

Sunday 30th November 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Isaiah 2:1-5 **PSALM:** 122
Second: 1st letter to the Romans 13:11-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

PRAYER In charity we pray for Ma Maria Brotamonte Reyes who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Malou J Catapang, 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, Sonia Lewis, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, , 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 Lyka Yap.

St Joseph's Takapuna - Bank Account No.
02 - 0108 - 0706814 - 000

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 CHRIST, the KING SOLEMNITY

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Celebrating-CHRIST-the-KING.pdf>

Malachi 3:3 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/MALACHI-3.3.pdf>

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

23rd November 2025 - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christ the King

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2ND BOOK OF SAMUEL 5:1-3

David is anointed king, uniting the tribes of Judah and the tribes of Israel.

PSALM 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.



Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

LETTER TO COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

Christ's cross brings us into His Kingdom of
peace

LUKE 23:25-43

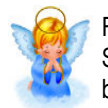
".. remember me, when you come
into your Kingdom"

In Glory Christ came into our lives
in glory as a King among his people
but a people who did not know him
a people who wished
only to be let alone
and live in the bondage
they had become used to.
The bondage
created over the generations.
The bondage
they no longer saw.
This King came victorious
in a world that knew not victory
to rule a people loved.

DAN GRACE



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.

Thank you to those who have already started dropping off their angel tree items to the office and under the tree. Only two weeks left to go before we do the handover on the 6th December 2025!



ANGELUS CHOIR AT CHRISTMASTWILIGHT BY THE LAKE. (PICTURED LEFT) The children of our parish had a blast as they performed at Carmel College on Friday 14th November 2025. Pictured here with Rosalie Tionloc. This is the first time they performed outside our parish. Thank you to all our parishioners for their support.

Our youth are excited to host our final fundraiser to support our ministry; **Dessert and Dancing: A Night with the Stars.** The event is on **Saturday, 13th December, 6 - 10PM** at Rosmini College Auditorium. The evening will feature music, dancing, games and plenty of fun for all ages. We are seeking food donations, including finger foods, desserts and drinks, to help make the night even more enjoyable. If you'd like to donate or help in any way, please contact Altanya Suparman (02108301284) or scan the QR code to fill out our donation form. Come celebrate, support our youth, and enjoy a memorable evening with us!



DONATE

ROSARIES REPAIRED FREE - Please leave your name and phone contact with the beads. If no phone number or name is enclosed with the beads, it will be taken that they are being donated to help repair others. Box will normally be emptied at the end of Saturday evening mass. Thank you, Robert Wilson

RITE II RECONCILIATIONS NORTH SHORE PARISHES COMING UP IN DECEMBER AT 7PM:

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

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](https://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz).

PREPARE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT THE ST JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP. Come see us at our new location: Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany or visit www.stjosephscentre.co.nz. 09 489 5613. *Supplying quality Christian & Catholic products.*

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 visit: [Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.catholic.schools.nz). We will be holding our last open hour for signing of preference forms for the year on **Tuesday 25th November 2025 from 10:00am - 11:00am** in the parish office.

BRIDGES TO CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING, WITH THOMAS MERTON - This weekly advent series is facilitated by Cathryn Wiles-Pickard & will take place over 4 Wed. starting 26th November. Using his writings as an intro to contemplative dialogue. Register via email office@mercywellsprings.org.nz

PROJECT AND MUSIC COORDINATOR – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MINISTRIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE. Go to: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026 - On sale now for \$15 from 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



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

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