

Sunday 14th December 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST: The prophet Isaiah 35: 1- 6, 10 **PSALM:** 145
SECOND: Letter to St James 5: 7 - 10 **GOSPEL:** MATTHEW 11: 2 - 11

PRAYER In charity we pray for Joyce Kahu & Bob Connor who died recently, and for Peter Hutchinson & Daniel Collins 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 and will be hosted by Anna Joung.

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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 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CELEBRATING-2nd-SUNDAY-OF-ADVENT-1.pdf>

THE BEST IS YET TO COME <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/The-Best-is-Yet-To-Come.pdf>

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 7th December 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROPHET ISAIAH 11:1-10

Promise of a 'new prince' to be born promise of a 'new paradise'

PSALM 71

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
he shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 15:4-9

Christ Jesus brings hope of universal harmony
for all peoples

MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist's cry .. threatening the powerful
- 'the chaff'
giving hope to the humble - 'the wheat'

THE THREATS DO NOT WANE

The threats do not
wane dangers are not
imagined the power to
undo is on the loose.

And in the midst, you
speak your word. You speak and all is made
new.

You give your true self in the utterance of 'Fear
Not'.

We diminish our lives in feeble anxiety
... you veto our anxiety.

We cheapen our neighbour with our frantic
greed ... you nullify our greed.

We pollute our world in lusting for safety... you
detoxify our mess.

Now come here! Override the fickleness of it
all make us free, give us joy.

And give us faith commensurate with your true,
abiding self.

WALTER BRUGGEMANN



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Monday 8th
December 2025 Masses 9:15am St. Joseph's
& 10:00am St. Vincent de Paul

**RITE II RECONCILIATIONS NORTH SHORE
PARISHES COMING UP IN DECEMBER AT 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.

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

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 date Saturday 13th December 2025

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.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SAMOA - Students at Marist Brothers Primary in Apia are keen to learn music but lack musical instruments. If you have any spare ones at home - particularly recorders, ukuleles, guitars, keyboards & small speakers or anything brass please contact Peter Garrick petergarrick20@gmail.com

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 & plenty of fun for all ages. We are seeking food donations, including finger foods, desserts & 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). Come celebrate, support our youth, & enjoy a memorable evening with us!

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

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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](#).

DE PAUL HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL - De Paul House will be supporting over 330 children and 242 adults & seniors.

Any help with our **Christmas Appeal** for gifts/toys/gift vouchers or food would be most appreciated. Help us bring the joy of Christmas & the hope of the season to those most vulnerable in our society, homeless and financially poor. See the poster displayed on our notice boards for all the details of what & how to donate.

May you and your family be blessed with the joy, peace & hope of Christmas.

De Paul House 92 Onewa Road, Northcote. Ph 4805959

admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

VOLUNTEERS' DINNER CELEBRATIONS

28TH NOVEMBER 2025 - this past Friday the priests and staff of St. Joseph's parish hosted close to 200 volunteers in our hall. This was to thank them for their time and effort that goes into being involved in our many ministries.

Pictured right is the team that served the volunteers on the night. Safe to say we were all exhausted come the end of Friday night!



DECEMBER MASS TIMETABLE

St. Joseph's Church

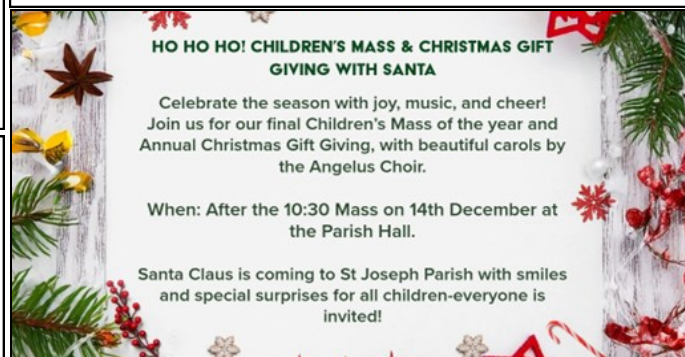
- ♦ Christmas Eve Mass 6pm - preceded by carols at 5:30pm.
- ♦ Midnight Mass, 12am - preceded by carols at 11.30pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Mass 7.30am and 10.30am - preceded by carols.
- ♦ New Year's Eve 10.30pm Mass.
- ♦ New Year's Day 10.30am Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Church

- ♦ Christmas Eve Mass 6pm - preceded by carols at 5:30pm.
- ♦ Christmas Day 9.00am - preceded by carols.
- ♦ New Year's Day 9.00am.

Holy Cross Church Albany

- ♦ Christmas Eve Mass 8.00pm.



HO HO HO! CHILDREN'S MASS & CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING WITH SANTA

Celebrate the season with joy, music, and cheer! Join us for our final Children's Mass of the year and Annual Christmas Gift Giving, with beautiful carols by the Angelus Choir.

When: After the 10:30 Mass on 14th December at the Parish Hall.

Santa Claus is coming to St Joseph Parish with smiles and special surprises for all children-everyone is invited!

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. **Registrations now open [HERE](#)** 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.