

Next Sunday 7th September 2025 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Book of Wisdom 9:13-18 **PSALM:** 89
Second: Letter to Philemon 9...17 **Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

PRAYER in charity we pray for Grahame Howley & Francis Skynner **who died recently, and for** Flory Pineda David **whose anniversary occurs.**

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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No morning tea in the Parish Hall today as we support the Youth Fundraiser.

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

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-SECOND SUNDAY in OT

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

KIDS IN CHURCH <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/KIDS-IN-CHURCH.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st August 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Ecclesiasticus

- SIRACH 3:17..29

A humble person has God's favour
 - and draws faithful friends

PSALM 67

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
 they shall exult and dance for joy.
 O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
 Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
 such is God in his holy place.
 God gives the lonely a home to live in;
 He leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
 When your people were starved you gave
 them new life, it was there that your people
 found a home, prepared in your goodness, O
 God, for the poor.

Kingdoms of the earth sing to God, who gives
 strength and power to his people.

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 12:18..24

Jesus is drawing us ... into his 'new'
 Jerusalem!

GOSPEL - LUKE 14:1. 7-14

.. we are to invite those disadvantaged and
 poor to our family table

Out of the clay of which we are made
 He built for himself in this world of ours a lowly
 abode.. so that he draw to himself those willing to
 leave self behind and submit to him;

.. and so that he would heal
 their swollen pride
 and nurture their love instead.

Thus, no longer striding along,
 heads high in self-approval,
 getting further from you,
 they might admit their limitations,

.. as they see at their feet the divine
 one, clothed in the garment of human flesh.

And then at last in their weariness
 they might cast themselves down
 upon him ... so that when he rose
 he would lift them up with them.

**From 'Confessions of St Augustine' 357-530 Feast
Day 28 August**



YOUTH MARKET FUNDRAISER - Remember to join us today, **Sunday 31 August 2025** for a morning market 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. 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

JUSTICE & ACTION HUI – 6–7 SEPTEMBER, AUCKLAND - Join us for a two-day gathering of faith & justice at **Whānau Maria – 20 Ponsonby Road Auckland**. Together we will explore how the Gospel calls us to respond to the needs of our time: housing, cost of living, climate change, youth disconnection, and Te Tiriti justice. Speakers include **Helen Robinson from Auckland City Mission, Pat Snedden, Andrew Becroft, and Julia Spelman**, with various workshops. Tickets: \$80 (includes meals). Dates: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September. Register here: www.eventbrite.co.nz (Justice and Action Hui). Email Hannah van Schie office@maristlaitynz.org for more info. Hosted by The Logos Project, Challenge 2000, and Marist Laity.

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

PARISHIONER SEEKING PAID PART-TIME WORK – North Shore based, available for cleaning, gardening, and household support. Flexible hours. Please get in touch on 021 086 03825.

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.

DEAR YOUNG ADULTS - We invite all young adults to **Made for More**. Please join us for a morning of fellowship, praise, teaching and food. This is your chance to get to know others who share your faith. Sept 13th, 9.00am -1pm at Chinese Community Centre, 84 Kelmarna Rd, Herne Bay. Numbers are limited. Please register at [HERE](#):

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP - at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford this coming Wednesday 6th September at 5:30pm. For more details contact Sue Proffitt suzieproffitt@gmail.com



For FUN and FRIENDSHIP join the 60's Up Movement's Takapuna-Devonport Branch

St Josephs Catholic Church, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna

- We meet 3rd Thursday of every month at 10.30am.
- Interesting speakers/entertainers
- Weekly seniors' exercises and Rummikub
- Movie days • Monthly bus trips • ALL WELCOME

Go to www.60supmovement.org.nz for more info.

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 4th September 2025** in the St. Joseph's Parish meeting room.

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.

Upcoming available baptism dates (Saturdays):

- 27th September 2025
- 25th October 2025
- 29th November 2025
- 13th December 2025 (TBC)

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](#).

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

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

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.

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**.

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 6th 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/>

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>