

Next Sunday 27th July 2025 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: The book of Genesis 18:20-32 **PSALM:** 137
Second: Letter to the Colossians 2:12-14 **Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

PRAYER In charity we pray for Veronica Douglas **who died recently, and for** Madeleine Holland, Pat Lythe, Kathryn Manning & Pia Farah Reyes **whose anniversaries occur.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Virginia Masuda, Teresa Litong, Margaretha Elizabeth Roodt, Paul O'Ryan, Anthony Webster, Steve Vonyvich, Jim Newfield, Corazon Andales, Marcia Healy, Maria Wang, Maria Jia, Jon Cruz, Francis Lionnet, Tony Ryan, Denis Trotman, John Slaven, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbyn, Raphael Ponce, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Clara Jung-Hwang, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Rima Bennett, Belinda Chamassian, Jane Barrita, Joanne LeFort, Virginia Masuda.

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MORNING TEA after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Pinoy Cravings.

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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, Reconciliation Friday after the 10am Mass

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Celebrating-SIXTHEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

[The Forgotten Diamond](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/The-Forgotten-Diamond.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/The-Forgotten-Diamond.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th July 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF GENESIS 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah (our parents in faith) give hospitality and fine food to 3 'strangers'- God's presence is discerned

PSALM 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
 Whoever walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks the truth from their heart; whoever does not slander with their tongue.

Whoever does no evil to a friend, nor takes up a reproach against a neighbour; in whose eyes the wicked one is despised, but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever stands by their oath even to their hurt; who does not lend money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent. One who does these things shall never be moved.

LETTER TO COLOSSIANS 1:24-28

Our sharing in both Christ's sufferings and His glory

GOSPEL - LUKE 10:38-42

Martha and Mary welcome the Lord into their home - hospitality, food, listening



TWO FOODS

Two types of food were on offer on this afternoon visit of friends...the food of Martha and the food of Jesus' word. We need time to hear the word of God. It is a principal way to keep our faith strong.

Valuing the word of God every day will bring our faith into action. And our service of God will make more sense of scripture.

The visit of Jesus went right when the right food was put on the table at the right time, and that food was the word of God. Other food might come later.

Mary's faith grew as she listened, and this would show itself later in action. Maybe Martha's activity would bring her to hear the word of God in a new way?

Lord, help me to listen well to your word, and to cries for help from any of your people.

Donal Neary SJ

MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST – CHAIR AND TRUSTEE VACANCIES. Monte Cecilia Housing Trust supports families experiencing homelessness across Auckland & is seeking a new Chair & a Trustee (appointed by the Bishop) to join its Board. These are meaningful governance roles for those who share a commitment to Catholic social & housing justice. Monte Cecilia provides transitional, & long-term housing, along with wraparound support to help whānau move toward independence & wellbeing. If you have leadership experience—or a heart for this mission - Contact Mel Keane at info@amytea.co.nz. Applications close **WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2025**.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS BALL - Saturday 13 September 7pm-11pm. By popular demand, we are thrilled to bring back The Young Adults Ball 2025! With a dash of Gatsby glamour, the theme for this year is 'THE ROARING TWENTIES'. 18+ event. Earlybird tickets: \$110 (until July 20th); Standard tickets: \$130 (until August 31st or sold out). Follow the link to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/young-adults-ball>

EVERYDAY ENGLISH WITH JOHANNA KLEIN - All welcome! This group meets twice a month on a Wednesday in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. For more info & upcoming dates contact Johanna directly on 021 658 021 or johanna@klein.kiwi

CARING SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CARING FOUNDATION SUNDAY THE 20TH JULY 2025. For Caring Sunday, please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, & helped. A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers & sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses, and food & housing insecurity. To make your donation please donate through www.caringfoundation.org.nz or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname, initials & 'Caring' as references.

ORDER FOR THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) - Used to be called Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The name change indicates that initiation is not just a 'rite' or a single ceremony, but a process or journey, an 'order' of walking with the Lord in Church membership. Are you interested in finding out about the Catholic Church or in joining the Church community? Come to this information session on **Wednesday 13th August 2025, 6:00pm** in the Parish meeting room.

DIACONATE ORDINATION - Parishioner, Butch Rafols will be ordained as a deacon at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd August 11:00am. All are welcome!** We will have a celebration on Sunday 3rd August 2025 at our morning tea. Details to follow.

SCHOOL BURSARY - Auckland Diocese has bursaries available to help needy Catholic families provide their children with a Catholic school education. Kindly email parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz to get the forms. All applications should be emailed to Viki Trainor at scholarships@cda.org.nz

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE? Come and see...7 consecutive Tuesday evenings, St Joseph's Church Hall, starting on 12th August 2025, 7pm to 9pm and a retreat day on Saturday 20th September 2025. Please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz, or Engelbert Dsouza on engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com to register



WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND 2025: SIGNS OF HOPE | SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST 10AM – 8:30PM - Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)! Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and a huge celebration of our Catholic faith. For more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

SUPPORTING FATHER MARK NAPA (PICTURED RIGHT) - Another group of Takapuna parishioners participated in Sunday morning Mass this past weekend in Whangārei to support Fr. Mark Napa.

MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE - We ask that these be submitted directly to the parish office via email at parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? Kindly sign up directly on our website: [New Parishioner Sign Up - St. Joseph's Church](#)



ST JOSEPH'S BAPTISM PROGRAMME -Are you looking to get your child baptised? You need to enroll in our baptism sacramental programme: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/baptism/> Available baptism dates (Saturdays):

- ◆ 23rd August 2025;
- ◆ 13th & 27th September 2025.

For more information and guidance please email Edwin on pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

UPDATE TO OUR DATABASE - Dear Parishioners, we've have been working to update our database over the last few months. An email from our database went out this week to everyone who is registered on it asking you to check and confirm your details. Please check them promptly as this is the last step to complete our database update. Many thanks

ENGAGED/ PLANNING A WEDDING? CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE. Book your Course early - preferably 1 year before the wedding. Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Contact: gerrys@cda.org.nz M: 021 02247442

ALTAR SERVICE TRAINING - St. Joseph's Church, **SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025**, after the 10:30am Mass (around 12:00). Training will be open for whoever is interested in being an Altar Server to our parish & is also a refresher for all existing Altar Servers. For more info. contact Beatrice Tanoedjaja best2308@yahoo.com

SEEKING TRANSPORT FOR AN ELDERLY LADY - Anna is seeking a lift for her mum who lives in Hauraki to any Mass on a Saturday or Sunday. Her mum is on Harley Rd. Contact Anna Ong on annaongsc@gmail.com if you can assist. Thank you!

COLUMBARIUM ST FRANCIS DE SALES AND ALL SOULS DEVONPORT - We were delighted to receive Resource Consent and to bless the site on June 29th. Building has begun and is going well. Photos of the build and progress reports can be seen on our website www.devonportcatholic.org.nz or on Facebook St Francis de Sales & All Souls, Devonport. 23% of the 308 niches available have been pre-sold. Further Sales enquiries to office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY VIGIL PRAYER based on the theme of our Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope is on Thursday August 7th at 5.30pm in the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel at Mission Bay. This will be followed by a light finger food Tea. Kindly register for this evening for catering purposes by **1 August 2025**. Email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au