

Next Sunday 23rd November 2025 - Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe

FIRST: Second book of Samuel 5:1-3 **PSALM:** 122
SECOND: Letter to the Colossians 1:12-20 **GOSPEL:** Luke 23:35-43

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently, and for Dame Sister Pauline Engel, Encarnacion Guevarra Lopez, Mary Thomas & Kevin Holland 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 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 the 33rd SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Celebrating-The-THIRTY-THIRD-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- 16th November 2025 -
World Day of the Poor**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROPHET MALACHI 4:1-2

God's coming will separate evil from good .. a time of justice

PSALM: 98

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
 With the lyre and the sound of the melody.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 The world and those who live in it.
 Let the floods clap their hands;
 Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord is coming,
 Coming to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

2ND LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

St Paul's example of hard manual work ..
 .. whilst preaching 'the Christ!'

GOSPEL - LUKE 21:5-9

Jerusalem ('city-of-peace') will be destroyed ..
 Christ's faithful will be saved

A CHURCH RESPONSIVE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR - As the Church marks the World Day of the Poor, it is timely for us to stop and reflect on the Christian imperative to listen for and respond to those in need.

In his recent apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo powerfully outlines that the case for caring for those in poverty dates back thousands of years. Drawing on the prophets, the example of the saints, recent Church documents and most especially the life and teaching of Jesus, the Holy Father makes it clear that the preferential option for the poor is essential to "the burning heart of the Church's mission".

He reminds us that we are always at risk of replacing the truth of the Gospel with the so-called wisdom of this world – one that can sanctify greed and excess.

We, the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, stand with Pope Leo in encouraging everyone to consider how we can each make care for the poor an integral part of our faith lived with authenticity and zeal.

The full letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

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



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2025 - It's that special time of year again — Angel Tree Christmas Giving is back!

Each Christmas, we support 50 families (313 people) through Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, by providing them with gifts, food, and festive treats. Your generosity makes this possible. This year, there are three angels to choose from on our trees — each representing a different type of donation:

Food Angel – non-perishable pantry items; Bathroom Angel – toiletries and essential items; Sweet Treats Angel – chocolates, biscuits, and Christmas goodies. Angel Trees are now up at both Takapuna and Milford churches. **Please return these to St Joseph's Parish Office during office hours, or, under the trees at weekend Masses.**

All family gifts are purchased on your behalf. To ensure a wonderful experience for each family. We would love you to donate financially towards this if you are able. Please donate to: **A/C Name: St Joseph's Takapuna**
Bank Account: 02 0108 0706814 000
Reference: Your Surname + ANGEL TREE (Your donation will be included in your end-of-year tax receipt.)

Our goal is to raise \$5,500 to provide each family with a thoughtful gift and some extra Christmas joy.

Final collection day: Sunday, 30 November 2025

Thank you for helping us share the true spirit of Christmas with families in need.



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/>

WORK WANTED - for an intelligent, respectful & compassionate young lady who has just completed exams at school. Very diligent, punctual & a member of our Youth Club. Please call/text 0272268303.

HOUSE RENTAL REQUIRED - Family of 4 looking for a house to rent in the Hillcrest/ Glenfield/ Takapuna/ Milford area. 3 bedroom, 1-2 bathrooms and garage for rent end December 2025 or January 2026. Kindly email the Parish office parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Our last meeting for this year - Tues. 18 November 10.30, in room near school office. Usual shared lunch, etc. Ph Margaret 486 3695

MASS COUNTS - For diocesan planning purposes, the annual count takes place during the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses during November 2025.

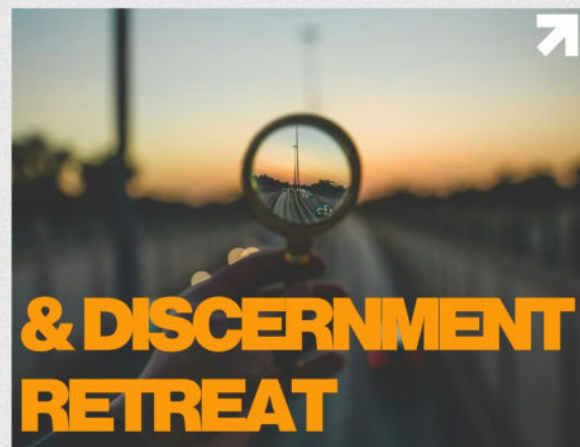
MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE - Kindly email these directly to parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

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

RITE II RECONCILIATIONS AROUND THE NORTH SHORE PARISHES COMING UP 7PM:

- ◆ St. Frances de Sales & All Souls, Devonport - Sun. 7 Dec.
- ◆ St. Francis de Sales, Torbay - Tues. 9 Dec.
- ◆ St. John the Evangelist, Orewa - Wed. 10 Dec.
- ◆ **St. Joseph's, Takapuna - Thurs. 11 Dec.**
- ◆ St. Mary's, Northcote - Tues. 16 Dec.
- ◆ St. Thomas More, Glenfield - Wed. 17 Dec.
- ◆ Maria Assumpta Parish, Beach Haven - Fri. 19 Dec.

PRAYER 28 - 30 NOVEMBER



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



OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. CAN YOU HELP US? De Paul House provides housing and support for families and seniors in need. We are looking for:

Bedding/towels - We have an urgent need for new or nearly new single duvet inners, pillows and towels.

Food Bank - We are low on many basics such as snacks for school lunchboxes, 2-minute noodles, pasta sauces, flour, sugar, jam, honey, milo, coffee, canned vegetables, medium – large tins tuna, corned beef, long life milk, cereal.

Personal hygiene – shampoo, conditioner, hand wash, bodywash, deodorant, toilet paper.

Household cleaners – clothes washing and dishwash liquid, spray and wipe, cleaning cloths, brushes.

Thank you to St Joseph's community of caring. Contact 09 480 5959 or email admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

ANointing MASS FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 11:00AM - A light lunch will be served afterwards.

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](#).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGES - We have worked through all 232 pledges we received and you should have received a communication regarding your pledge. If you have not, please let the office know. For those still wishing to pledge, extra cards are available in the foyer of the church. Kindly place it in the box after Mass. Every contribution - large or small - helps sustain and grow our parish community. 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.