

Next Sunday 3rd August 2025 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: The book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Second: Letter to the Colossians 3:1-5.9-11
PSALM: 89
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently, and for Margaret Hinton and Tony Commissaris whose anniversaries occur.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Virginia Masuda, Teresa Litong, Margaretha Elizabeth Roodt, Paul O'Ryan, Anthony Webster, 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 St. Joseph's School.

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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Celebrating-SEVENTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

I Don't Want to Change

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/I-Dont-Want-to-Change.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th July 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF GENESIS 18:20-32

Abraham, adult, yet child-like
 intercedes, begs God to save us.

PSALM 137

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
 you have heard the words of my mouth.
 In the presence of the angels, I will bless you.
 I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
 which excel all we ever knew of you.
 On the day I called, you answered;
 you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
 and the haughty he knows from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of affliction
 you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
 your hand will do all things for me.
 Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
 discard not the work of your hands.

LETTER TO COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

Forgiveness comes from Christ's
 prayer to his 'Abba' on His cross.

GOSPEL - LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us his child-like way
 of prayer. "My" Father becomes
 "Our" Father.

INCREASE OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Jesus encourages us to pray with persistence. Not just to keep asking, but to have a rhythm of prayer in our lives – times when we pray, places, spontaneity during the day. He also gives an indication of what it does for us. It brings an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention we ask for, but we always get the Holy Spirit. In asking, knocking on God's door, in seeking, we always find God opening to us, giving us something, and finding a new rootedness in life.

The first gift of prayer is to know the love of God. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I went.

Prayer increases our trust in God. That he wants our good and is with us in love. Sometimes giving something very specific but never giving nothing. Mother Teresa's prayer times were full of darkness but this darkness gave her the energy to love the very poor.

So pray for what you need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. We can ask with a full heart, hoping for an answer, but knowing always we can trust in our God in Jesus Christ.

If we wonder if we are praying right, we look for the fruits in our lives. If we receive the Holy Spirit in prayer we will find mercy, generosity and love appealing to us, and try to live that way.

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KIND, FIRM, CALM PARENTING - A FREE EVENT - SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO TRANSFORM PARENTING. If juggling parenting, work responsibilities and the intensity of life in general has left you feeling overwhelmed or in need of some fresh ideas, then this is the talk for you.

Kind, Firm, Calm is a transformative parenting posture that empowers parents to remain **Kind**, so children feel loved and connected; **Firm**, so they feel the security of boundaries and leadership; and **Calm**, so children feel safe and supported to co-regulate their emotions. This talk opens the lid on common parenting struggles and provides proven strategies and insights that cut to the heart of daily challenges.

When: Thursday 31 July at 7pm **Where:** Milford Baptist Church, 3 Dodson Avenue, Milford. For more info. email Dsouza.debra20@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH, GLENFIELD PARISH CONCERT FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR - 2025. CONCERT THEME: "WE'RE AS STRONG AS OUR FAITH & AS YOUNG AS OUR HOPE."

Promises to be a Great Night of fun, reflection and fellowship as parishioners & friends showcase their gifts & talents in a variety of entertainment items to highlight the Jubilee Year – through our concert theme. We have a guest artist from Fiji to entertain us as well and refreshments will be served during the evening.

Date: Friday 22nd August, 2025

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion Street, Takapuna, North Shore 0622

Ticket: \$50 per head. Tickets are available from Ethnic Group Leaders or the St. Thomas More Parish Office

Bank Details for online payment

Account Name : St Thomas More, Glenfield; Account Number: 02-0108-0708668-003; Reference: Jubilee Concert & Ticket number

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP - The group is having a Winter break and will return at 1:30pm in St. Vincent de Paul Church in Milford on Wednesday 27th August 2025. If you need more info. Kindly contact Graham on 09 489 4389 or email geeandessmbs@hotmail.com

COUPLE SEEKING HOME HELP - Quin is looking for some home help for 2-3 days a week in Milford - some childcare duties, cleaning, light gardening, errands etc. Flexible hours and Living Wage+. Please get in touch with Quin on 027 414 3491 for more details.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 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. All Welcome.

SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA - meet on the first Thursday of every month in the St. Joseph's meeting room at 7:00pm. For more info contact ronhunter@xtra.co.nz. Next meeting is **Thursday 7th August 2025** in the St. Joseph's Parish meeting room.

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>

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 kindly email pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - The Church is here to play a supporting role to the Catholic Diocese and Schools when it comes to preference enrolment. Kindly refer to the following link for information around the enrolment process & your relevant school: [Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#). We will be holding an open hour for signing of preference forms on **Tuesday 29th July from 10:00am - 11:00am** in Father Mark's office.

SCHOOL BURSARY - Auckland Diocese has bursaries available to help needy Catholic families to 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

ALTAR SERVER'S 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

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

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. You are welcome to attend. **Please note that there will be no reconciliation after the 9am Mass on this day.**

We will have a **celebration on Sunday 3rd August 2025** at our morning tea following the 10:30am Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring a small plate of eats and to come join in the festivities.

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

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. Email stephenf@cda.org.nz or engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com to register

