

## Next Sunday 31st August 2025 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Book of Ecclesiasticus —Sirach 3:17...29 PSALM: 68  
Second: Letter to Hebrews 12:18...24 Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

**PRAYER in charity we pray for those who died recently, and for Mary Wright & Joseph Duke G. Real, 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.

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**MORNING TEA** after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Abeer George & Family.

**St Joseph's Takapuna Parish Bank**  
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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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Celebrating-TWENTY-FIRST-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

**DIRECTIONS HOME** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/DIRECTIONS-HOME.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th August 2025

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet ISAIAH 66:18-21

Distant foreign peoples will come to Jerusalem — God's city!

### PSALM 116

O praise the Lord

all you nations

Acclaim him, all you peoples!

The Lord has made known his salvation  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
God has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth  
ring out your joy.

At the presence of the Lord:  
who comes to rule the earth.  
God will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness.

Strong is God's love for us;  
Faithful forever.

### LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 12:5-7. 11-13

Discipline and grief ... prepare us to  
receive God's true blessings

### GOSPEL - LUKE 13:22-30

Jesus is the 'way', the only 'narrow door'  
into the New Jerusalem



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA



### AN INVITATION FOR ALL

Think of the ways nations of the world can join together.

People of different 'tongues' able to enjoy the same good music, art

and architecture, ancient treasures, natural wonders.

Christ's word resounds to believers and seekers world-wide.

His gospel announces that everyone can be saved.

His table spans our planet inviting all to be nourished there.

Isaiah and Luke challenge us to "try our best" with all our courage all our faith, hope and love to enter into life through Christ.

Do we want to know the people at Mass with us?

Do we welcome those who are new? introduce ourselves - invite them home?

Christ's 'good news' needs our effort and example.

**YOUTH MARKET FUNDRAISER** - Join us for a morning market on **Sun. 31 August** after the 10:30am Mass just outside the church! There will be food, games & a carwash. All funds raised go towards the Life Nights & Youth Camp in January 2026. We're also welcoming food donations to sell. If you can contribute, please get in touch or scan the QR code! Please note that parking will be affected on the day - with **no parking permitted** on the grass outside the church/school. Overflow arrangements have been made with Rosmini College & parishioners are welcome to park there on the day. Questions? Contact Joselle Vicente - 02102640694 or [youth@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjoseph.org.nz)



**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. Standard tickets: \$130 (until August 31st or sold out). Click here to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/young-adults-ball>

**DAVID WELLS, A MARRIED MAN AND THEOLOGIAN FROM ENGLAND, AS WELL AS AUTHOR AND CATHOLIC PUBLIC SPEAKER, IS VISITING AUCKLAND.** He is offering a formation day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Sancta Maria College Auditorium, Flat Bush. The *main theme is Pilgrims on the Synodal Journey*. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. There is no charge. David is an outstanding speaker & an engaging presenter. This is a wonderful opportunity for sacramental, liturgical, & other ministers and volunteers to enjoy a day of formation and reflection. Registrations are essential and can be completed here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/hope-in-a-synodal-world-david-wells/>

**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](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 02247442

**SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE** - Would you like to support the people of Palestine in the face of the violence being inflicted on them? Each local MP is to receive an open letter urging them to represent their constituents' call for sanctions on Israel — to defend the God-given dignity and lives of the Palestinian people. You can add your signature to the open letter here: <https://united4palestine.web.app/> Type in the electorate in which you are living.

**THE NEW ZEALAND BISHOPS HAVE PUBLISHED THEIR ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** - It supports the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year runs from 7-13 September. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". In their message, the bishops explain that the work of building peace is "the vocation of every Christian". Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has produced resources to support Social Justice Week, including in schools and parishes. Find the bishops' message and the resources at: <https://bit.ly/2025SJW>. Father Mark Bond will present a session on "Let's build Peace together" in the St. Joseph's meeting room at **7:00pm on Thursday 11th September 2025**.

**JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NORTH SHORE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2025 AT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, GLENFIELD.** Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start - 9.00pm. Come and join other men and share time together. For more info contact **Jerome 027 233 4380 or Mike Lobo 021 280 9285**

**The Upper Room | Wednesday 27 August 6:30pm-9pm.** This event is your opportunity to grab a drink, connect with other Catholic young adults (18+). We are joined by international speaker Amanda Achtman and her talk entitled 'Level Up: Learning from the Witness of Bl. Carlo Acutis will delve into why this future saint is a key witness for our time. Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-nwmr78d3>

**1ST ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER MARK BOND'S ORDINATION** - Join us on **Sunday, 24 August 2025**, as we celebrate the first anniversary of **Father Mark Bond's ordination**. Following the **10:30am Mass**, we will gather for a special **morning tea** in his honour — and **all parishioners are warmly invited**. If you are able, please bring a plate to share so we can enjoy this joyful occasion together.

**MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE** - We ask that these be submitted directly to the parish office via email at [parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz).

**NOT REGISTERED ON OUR PARISH ROLL OR NEW TO OUR PARISH?** Kindly sign up directly on our website: [New Parishioner Sign Up - St. Joseph's Church](#).

**AMANDA ACHTMAN, AN INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER FROM CANADA, WILL BE JOINING US AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 25 AUGUST** - After 9.15am Mass, we'll have morning tea in the hall, then she'll offer a presentation on Pope Francis' Theology of Aging. All are welcome!

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** - After the Winter break we will restart our meditation group meetings on Wednesday the 27th of August at 1-30 pm in St Vincent's Church in Milford. For more information contact Graham on 094894389. [geeandessmbs@hotmail.com](mailto:geeandessmbs@hotmail.com).

**PADRE PIO FEAST DAY** - Padre Pio's feast day is celebrated on the 23rd September. It is the anniversary of his death in 1968. He was an Italian Capuchin friar, known for his stigmata and devotion to prayer. You are invited to join us for coffee & cake in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall **after the 9:15am Mass on 23 September 2025** to hear more about Padre Pio. For more info contact [ronhunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ronhunter@xtra.co.nz).

**ST JOSEPHS CENTRE GIFT SHOP IS CELEBRATING ITS 33RD ANNIVERSARY** - In-Store Specials on Statues, Crucifixes, Christmas Nativities etc. For all your gifting needs visit us at **St Josephs Centre Gift Shop on 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna**, or go to [www.stjosephscentre.co.nz](http://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz)

**ST JOSEPH'S BAPTISM PROGRAMME** -Are you looking to get your child baptised? You need to enroll in our baptism sacramental programme on our website: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/baptism/>. For more information kindly email Edwin Macmac [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).

Upcoming available baptism dates (Saturdays):  
- 13th & 27th September 2025 - 25th October 2025  
- 29th November 2025 - 13th December 2025 (TBC)

**Can you assist?** An elderly female parishioner requires care/ company every weekend mornings for 2 hrs from 10am to 12 approx. She is very alert & companionable. This is a paid role. Please contact Marjet Pot 021977201 for more details.

**2025 VAILANKANNI NOVENA CELEBRATIONS** - in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health from Sat. 30 August to 8 September being Feast Day to celebrate birthday of our Mother Mary. On weekdays the Novena, Rosary & Holy Mass will be celebrated in the Avondale Chapel at 6.00pm.(Sat. at 5.30pm). On Sundays at Christ the King at 5.30pm (Mass 6.00pm). Feast Day will be held at Christ the King 6.00pm.

**HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, PONSONBY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.** Archbishop Paul Martin of Wellington will be the principal celebrant. We are celebrating our feast day early because the seminarians will be in a parish of their diocese for pastoral experience when the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on 14 September. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 01 September 2025 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome. More info [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz)