

Next Sunday 26th October 2025 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: Book of Ecclesiasticus - Sirach 35:15 -17, 20 - 22 **PSALM:** 34
SECOND: 2nd letter to Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 **GOSPEL:** Luke 18: 9-14

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently, and for William Mitchell, Simon Smith, Suzanne Young, Magdalena Lim Co, Iain Parsons and Elizabeth Palmer whose anniversaries occur.
PRAYER FOR THE SICK Clive McDonald, 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 Anna Joung.

**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 NINTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Celebrating-TWENTY-NINTH-SUNDAY-in-OT-2.pdf>

WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WHAT-LOVE-IS-ALL-ABOUT.pdf>

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th October 2025 -
World Mission Sunday*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

BOOK OF EXODUS 17:8-13

Moses' prayer strengthens God's people against their adversary

PSALM 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
 from where shall come my help?
 My help shall come from the Lord
 who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
 Let him sleep not, your guard.
 No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
 Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
 at your right side he stands.
 By day the sun shall not smite you
 nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
 he will guard your soul.
 The Lord will guard your going and coming
 both now and forever.

2ND LETTER TO TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

From child-hood to old age hold fast to God's word

GOSPEL - LUKE 18:1-8

A widow's strong faith gives us a lesson in persistence with prayer

THE 'STAYING POWER' OF PRAYER

Jesus' parable to-day is full of irony.

The widow is a startling character - not poor, not defenceless she goes into court - a male arena she fronts before an un-just judge to demand her due.

The judge is all he should not be.

(Judges were to reflect God's justice
 2 CHRONICLES 19:6-7 DEUT. 24, 17)

The widow keeps on returning, moving beyond expected female behaviour - the Greek text says she "blackens" his eye! his reputation!

The unjust judge yields.

This parable is a statement that a disciple's faith is not automatic.

Faith grows and matures through prayer as well as through the practice of justice.

Faith is both a gift and a task.



SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025 - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Well before Pope Francis took ill and died, He wrote a letter for World Mission Sunday entitled **"Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples"**. Besides highlighting that this day is a day of prayer and commitment to the universal mission of the Church, he also reminded "individual Christian and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of the fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope." Please support the Pontifical Mission Societies – and be missionaries of hope among all peoples. You can donate directly by going to www.missio.nz
Fr Michael Pui
NZ National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026 -
On sale now for \$15 from the Parish office.

The Auckland Korean Catholic Church will be hosting a concert to commemorate the *"Pilgrims of Hope"* 2025 Jubilee. The concert will feature performances by our church choirs and youth group, and everyone is warmly invited to attend. **Event Details:**

- **Location:** 28–32 Bishop Dunn Place, Flat Bush, Auckland 2013
- **Date:** Friday, 31 October 2025
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** Jae-Eon Lim jaeon96@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE - Email these directly to parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Next meeting - our AGM - Tuesday 21 October 10.30, in room near school office. Usual shared lunch, etc. For info Ph Margaret 486 3695

*Legion of Mary
invites you to a Rosary
Procession/ Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
ending with Benediction*



DATE: SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025
TIME: 14:00
PLACE: ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, TAKAPUNA
CONTACT: JOSEFINA 022 496 7970

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME TO OUR MASSES PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES - Those with walking difficulties usually sit close to the altar, so that Holy Communion can be brought to them in their seats, first. If you wish to sit further down the church, ask someone near you to alert a Communion minister, who will be happy to take you Holy Communion in your seat.



Simbang Gabi

2025 Christmas Novena Mass Schedule

15-19 December	----- 6:30PM
20 December	----- 5:00 PM
21 December	----- 6:00 PM
22 - 23 December	----- 6:30 PM



SAVE THE DATE – 14 FEBRUARY 2026 | 4PM - 6PM | PRAISE IN THE PARK. All are welcome to **Praise in the Park**, a two-hour Catholic event at Selwyn Domain, 48-56 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, on Sat. **14 February 2026.** The programme includes Praise and Worship, personal testimonies and the gospel message — followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with traditional Catholic hymns, offering space for reflection and encounter with Christ. If you can assist with administration, sponsorship, prayer ministry or practical help on the day, please email aucklandccr@gmail.com.

A NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE WITH CARDINAL JOHN DEW - St Mary's College, 7.30pm, Friday 21 Nov. 2025 Discover the mystery of the Papal Conclave through Cardinal John's unique insights. All proceeds support the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Details & tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/conclave>

PLEASE GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK - As part of the NOPS commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they're carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents. They are currently reviewing the 'Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church' & the 'Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church'. They welcome & encourage you to submit feedback through their [Reviews page](#), until **31 October 2025**.

PLEDGE CARDS IN YOUR PEW - Have you noticed the pledge card and pencil in your pew? We invite you to take a moment to complete your card and place it in the collection basket during Mass. This is the final weekend of our Planned Giving Campaign, and we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider making their pledge. Every contribution - large or small - helps sustain and grow our parish community. Thank you for your generosity, and God bless you.

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):
- 29th November 2025
- 13th December 2025 (TBC)

MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST - provides safe, short-term housing for families in need in the South Auckland area. If any parishioners are seeking housing assistance, contact us on 0800 624 848.

NEW TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH? - 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. If you are not yet registered - Kindly sign up directly on our website: [New Parishioner Sign Up - St. Joseph's Church](#).