

Next Sunday 29 December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST: FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL 1:20...28

PSALM: 83

SECOND: 1ST LETTER OF ST JOHN 3:1-2,21-24

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently Dra Farida Uka Sulaik and for Veronica Anne Strydom, Susan Jean Bedford, Ian Munro, William L'Estrange, Richard West, and Alejo & Juana Escobal 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/>

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MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Lyka Yap

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 WK4 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf>

LAST CHILDREN'S MASS FOR THE YEAR SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 10:00am

The Christmas 2024 Mass Times have been published on the CDA website. You can view them here:

[Christmas Masses 2024 - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)

www.takapunacatholic.org.nz

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10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 22nd December 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet MICAH 5:2-5

You! tiny Bethlehem
will give us our new King!

PSALM 80

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved.

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

The human body of Jesus ...
will replace - temple, animal sacrifice

LUKE 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth
- mothers-to-be burst into praise

ANNUNCIATION! ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mary is given a
new, holy name
... 'Full of grace'



and Mary shows
'honest grace' by
not trying to hide
her fear
in the presence of Archangel Gabriel.

Mary's 'yes' to her new identity
to its wondrous possibilities
surely conveys to girls, to women
that there is something in them
no man can touch
that belongs to them and to God only.

We each need to hear
that God loves us.

The Annunciation to Mary
reveals something of the
ways of God's love
.. that our response is critical.

Zachary, before the Angel 'lost his voice'
Mary, finds her voice
'let what you have said be done to me'.

And Mary proceeds—as we must in life
carrying Christ to wherever he longs to be.
Kathleen Norris



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 - preceded by carols at 8.30am -
 Christmas Day Service

31 December – No Evening Mass

New Year's Day (Wednesday)
 9.00am

TAKAPUNA SUMMER CAMP 2025: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME! Calling all Year 9-13 students! From **19-23 Jan. 2025**, Takapuna Summer Camp returns for its fourth year at Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon – and it's going to be bigger and better than ever! 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 info.

NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025: Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwāe 10- 12 Jan. 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. Contact Dcn Steve stephen@cda.org.nz

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST JOSEPH'S,

I was attracted by a Christmas crib in a church in Lyon, France - the city where Bishop Pompallier was born in 1801, and where the Marist priests, brothers and sisters had their origins. In the crib, gathered around Mary, Joseph and the newborn Jesus were shepherds and sheep. But instead of the Magi or Wise Men, there were local people - wine maker, baker, market gardener, farmer. Each brought their own produce as gift for the babe of Bethlehem. It led me to question: **What would I have to offer Jesus this Christmas?** Jesus does not ask us for gold, frankincense or myrrh. He does ask us for gifts that promote God's reign on earth - mercy, love, generosity, kindness, in our relationships. At Jesus' birth, the angels sang "Peace on Earth..." Could our gift this Christmas be peace - peace in the way we deal with others, and peace in our hearts? To be a person of peace, we have to continually undergo conversion: letting go of frustration, anger, self-righteousness. Otherwise, we yell at our children or spouses, we sulk in self-pity, we hold grudges, we try to prove ourselves right rather than acknowledging our failures. Being a person of peace also means laying bare our hearts to the Lord, so that his grace can shape us. Peace is a gift desperately needed in our world at present. In calling the Church live synodality, Pope Francis is asking us to be a people who walk together in love, despite our differences. He calls us to listen to each other, guided by the Holy Spirit to find common ground, so that we can journey together, rather than as opponents. This is a huge challenge! But Pope Francis is asking us to live synodality in the Church, so that we can witness to the world that walking together - peace - is a possibility. Bring the newborn Jesus your gift of peace this Christmas. And pray that the Holy Spirit will reshape the hearts of war leaders to seek understanding and reconciliation with their enemies. May peace - the angels' Christmas song and your gift to the Lord - grow in our world this Christmas. On behalf of the priests and staff of St Joseph's, I wish you a Christmas of joy and the Lord's blessing. David Tonks

CHRISTMAS MASS READINGS 2024

CHRISTMAS VIGIL TUES 24TH 6PM
 1st Reading Isaiah 62:1-5
 2nd Reading Acts 13:16-17; 22-25
 Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 PS. 89
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS WED 25TH 12:00
 1st Reading Isaiah 9:2-4; 6-7
 2nd Reading Titus 2:11-14
 Gospel Luke 2:1-16 PS96
CHRISTMAS DAY WED 25TH 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30
 1st Reading Isaiah 52:7-10
 2nd Reading Hebrews 1:1-6
 Gospel John 1:1-18 PS98



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS READINGS 2025 WEDNESDAY 1ST JAN 2025 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30

1st Reading Numbers 6:22-27
 2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel Luke 2:16-21 PS 67



2025 Clergy appointments - This year the Clergy appointments will be made in two phases. The Auckland City appointments will be made at the normal time. Appointments in Te Tai Tokerau will be made after Easter. Effective 1st/2nd February 2025.

Balmoral Parish Priest Fr Martin Wu
Blockhouse Bay – Parish Priest Fr Ranjit Ekka OFMCap
Cathedral and Waiheke Island Parish Priest Fr Craig Dunford
Cathedral Priest in Residence Fr Francis Poon (after completion of studies)
Flatbush – Administrator Bishop Peter Brown (until Easter)
Flatbush – Parish Priest Fr Sherwin Lapaan (after Easter)
Flatbush – Assistant Priest Fr Jean Paul Abou Naoum
Glen Eden – Assistant Priest Fr Praful Kerketta OFMCap
Henderson – Parish Priest Fr Ephrem Tigga OFMCap
Hibiscus Coast Parish Priest Fr Chris Denham
Hibiscus Coast Assistant Priest Fr James Mulligan

Massey – Assistant Priest Fr James Hoe SDB
Meadowbank Parish Priest Fr Raphael Lobo
Assisting with Māori Pastoral Care Fr Peter McDermott SM
Otago Pastoral Care from Manurewa (until Easter)
Pakuranga Parish Priest Fr Austin Fernandes
Pukekohe Assistant Priest Fr Doan Nguyen
St Heliers and Glendowie Parish Priest Fr Bernard Kiely
Other Appointments
Pastoral Director Holy Cross Seminary Fr John Dunn
Priests leaving the Diocese
Appointed Parish Priest of Wairoa Trevor Tindall SM
Transferring to Australia Talipope Vaifale MF



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.