

Next Sunday 30th March 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Lent


First: Book of Joshua 5:9-12 **Psalm:** 33
Second: 2nd letter to Corinthians 5:17-21 **Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and for Peter Martin, Frances Meredith, Fr John Tollan, Gerardus Regtien & Christopher Prajogo whose anniversaries occur.
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 & Pat McKay.

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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 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



KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Celebrating-THIRD-SUNDAY-OF-LENT.pdf>

A SHORT STORY ABOUT SECOND CHANCES
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/A-Short-story-about-second-chances.pdf>

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SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

3rd Sunday Of Lent-23rd March 2025

Liturgy of the Word

The book of Exodus 3:1..15
God calls to Moses by name...
.. God reveals His own sacred name ... "I am"

Psalm 102
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is God who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord does deeds of justice
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's children.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is God's love for those who fear him.

1st letter to Corinthians 10:1..12
Recalling of God's past deeds

Gospel Acclamation
"Praise to you Lord Jesus, king of endless glory
Saviour of the World, Saviour of the World!"

Luke 13:1-9
2 tragic happenings .. warning us to repent
The Fig tree! A parable of God's patience with us



A HARD, DEEP CALL TO OBEDIENCE
You are the God who makes extravagant
promises. We relish your great promises of
fidelity and presence and solidarity,
and we exude in them.

Only to find out, always too late, that your
promise always comes in the midst of a hard,
deep call to obedience.
You are the God who calls people like us,
and the long list of mothers and fathers before
us, who trusted the promise enough to keep the
call.

So we give you thanks that you are a calling
God, who calls always to dangerous new places.
We pray enough of your grace and mercy among
us that we may be among those who believe our
promises enough to respond to your call.

We pray in the one who embodied your promise
and enacted your call, even Jesus.

Amen.

Walter Brueggemann

PHOTOGRAPHER VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT

As we near completion of our new website, we are looking for someone to volunteer of their time to take some pictures for us for our website. This will be of the Parish staff and the Parish Council teams. You need to have your own camera and be able to download these to a computer in a high resolution to be used. For more information email ea@stjoseph.org.nz

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 (FIRST CONFESSION, CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

If your son or daughter is 8 years old and you now wish them to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year, you will need to complete the Registration form available at the Church entrances. **Deadline for completed forms is 11th April 2025 at 2pm. Completed forms can be dropped at the Parish Office on Mondays-Tuesdays 10am-2pm and Thursdays-Fridays 10am and 2pm.**

Orientation dates are either on Monday 28th April 6pm or Wednesday 30th April 6pm in the St. Joseph's Church. For inquiries, please email the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator: Edwin on pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz

MANAMOUI FIRST AID -is a Pacific First Aid provider dedicated to providing culturally responsive first aid training designed to empower individuals, workplaces, and communities with life-saving skills. Course content follows Worksafe NZ good practice guide for first aid in the workplace.

At Manamoui First Aid, we specialize in:

- ◆ First Aid Training
- ◆ Mental Health First Aid
- ◆ CPR & AED Training

For more information contact Sateki Raass
Mobile: 0221006972
Email: sateki@itsours.co.nz

PRAYER TREE

We are a group of people who pray for the needs of our parish. Please feel free to contact Sue Morgan on swmorgan@xtra.co.nz or message on 027 200 8791 with your prayer needs.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help out with the Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) for their Year One and Two students, starting on Friday 14th March. The PMP programme works on supporting students with movement skills. We would appreciate any help you are able to offer whether it's one session or multiple. As a helper, you would be working with a team of adults led by the teachers, who will also be there during the weekly sessions. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email anitaf@sj.school.nz

"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..." PROVERBS 27:17

All men are invited to Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship. Join this awesome bunch of guys who meet in both Glenfield (last Wed of the month) and Pakuranga (2nd Monday of the month) for sound spiritual nutrition and great fellowship over a cuppa & something to eat.

Upcoming evening meetings:

Wed. 26 March: Guest Speaker is Dr Ethan Breinhorst who is back to encourage and challenge us with a talk titled Men's Health Matters. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact Jerome (027) 2334380 for more info.

Mon.14 April: Guest speaker is Dr Ethan Breinhorst and his talk will be Men's Health Matters. Meeting starts 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Marks Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Contact Dakshi (022) 0397212 for more info.

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](#)

LENTEN PROGRAMME

REMINDER

- ◆ Extra mass 7pm Wednesday
- ◆ Presentation 7pm Thursday with fr. Mark bond in the meeting room
- ◆ Stations of the cross 7pm Friday followed by Taize' prayer at 7:45pm (bring a torch and cushion for this music & prayer)

All information can be found here: <https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/bulletin/>

LENTEN APPEAL

Our Lenten almsgiving is appropriately channelled through the Lenten Appeal, organised by Caritas, the Catholic Church's main aid and development agency. You can make several donations or a lump sum donation to support the needy of our world. Lent Appeal envelopes are available at the church entrances. Or you can make an online deposit to Caritas 03 0518 0211216 03. Donations are tax deductible.

ST JOSEPH'S BAPTISM PROGRAMME -Are you looking to get your child baptized? You need to enroll in our baptism sacramental programme. Available dates for upcoming baptisms are:
Saturday 14th & 28th June 2025
Saturday 12th & 26th July 2025
Saturday 23rd August 2025
Saturday 13th & 27th September 2025
For more information and guidance please email Edwin on pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

Stations of the Cross

We retell this story of Jesus' self-giving love to open our hearts to what is already given to us: Mercy.

Tuesday 8th April, 7pm
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
All welcome

Lenten Celebrations of Reconciliation (Rite II) in North Shore Parishes

- Tues 1 April 7.00pm Glenfield
- Wed 2 April 7.00pm Takapuna
- Tues 8 April 7.00pm Orewa
- Wed 9 April 7.00pm Mairangi Bay
- Thurs 10 April 7.00pm Northcote
- Fri 11 April 7.00pm Beach Haven
- Sun 13 April 7.00pm Devonport