

Next Sunday 15 December - Third Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18 **PSALM:** 12
Second: Philippians 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18


PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and for Peter Hutchison, Daniel Collins, Janet Laurent & Jean Luoni 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

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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 Anna Joung

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 WK2 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Two-PEACE.pdf>
 FINDING PEACE IN A DOG NAMED CHEESEBURGER <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Finding-Peace-in-a-Dog-Named-Cheeseburger.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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 Presbytery: 09 489 6338
 ea@stjoseph.org.nz
 10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet BARUCH 5:1-9
 God will 'prepare a way home' from exile .. and restore splendour

PSALM 125
 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Letter to Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11
 St Paul bursts with joy as he urges new believers to increase in charity

LUKE 3:1-6
 John-the-Baptist recognises earthly rulers! but points out the way of the world's saviour

THE VERY LAST VOICE...

John the Baptist challenges us to abandon old ways.. to let go of our 'failed world'.

To turn from our deceptions our cover-ups, our denials God's reign is near!

We need to change—to repent.

John reveals a God of generous heart who helps us level out injustices who helps us place people before possessions, who reconciles, who makes it impossible to misuse others.

The world's true light is near!

May our lingering greed for power not block us from the joy with which He would fill our hearts.

Fr Bill Fletcher



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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EUCHARIST TRAINING

All existing & aspiring ministers are strongly encouraged to attend training to be held in the Church by Father Mark Bond:

- **Wed. 11th December 6-7pm**—Ministers of the Word training.

- **Wed. 12th December 6-7pm**—Ministers of the Eucharist training.

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

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.

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

- ◆ Saint Francis de Sales, Torbay—11 Dec
- ◆ 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

JOSHUA FAMILY NIGHT AT ST MARKS CHURCH

All families are invited to the next Joshua meeting on Mon 9 Dec 7.30 pm, St Marks Church Hall, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Please bring a plate if you can and come and find out what a Joshua meeting is all about! Our guest speaker for the evening is Pregnancy Choice Director - Rebecca Crowe. Call Mike Lobo 021 280 9285 for info.

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



St Joseph's Church
10 Dominion Street, Takapuna. 09 489 6486,
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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
Cnr Fenwick Ave and Shakespeare Rd, Milford.

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

31 December – No Evening Mass

New Year's Day (Wednesday)
9.00am
Parish office closed from Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Friday 10th January 2025.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

St Joseph's Parish



2024 Christmas Novena Masses
Simbang Gabi sa Takapuna

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
10 Dominion 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.



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2024 - DONATIONS
WE REQUIRE ALL FOOD ITEMS AND BATHROOM PRODUCTS DELIVERED TO ST JOSEPH'S OFFICE BY MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER. WE ARE STILL ABLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL PAYMENTS WHICH WILL HELP TO COVER THE COST OF THE GIFTS THE PARISH HAS PURCHASED ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR PARISH FAMILIES. Our Receiving bank Account No. is 02 0108 0706814 000, A/C RC Bishop of Auckland-Parish Account Takapuna THANK YOU!

SCAM ALERT—there is an email going around saying that Mons. David Tonks is seeking out a meeting. If you receive such an email—please be aware it is a scam and ignore it.

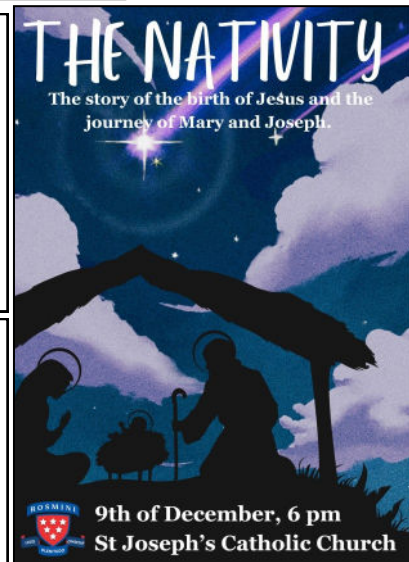


Left to right: The mezquita in Toledo—a mosque reshaped into a church; The Toledo cathedral where Islamic arches guide the way to the altar; Christmas stalls outside the cathedral in Barcelona.

Dear Parishioners of St Joseph's, our trip brought us to cities in the south of Spain, with histories shaped by both Catholicism and Islam. Many buildings tell the stories of history: the earliest cathedral in Toledo became a mosque, after the invasion of Moorish armies. When Christian forces recaptured the city, the mosque was reshaped again into a cathedral. Now, Islamic and Christian art and symbols sit side by side in the cathedral. Not far from the altar is the mihrab where Moslems faced to pray! If only Christians and Moslems could embrace happy coexistence today, acknowledging each other as descendants of Abraham and believers in the one God! I daily remember you in prayer. David

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. Clipboards at Church doors to make a donation pledge.



THE NATIVITY
The story of the birth of Jesus and the journey of Mary and Joseph.

9th of December, 6 pm
St Joseph's Catholic Church