

Sunday 7th December 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Isaiah 11:1-10 **PSALM:** 72
Second: Letter to the Romans 15:4-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYER In charity we pray for Magdalena Lim Co, Mary Lanhan & Clive McDonald 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 Michelle Theron & Elena Olsen.

St Joseph's Takapuna - Bank Account No.
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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 the 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 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CELEBRATING-1st-SUNDAY-OF-ADVENT.pdf)

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

30th November 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

All the world's people coming to Jerusalem.. war weapons, new ploughs ...

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.

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.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my family and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 13:11-14

Shed old, bad habits - be clothed in Christ the Lord

MATTHEW 24:37-44

Awake sleepers! Jesus' coming will take you by surprise

PLOUGHS INTO SWORDS

And now ploughs are bent into swords sickles into spears.

Not only swords and spears but bullets, bombs, missiles of steel on flesh of power against bodies.

And in our indignation we say 'Blessed are the peacemakers'.

Deliver us from excessive certitude about ourselves

Hold us ...
Show us yet again the gaping space between Your will and our feeble imagination.

We are well short of being blessed.

Give us freedom for Your deep otherwise - finally to be blessed.

WALTER BRUGGEMAN



ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2025 - LAST DAY! 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.

With the financial donations we receive for Angel Tree 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 to. 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 as we will be doing the handover to Monte Cecilia on the 6th December!** Thank you for helping us share the true spirit of Christmas with families in need. Thank you to those who have already dropped off their angel tree items!



CELEBRATION MASS | SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 4:30PM AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - Celebrate a fantastic year of youth ministry at our end-of-year Celebration Mass! Young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland will receive the Tu Kahikatea Awards including Shannelle Fassioms, Nicole Lay & Matthew Lay from St. Joseph's Parish. These awards recognise young people who have made an outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the Mass.

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations & prayers. Your donation will have double the impact! "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Take home our donation card, or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

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.

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 - BOX IS IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S FOYER. 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 be emptied at the end of Saturday evening mass. Thank you, Robert



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



SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA - meet on the first Thursday of every month in the St.Joseph's meeting room at 7:00pm. For more info contact ronhunter@xtra.co.nz. Last meeting is **Thurs. 4th December 2025 and these will resume in February 2026.**

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

Takapuna LifeTeen Summer Camp 2026: Your home away from home! Join us for a powerful one-week summer camp experience from January 18-22, 2026, at the beautiful Sonshine Ranch in Clevedon. This incredible adventure is open to students in Years 9-13. Sign up for a transformative week designed to help campers grow their faith, build courage and confidence, and strengthen their sense of community.

Registrations now open [HERE](https://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz/youth) where you'll find all the details you need, including camp dates, pricing, and much more information **or email** youth@stjoseph.org.nz for more details.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the parish of St Joseph's Takapuna, our primary funder, as well as our other donors and fundraising champions who help make Takapuna Summer Camp 2026 possible. To help cover remaining costs, each camper contributes a small fee.

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](https://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz/new-parishioner-sign-up).

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

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING WITH FATHER MARK - Sunday 7th December at midday (after 10:30am Mass) for new and existing altar servers in the Church.

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): - 13th December 2025 (TBC)