

Next Sunday 6th April 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIRST: Isaiah 43:16-21

PSALM: 126

SECOND: Letter to the Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently, Benjamin Napa and for Michael Maiquez 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 & Pat McKay.

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NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP

<https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/new-parishioner/>

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



MORNING TEA after 10.30am
Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Pinoy Cravings.

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

4th SUNDAY of LENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Celebrating-FOURTH-SUNDAY-OF-LENT.pdf>

A Story of FORGIVENESS <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/A-Story-of-Forgiveness.pdf>

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10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

4th Sunday Of Lent-30th March 2025

Liturgy of the Word

The book of JOSHUA 5:9-12

God's people enter the 'promised land'
- Joshua leads 'Passover Liturgy'

PSALM 33

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name,
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

When the poor cry out the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.

2nd letter to Corinthians 5:17-21

The 'older order' passes away...
The sinless Christ makes all new!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS,
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY
SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD!"

LUKE 15:1-3,11-32

The 'prodigal love' of a Father for both of his sons

LOST AND FOUND ... A CELEBRATION!

We often seek God
in the wrong places.

'The Father ' is found not
in the places of honour,
but outside .. seeking
rebellious sons and daughters.

For 40 days, sacred scripture
lets us see ourselves
and how we understand God.

God is with us
in our darkness and desolation.

God seeks us out
to tell us.

"All that I have is yours".

'Lent' brings us to our senses and we come
home.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR APRIL: FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times More details can be found by going to the link below:
[The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025 | USCCB](#)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING - The Catholic Diocese of Auckland requires all volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults to have safeguarding training (with a refresher course every three years) and to be police vetted, in order to undertake their ministry.
 Please note the upcoming Safeguarding workshop dates:

- ◆ Tuesday, 8 April at 7.00 pm: Online workshop
- ◆ Wednesday, 30th April at 7.00 pm: Face to Face workshop St Mary's, 117 Onewa Road, Northcote.

To register for these safeguarding workshops offered by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, contact Lisa-May Gray at 09 360 3019 or lisam@cda.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 Edwin on pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz

WINGS. NGA PARIRAU – FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS Our programme starts on **Monday 5th May 2025 7.00pm** or **Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 10.00am**. Subsequent sessions are always at these times. There are six sessions spread out over June, July, August, October & early November. We also offer a one-day retreat in September. This programme is designed to help individuals to develop a greater appreciation of Jesus and building a stronger personal relationship with Him. All are welcome. It will change your life! **Contact: Joh Cogle at jcogle@xtra.co.nz to indicate an interest; ask questions and to enroll in the programme.**

📢 **CALLING ALL PARENTS! JOIN US FOR AN ENRICHING SEMINAR!** 📢 Parenting in today's digital world is full of joys and challenges. How can we raise strong, faith-filled children in a world of screens and distractions? Let's explore this together! The Children's Ministry warmly invites you to a special Parenting Seminar with Sue & Dcn. Stephen Fraser.

- ◆ Date: Monday, April 7th
- ◆ Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM (followed by Tea)
- ◆ Venue: St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room

Kindly email children.stjosephs@gmail.com to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you there—let's learn and grow together!

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND would like invite all young adults aged 18-35 yrs to join our 11th Anniversary GetSet retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Fri. 2 May 2025 6pm to Sun. 4 May 2025 2.45pm. Our theme "Born For such a time as This" is based on Ephesians 2:10. GetSet is filled with insightful talks, Praise and Worship, Workshop, Games, and above all an opportunity to grow in your faith. Karyn Coutinho 021806855; email: getset.auckland@gmail.com; See our flyers in the foyers or Register at: [GetSet 2025](#)

CAN YOU ASSIST? An elderly female parishioner requires care /supervision every weekend mornings for 2 hrs from 10am to 12 approx. This is a paid role. Please contact Marjet Pot 021977201 for more details.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INDOOR BOWLS CLUB CHARITY NIGHT

- ◆ Date: 5 May 2025
- ◆ Start time 7.15pm
- ◆ Venue: St Joseph's Hall 10 Dominion Street Takapuna

More details are on the notice boards. RSVP by 30 April to Harjeet on 021 0303 459

LENTEN PROGRAMME REMINDER

- ◆ 7pm Wednesday 2nd April Communal Celebration of Reconciliation (instead of Mass). The sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to respond to the Lenten invitation of the Lord to us: "Come back to me, with all your heart..."
- ◆ 7pm Thursday "3rd April "Synodality - re-thinking how we are Church" with Mons. David Tonks in the meeting room
- ◆ Stations of the cross 7pm Friday

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

SUPPORT FOR LENT APPEAL IS AN 'ACT OF GENEROSITY' Every year in this sacred time, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference asks Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand to run a six-week fundraising campaign on their behalf called the Bishops' Lent Appeal. The money raised during this time is essential to the mission of Caritas. It provides much of the funding necessary for them to continue their life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific and beyond. This year's appeal is even more urgent than usual: The US government recently stopped almost all foreign aid. France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany & UK have also cut their overseas development aid budgets. These decisions will cause significant suffering for those facing poverty, conflict, disasters & the effects of climate change. Your support is needed so Caritas can step in across the Pacific as donor governments withdraw. Every year, individuals & parishes across New Zealand demonstrate great generosity by donating to this appeal. We hope that this will continue for this Lenten season.

The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is Restoring hope: Your compassion in action. Caritas' mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace & development, is of vital importance to us all. The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the best way to directly fund Caritas' work – supporting vulnerable communities around the world. For the Catholic community, Caritas is how we help our brothers & sisters in need, upholding their human dignity through local partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching. Over the last few years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund the programmes that serve those most in need. We ask that during this time of preparation, prayer & almsgiving, you make a special donation to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 at caritas.org.nz/lent or by using the envelopes provided at Mass. This act of almsgiving is an act of generosity. It will mean so much to the people Caritas serves across our region. In Christ, Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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, 7 pm**
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
All welcome