

Next Sunday 14th September 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First: Numbers 21:4-9

PSALM: 78

Second: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

PRAYER In charity we pray for John Sakey who died recently, and for John Le Feuvre, Elizabeth Sneddon and Marie Dunne whose anniversaries 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 Missionary Families of Christ - North Shore Unit

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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-THIRD SUNDAY in OT

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

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th September 2025 - Father's Day

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF WISDOM 9:13-18

Frail humans discover nature's secrets .. God sends his spirit to teach us eternal mysteries

PSALM 89

You turn us back into dust

and say: "Go back, children of the earth."

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

LETTER TO PHILEMON 1:9...17

Paul returns a runaway slave back to his master! 'Receive him as a brother-in-Christ'

GOSPEL - LUKE 14:25-33

True followers of the Christ ..renounce self and all else for him



OUR FOCUS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

WEEK 7-13 SEPTEMBER 2025

TŌ MĀTOU AROTAHI MŌ TE WIKI

WHAKARITENGA TIKA Ā-PĀPORI

Catholic social teaching promotes peace as an essential component of social justice. It calls for the transformation of social structures & systems that perpetuate violence, inequality, & injustice, & for the promotion of a culture of peace, human dignity, & justice.

This year is the culmination of a three-year Social Justice Week focus on peace & conflict. We started with a focus on personal peace in 2023, followed by forgiveness & reconciliation in 2024. In 2025 we are focusing on being peacebuilders in the world.

Over the past two years we have looked at building peace in ourselves & recognising the importance of forgiveness to have peaceful connections with those around us. However, we cannot be content with peace in our personal lives alone when there are global injustices impacting people around us.

The Social Justice Week tagline for 2025 is Let's Build Peace Together. This year we are shifting our focus outwards to the communities we are part of & exploring ways we can take action to promote peace guided by Catholic social teaching. Check out caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week. **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.**



BELONG & BUILD EXPO 2025 - Do you love making people smile? Love serving God through building His Church? Enjoy

lending a helping hand? Join us at the Belong & Build Expo on **Sunday 21st September 2025 after the 10:30am Mass in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall**. Come discover the ministries you can serve in and the community groups you can belong to at St Joseph's. Our expo is an opportunity to unlock your gifts, build God's kingdom and grow relationships along the way. Whether you're new to our Church or have been with us for a while, we'd love to help you take your next step in belonging and building our vibrant community. More details to follow.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT ENVELOPES FOR OUR PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN - We are seeking volunteers to help hand out envelopes to parishioners in October 2025 after Mass for about 30 minutes. Dates are 4th & 5th October; 11th & 12th October; 18th & 19th October 2025. If you are able to assist kindly email Donna-Mari parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

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](https://www.madeformore.org.nz).

VACANCY FOR A LITURGY COORDINATOR AT EAST COAST BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH - 15 hours per week located at the East Coast Bays Parish office. Detailed job description available by contacting: beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE - We ask that these be submitted directly to the parish office via email at 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](https://www.stjoseph.org.nz/new-parishioner-sign-up).

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>

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 courses include **Tuesday 9th September at 7.00 pm and Monday 6th October at 7:00pm**. To register contact Lisa-May Gray at 09 360 3019 or lismay@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 about safeguarding, you can visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/>

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.

THE PRAYER TREE - We are a group of people who pray for the needs of our community. Please feel free to contact Sue Morgan if you would like us to pray for you. Swmorg@xtra.co.nz or 027 200 8791.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND SUPPORTED THE YOUTH MORNING MARKET FUNDRAISER ON SUNDAY - It was a huge success with \$4800 raised! A very special thank you to those who generously donated food, money, and time - this would not have been possible without you. All of this directly supports our youth and youth nights that help them grow in faith. The support has been such a blessing. Looking to join the St. Joseph's Youth Group? Email youth@stjoseph.org.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

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)

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.

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - The Church is here to play a supporting role to the Catholic Diocese & Schools when it comes to preference enrolment. For more info around the enrolment process & your school: [Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.catholic.schools.org.nz). We will be holding an open hour for signing of preference forms on **Tuesday 9th September 2025 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office.

PRAYER 28 - 30 NOVEMBER



& DISCERNMENT RETREAT

TIME TO FOCUS: A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN 18-30

Friendship. Sharing. Silence. Prayer & Discernment Practices Toolkit. Music. Adoration. Reconciliation. Mass. Spiritual Direction

🕒 Friday 28th November 7pm - Sunday 30th November 4pm.

📍 Franciscan Friary, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland.

💰 Waged: \$270. Unwaged - Student: \$200

✉️ Fr Frank Bird. vocations@smnz.org.nz 021 597080



This retreat will be led by Fr Frank Bird, Fr Phil Bennenbroek and Fr Chris Skinner from Marist Vocations Ministry