

Next Sunday 21st September 2025 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: The prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7
Second: 1st letter to Timothy 2:1-7
PSALM: 145
Gospel: LUKE 16:19-31

PRAYER In charity we pray for Fr. Samuel Nasada and Peter Menzies who died recently, and for Robert Gore 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, Sahlee Q. Tayag.

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Morning Tea - In the hall after the 10:30am Mass 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 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Celebrating-Exaltation-of-the-Holy-Cross-Feast.pdf>

THE CONCERT<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/THE-CONCERT.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14th September 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS 21:4-9

"We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us."

PSALM 78

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will utter dark saying from of old.

When God killed them, the people sought for him;
 They repented and sought him earnestly.
 They remembered that God was their rock,
 The Most High God their redeemer.

But they flattered him with their mouths;
 They lied to him with their tongues.
 Their heart was not steadfast toward him;
 They were not true to his covenant.

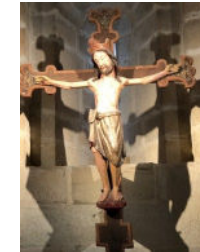
Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity,
 And did not destroy them; often he restrained his
 anger, and did not stir up all his wrath.

LETTER TO PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name...

GOSPEL - JOHN 3:13-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.



EXALTATION OF THE CROSS - 2025

Three different crosses hang on the walls of my office: a slender bamboo one, crafted by political prisoners in the Philippines;

the Last Supper scene; and my favourite, a pottery figure of the Crucified Jesus from Portugal, affixed to a NZ kauri background. Do you have a favourite cross?

Crosses appear on road sides to remember those killed in fatal accidents. They adorn the cemeteries of Europe, burial sites of the war dead. Wayside crosses accompany pilgrims on the Camino – a message of encouragement to tired or sore walkers that "I am with you!" People in hospital beds hold them, sometimes their only way of praying in the darkness of poor health or recovery from surgery.

The cross was a weapon of torture used by the Romans for capital punishment of the worst criminals: beheading was quick death, crucifixion was slow, shaming and painful. But the followers of the Crucified One see the cross as more: a throne for the conqueror of evil, a tree of new life, a bridge between earth and heaven, a symbol of God's love for the world.

It's worth making time to sit and gaze at a cross – and let it speak the Lord's word to you.

David Tonks

St Joseph's Catholic Church Takapuna

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REMINDER: MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2025, OR TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI RUNS NEXT WEEK FROM THE 15-22 SEPTEMBER 2025. Next Sunday, we'll use at Mass a couple of extra responses in Māori, and we'll hand out cards with a Māori phrase, which you may like to use in conversation.

SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE - Presider Bishop Steve Lowe Wed. 17 Sept 2025| 7:00PM at the University of Auckland Maclaurin chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland. Light refreshments afterwards. Register by email to louisar@cda.org.nz. Mainstream Churches are participating, bring your friends along. Link for registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/karakia-for-creation-2025>



HOLY CROSS SEMINARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO THE DIACONATE ORDINATION OF RYAN SY, EMILIO CAPIN & LINH CAO

Date: Friday, 26 September 2025, 6:00pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Church - 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. **Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding.**

ANointing MASS FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00AM - Please join us afterwards as a light lunch will be served.

NOT REGISTERED ON OUR PARISH ROLL OR NEW TO OUR PARISH? Kindly sign up directly on our website: [New Parishioner Sign Up](https://www.stjoseph.org.nz/new-parishioner) - [St. Joseph's Church](https://www.stjoseph.org.nz).

MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE - Kindly email these directly to the parish office at parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

ON AUGUST 30, 2025, ST JOSEPH CHURCH'S INDONESIAN CHOIR CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY (PICTURED RIGHT) -

Founded in 2000 with a pianist & 8 vocalists, the Choir has grown to 28 members - continuing its mission of uplifting hearts through music & fellowship. We're blessed with a full ensemble, those who feel called to contribute are welcome to connect and share in the spirit of community. Contact Christina Luhur christinaluhur@icloud.com



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 info. email Edwin Macmac pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz. Upcoming available baptism dates (Saturdays):
- 25th October 2025 - 29th November 2025 - 13th December 2025 (TBC)

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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING - The Catholic Diocese of Auckland requires all volunteers working with children, youth & vulnerable adults to have safeguarding training (with a refresher course every three years) & to be police vetted, in order to undertake their ministry. Upcoming online course on **Monday 6th October at 7:00pm**. To register contact Lisa-May Gray at 09 360 3019 or lisam@cda.org.nz. We have our own dedicated volunteer, Carlo Cruz as our safeguarding contact. He sends out communications about workshops being run by the Auckland Catholic Diocese & keeps our records up to date. If you have any questions around safeguarding at St. Joseph's you can email Carlo safeguarding@stjoseph.org.nz. If you want to learn more, you can visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/>

CONGRATULATIONS - To Ken and Zofia Derrick, long time members of our parish, who celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on Tuesday 16th September 2025.