

Next Sunday 9th March 2025 - First Sunday of Lent

FIRST: DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10 PSALM: 91
SECOND: ROMANS 10:8-13 GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13


PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently, Sr Judith Leydon RSM, Sunmo Joung & Dave Pasley and for those whose anniversary occurs.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Anthony Webster, Steve Vonyvich, 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, & Joanne LeFort.

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

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 **MORNING TEA** after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Jesus the Good Shepherd.

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



KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS
Celebrating 8th SUNDAY in OT
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Celebrating-Eighth-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
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SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd March 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIRACH 27:4-7
PSALM 92

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To make music to your name, O Most High,*

*My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
My ears heard gladly of their fall.
The Just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.*

*Planted in the house of the Lord
They will flourish in the courts of our God,
Still bearing fruit when they are old,
Still full of sap, still green.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

LUKE 6:39-45

POPE FRANCIS WRITES TO US FOR LENT, WHICH BEGINS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY

1. The redemption of creation

During Lent, we undertake a journey of conversion to prepare for the celebration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit and capable of obeying God's law, *we also benefit creation* by cooperating in its redemption.

2. The destructive power of sin

When we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think we can use them as we will.

We exceed those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We can think "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough".

Sin, from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself. Sin leads us to consider ourselves the god of creation, and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for our own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over, as do greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. This leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment.

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness. This renewal is aided by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. **Prayer**, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love God, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

May our Lent this year be a journey of bringing the hope of Christ to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE NEW ZEALAND. FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025 11:00AM

World Day of Prayer is an international movement of Christian people in many different traditions that have a continuing relationship of prayer and service. People from various denominations gather in one another's churches to celebrate, using a Worship Service prepared by women of a different country each year. This year, our prayer service has been prepared by women of the Cook Islands.

Come join us at St. Joseph's Parish at 11:00am on Friday 7th March 2025, as we celebrate this day of prayer with our Christian brothers and sisters. Morning tea will be served thereafter. We ask you to please wear a flower in your hair. More details will be communicated closer to the time.

For more information visit [World Day of Prayer](#)

NEW SEASON OF ALPHA TO START – Ever had that feeling that there must be more to your life as Christian and Catholic? Is there something missing? Alpha is an opportunity to enjoy a meal, meet new friends, learn more about your faith, hear and share stories and meet Jesus on a more personal level. Alpha starts Tuesday 4th March, 7pm in the Church hall (for 7 Tuesdays and a retreat day). To register contact Engelbert Dsouza; email: engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – Ph 021 0234 6853 Or Deacon Steve Fraser; email: stephenf@kidzcan.co.nz – Ph 021 439 407 Or register at - bit.ly/alphataka"

EVERY DAY ENGLISH 2025 ARE STARTING UP AGAIN —

WEDNESDAY 10-11 AM - Please come and join us in the downstairs meeting room where we practice every day English over a cup of tea or coffee. For more information email Johanna Klein

johanna@saltburn.co.nz

Next meeting dates:

- 5, 12 & 19 March 2025
- 9, 16 April 2025
- 14, 21 May 2025

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP UPCOMING MEETING —

if any parishioners wish to join the Padre Pio prayer group, their upcoming meeting is on Thursday 6th March at 19:00 in the meeting room. Contact ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS All Welcome. Friday 7th March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MARCH:

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. More details can be found by going to the link below:

[The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025 | USCCB](#)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TEA VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED—If you are able to assist us set up and help with the tea next week Friday for the World Day of Prayer service then please email ea@stjoseph.org.nz We will set up at 10am and serve tea after the service from 12. Many thanks

LINKS REGARDING PREFERENCE ENROLMENT

REQUIREMENTS: [Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#); <https://www.sj.school.nz/enrolment/>; <https://www.carmel.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment/>; <https://www.rosmini.school.nz/enrolment/enrol-2025>

We are holding an **open hour for preference enrolment forms** to be signed in the parish office on Thursday 6th March 10:00am—11:00am. No need to make an appointment—just come through!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS DATES & TIMES— 5 March 2025

Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence (not eating meat) and fasting (eating less than usual).

Our mass times are as follows:

St. Joseph's Church

- ◆ 9:15am Mass
- ◆ 1:15pm Liturgy with St. Joseph's School
- ◆ 7:00pm Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Church

- ◆ 10:00am mass

UPCOMING LENTEN PROGRAMME

Lenten masses: Every Wednesday 12, 19 & 26 March, 9 & 16 April at 7pm

Rite to reconciliation: Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm

Lenten programme talks: Every Thursday 6, 13, 20 & 27 March; 3 & 10 April at 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday 7, 14, 21, 28 March; 4 & 11 April at 7pm

More details will be shared each week.

LOOKING FOR A FEMALE BORDER—ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS IS SEEKING A FEMALE BORDER.

Rental is \$200 per week and includes Wi-Fi & internet; water & electricity. Food for your own account. House is close to the Glenfield mall and a short walk to the bus station. Call Yolanda on 0224 112036 for more details.

FREE COOKING AND NUTRITION COURSES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Learn to plan and cook simple, healthy meals for one or two people, plus shopping tips, label reading and time-saving strategies.

Ideal for those lacking practical cooking skills or who need a boost of confidence to cook for themselves.

3-hour friendly and social classes held for 4 weeks include morning tea and lunch.

DATE: Monday 24 February, 3, 10 and 17 March

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm

WHERE: Hugh Green Village, 105 Apollo Drive, Rosedale

To register, contact Anna at 021 143 7308, or anna@nutritionfoundation.org.nz or Priscilla 027 444 7648.

SVDP MONTHLY COLLECTION

The collection will be held after all masses at St Joseph's this weekend.

Hard Fact: we have supplied food parcels to 300 requests in 2024 mainly within our conference zone, besides care packages to DHB referrals to conference on the North Shore.

Thank you for your generosity.