anmmariep@caringfoundation.org.nz

MIDDAY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING. We are on Summer break. We will start meeting again at 1-30pm on Wednesday 23rd January 2025 in St Vincent's Church in Milford. Every one is welcome. For more info contact Graham 094894389.

St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve, 6pm - preceded by carols at 5.30pm
Midnight Mass, 12am preceded by carols at 11.30pm
Christmas Day, 7.30am and 10.30am - Christmas Day Service

31 December – No Evening Mass

New Year's Day (Wednesday)
7:30am and 10:30am

St Vincent de Paul Church

Christmas Eve, 6pm – preceded by carols at 5.30pm
Christmas Day, 9am - Christmas Day Service

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9.00am