

Next Sunday 9th November 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

FIRST: Ezekiel 47:1- 2, 8 - 9, 12 **PSALM:** 46
SECOND: 1 Corinthians 3:9 - 11, 16 - 17 **GOSPEL:** John 2: 13 - 22

PRAYER In charity we pray for Brian Coogan & Peter Tohill who died recently, and for Beverly Munday and Eleonora Titiana Walker, 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 the Milford Church Group.

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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

The COMMEMORATION of All the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Celebrating-The-Commemoration-of-All-the-Faithful-Departed.pdf>

CRABBY OLD WOMAN <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CRABBY-OLD-WOMAN.pdf>

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) - 2nd November 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Ezekiel 37:1,4 - 6, 12 - 16

"Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:

'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.'

PSALM: 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

1st Letter of Peter 1:3-9

Although you have not seen him, you love him;

GOSPEL: Luke 7: 11-17

"A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!"

POPE FRANCIS, SPEAKING ABOUT HOLY SOULS DAY, NOTED THAT THE DAY LEADS US TO TWO THOUGHTS:

REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE.

Remembrance of those who preceded us and have died; remembrance of the many people who were good to us: family and friends; remembrance of those unloved, unmourned, forgotten; and remembrance of those who did not manage to do so much good, but who have been received into God's mercy.

And then hope. It is a day of remembrance in order to look forward, to look at our journey, our path.

We walk towards an encounter, with the Lord and with everyone. And we must ask the Lord for this grace of hope: the hope that carries us forward, that helps us to solve problems. But always forward. That fruitful hope, that everyday theological virtue, which always comes to our aid. Hope never disappoints: we live in this tension between memory and hope.

Among the dead are many killed in violence and warfare. Often young lives, cut short, without a future. And children who died of malnourishment. Think of the tears of parents. The story is repeated over and over: so many people, young and not so young, some close to us, killed in the wars and famines of the world. Lives needlessly destroyed.

Today, we think of the dead, preserving their memory in our hearts; and we move forward in hope. Let us ask the Lord for peace, that people may no longer be killed in wars. So many innocent dead. Why? Wars are always a defeat. There is no total victory. Yes, one conquers the other, but defeat comes with a price.

Let us pray to the Lord for our departed, and for all who have died. May the Lord receive them all. And let us also pray for the Lord to have pity on us and give us hope: the hope to press on and to be able to join the heavenly company, when He calls us.

MASS COUNTS - For diocesan planning purposes, the annual Mass count takes place during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during November.

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

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

CALLED | ANOINTED | SENT – A Spiritual Retreat with Sister Joan from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ (Texas, USA).
Main retreat: Saturday, 15 Nov | 9 AM–1 PM, Sacred Heart Church Hall, 48 Vermont St, Ponsonby
Evening Sessions: Wed 12 Nov – St Joseph's church hall, Takapuna (7:30 PM) | Thu 13 Nov – St Mark's, Pakuranga (7:30 PM) | Fri 14 Nov – St Benedict's (Crypt), Eden Terrace (7:30 PM) | Mon 17 Nov – St Anne's, Manurewa (7:15 PM) | Tue 18 Nov – St Dominic's, Blockhouse Bay (7:30 PM) All welcome. Free entry. Koha appreciated. Info: Deidre 021 022 51103 | Engelbert 021 0234 6853 | aucklandccr@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS DAY SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025 - is no longer a holy day of obligation; but a day of festivity, when many like to participate in Mass. All Saints Masses 9am at St. Joseph's Parish, Takapuna & 10am at St. Vincent de Paul, Milford.

AS A WAY OF REMEMBERING THE DEAD - we will have candles in the church that can be lit from Monday 3rd November to Saturday 8th November 2025. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in each Church during November. To have prayers said for your loved ones please write their name in it.

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

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](#).

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/>

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGES - To date we have received 200 pledges...Thank you! We invite you to take a moment to complete your pledge card (extras available in the foyer of the church) and place it in the box after Mass for those who have not done so. Every contribution - large or small - helps sustain and grow our parish community. The Parish office is currently working through the list of pledges received and you should receive a communication shortly.
 For those who selected to support electronically - you can load St. Joseph's as a beneficiary with these details:

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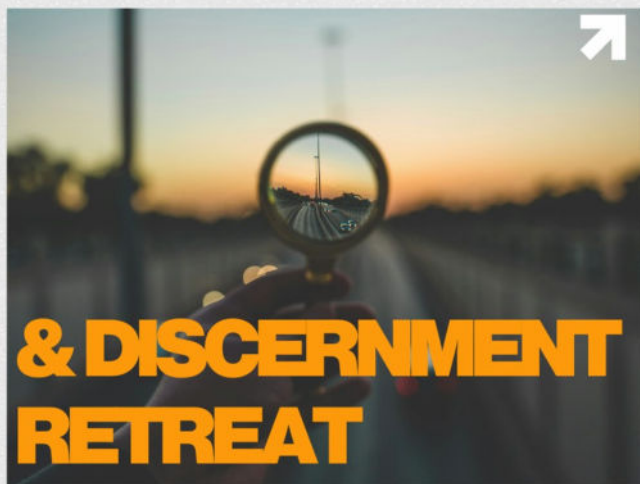
For those who selected the envelopes, these are always available in the foyers of the Church. There is a space on the envelope for you to write your name, date and planned giving/ enrolment number.
 Thank you for your generosity, and God bless you.

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)

ADVENT: A HIKOI FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE. In this new, 84-page, pocket-size book, **Fr James Lyons** & other Catholic leaders & writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent & Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – & a new year begins. **COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$8 EACH FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.**

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION- The gold coin collection will be held after all masses this weekend. **YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A DONATION HERE: ASB 12-3008-0043519-00.** Thank you for your generosity. Do you know of anyone needing assistance? We are able to help with food, clothing or small household items. Our service is strictly confidential. Please reach out on 021 0886 7844 or email svdptakapuna@gmail.com.

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



Register your interest
 Limited to 15 participants
 SCAN ME

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](#). We will be holding an open hour for signing of preference forms on **Wednesday 5th November 2025 from 10:00am - 11:00am** in the parish office.

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