

Next Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

FIRST: BOOK OF GENESIS 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7

SECOND: 1ST LETTER TO THE ROMANS 5:12-19

PSALM: 51

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

PRAYER In charity we pray for Karl Dawson who died recently, and for Eugenie Laracy, George Wilson, Mary Finlay and Patricia Meier whose anniversaries occur.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Lester Tipay, 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 Juliet Gapultos.

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CELEBRATING-The-SIXTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

HOW TO FOSTER PEACE IN YOUR FAMILY <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/How-to-foster-peace-in-your-family.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 15th February 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF SIRACH - ECCLESIASTICUS 15:15-20

God gives us 'freedom and power' to choose good .. and avoid sin

PSALM 118

They are joyful whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are glad who do his will
seeking him with all their hearts.

Your have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

1ST LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

God's eternal wisdom ... is "seen and understood" by those who love God

MATTHEW 5:17...37

'BUT I SAY TO YOU ..' Jesus (a 'New Moses') fulfills and surpasses the law

WE SAY - 'WALK IT AS YOU TALK IT'. We look for integrity and sincerity in people. We examine all the political promises and wonder what's behind it? Do they really care? In the church and its leadership we expect the way we live to be from the gospel. Jesus condemned the shallow virtue and outer loyalty of some people. They were very religious people but had lost the centre. This was the centre of love, compassion and joy. When the centre goes, small things become too important.

Heart Religion

True Religion is of the heart. Religion can be used for many purposes. You can go to Mass to worship God, engage in prayer or to get votes! The church is struck now to look at what is really important in faith. The loyalty first is to the word of God – to read it, believe it and live it. And then to be engaged in the suffering of people. The suffering of people opens the door to the kingdom of God.

Three Ways

In this we find true religion. We can die more as a country and a church, or look to God and be brought to life – in prayer, love and service. Three ways of compassion. That's real wisdom – wisdom in action. What we do in love and service brings our religion deep to the heart. We live by the words of Jesus and do his deeds – so that our heart may grow to be like the heart of God.

*Lord, may your kingdom
come, and your will be done
among us.*



Donal Neary SJ

MISSION HUB – SHARING YOUR STORY: TESTIMONY THAT TRANSFORMS - Mission Hub, in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre, is gathering online for Sharing Your Story – Testimony That Transforms. Join us to reflect on how telling our stories with honesty & humility can encourage others on their spiritual journey. Mond.16 Feb.- 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time) Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/february16webinar>

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND shares the big news from the Catholic Church & stories of relevance to Catholics every Tues & Fri. Sign up for the free digital newsletter and read the latest stories at cathnewsnz.com

PRAISE IN THE PARK - SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 4 PM TO 6 PM. Where: Selwyn Domain, along Mission Bay. All are welcome to join many Auckland Catholic and Christian believers at our outdoor event, which will include music, Gospel proclamation, personal stories, and Eucharistic Adoration. It's a welcoming event that offers hope, joy, and a chance to encounter Christ in a relaxed, open setting. There will be prayer ministry and information stalls. For more details and parking information visit praiseinthepark.nz

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. regarding requirements, visit: Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 - Close 13 March 2026. Questions to Jane Meurant ad-min@carmel.school.nz

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS -TUESDAY 3RD, WEDNESDAY 4TH & THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026. BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (bookings open 9.00am Monday 23 February). Tour times: 9am and 10am each day. Book at www.baradene.school.nz – 2026 Open Day Tours Please refer to the website for booking closing times for each day. Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 13 March, 2026.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2027 ENROLMENTS & OPEN DAY EVENT - St Mary's College enrolments for 2027 are now open, and our Annual Open Day will be held on Thursday, 23 March. 11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. We have no zoning restrictions & invite you to submit your application online. Visit www.stmaryak.school.nz for more information. Alternatively, email enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz



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 Wilson

Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality – Regional Formation. As the Diocese of Auckland continues to reshape for mission, *synodal listening* is central to ensuring this journey emerges from shared discernment. *Conversations in the Spirit* offer a pathway to renewal, unity, and mission-focused vitality, helping us to listen deeply and walk together as decisions are made. To support leaders in this process, the Diocese is offering short regional formation sessions that provide both insight into synodal practice and an opportunity to experience *Conversations in the Spirit* firsthand. Sessions are being held across the Diocese, with one hosted at St Joseph's: **St Joseph's Parish Hall, Takapuna, Tuesday 24 February 2026, 7.00–9.00pm** Leaders from all faith communities are welcome. Registration is essential and closes three days prior. Registration is essential <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/reshaping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality>

Ngā mihi nui. **Pastoral Services Group, Catholic Diocese of Auckland**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS DATES & TIMES - 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence (not eating meat) and fasting (eating less than usual). All the details can be found on our website here: [Mass Times - St. Joseph's Church](https://www.stjosephs.nz/mass-times)

Our Mass times are as follows:

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

- ◆ 9:15am Mass
- ◆ 1:30pm Liturgy with St. Joseph's School
- ◆ 5:00pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00pm Mass

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

- ◆ 10:00am Mass



PALMS FOR ASHES - If you have a palm from a previous Palm Sunday and are happy to donate it to be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday, please leave it in the basket in the church porch by **Monday 16th February 2026**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - First meeting of the year Tues. 17 Feb. 2026 10.30 am, in the room near the school office. Usual shared lunch, etc. For info, Ph Margaret 486 3695.

THE 2026 DIOCESE CALENDAR OF EVENTS WHICH CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/>.

ST JOSEPH'S BAPTISM PROGRAMME - Looking to get your child baptised? You need to enroll in our baptism programme: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/baptism/>. Baptisms dates available for 2026 **Sat. 25th April; 23rd May; 27th June**. For more info. email Edwin Macmac pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME - 25 September to 17 October 2026. Fatima – Salamanca – Burgos - Lourdes – Paris – Venice - Padua – Assisi - Rome. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. Details from Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or 021 390 055

PREPARE FOR LENT & EASTER WITH GREAT CATHOLIC RESOURCES AT THE ST JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP - Come see us at our new location in Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) or visit us www.stjosephscentre.co.nz to see our Lent and Easter Catalogue. Supplying quality Christian & Catholic products for every need. 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland 0632. 09 489 5613 | 0221392093

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.stjosephs.nz/new-parishioner-sign-up).

ANOINTING MASSES 2026

- Friday 13th March 11:00am	- Friday 12th June 11:00am
- Friday 11th September 11:00am	- Friday 11th December 11:00am

These dates will be communicated in the newsletter closer to the time in case they change.

New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat and Seminar - The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support & chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, & anyone in allied roles. The next event is a retreat & seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on **20 & 21 March**. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com