

Next Sunday 1st March 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

FIRST: THE BOOK OF GENESIS 12:1-4 PSALM: 32
SECOND: 2ND LETTER TO TIMOTHY 1:8-10 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

PRAYER In charity we pray for Lester Tipay, Joe Mercieca & Lourdes Afable who died recently, and for Kathleen Crowe & Cristeta Alimurong 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, 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 & Teretume Amerika.

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Morning Tea - In the hall after the 10:30am Mass and will be hosted by Abeer George & Family.

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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 -

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CELEBRATING-The-FIRST-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

ENCOURAGE SOMEONE FOR LENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Encourage-Someone-for-Lent.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Our first parents - at home with God.. then .. disobedience, sin, guilt

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness.
 In your compassion blot out by offence.
 O wash me more and more from my guilt
 and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
 my sin is always before me.
 Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
 what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
 put a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
 with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
 O Lord, open my lips
 and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Letter to the Romans 5:12-19

Adam, Eve's sin made all sinners.
 Christ! 'new Adam' .. justifies all

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Jesus' 3-fold tempting by the devil

THE LENTEN JOURNEY THAT WE HAVE BEGUN IS FRAMED BY TWO POWERFUL SYMBOLS: ASHES ON OUR HEADS AND WATER ON OUR FEET. These words of Bishop Tonino Bello, an Italian known for his prophetic witness to peace, justice, and care for the poor, capture something profound about this sacred season. The road may appear short, barely the distance between head and feet, yet in truth it is far longer and more demanding, for it calls not only for external practices but for a conversion of mindset — one that leads us to bend down and reach the feet of others.

As we walk these days of Lent, we hold in our hearts the countless lives turned to ashes — homes and villages erased, places of worship shattered, cities reduced to ruins; lives broken by violence; and forests consumed by fires that scar our common home. We also remember the feet of those we encounter daily, as well as the feet of those who travel far and suffer greatly in search of safety, dignity, and hope. I witnessed this myself at the border in Agua Prieta, where many are expelled back to Mexico carrying a white bag with their few belongings, often barefoot and without documents, at grave risk of falling again into the hands of human traffickers and cartels.

Think of those treated inhumanely, abused, detained, sentenced, or even executed without due process or trial. Like the wounded man on the road to Jericho, their stories call us not to pass by on the other side, but to stop, draw near, and show mercy (cf. Luke 10:33–34). They remind us that every step matters, that every act of solidarity and compassion counts, and that to follow Christ is to walk with those whose feet are tired and wounded.

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WINGS. NGA PARIRAU - FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME - The Introductory Session will take place on **Saturday 14th March @ 10.00 – 11.30am** in the St Josephs school staffroom. All interested participants are invited to attend. The six-session programme will commence after Easter 2026. Please register your interest with Joh Cogle at jcogle@xtra.co.nz or 021 42 99 15 [by text]. This is especially designed for those who are 'shy' about their faith and would like to explore/learn more in a gentle thoughtful way.

LIFE TEEN AOTEAROA LEADERSHIP CONVENTION | 13-15 MARCH 2026 AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE AUCKLAND

The best place to be trained, renewed & inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Expect incredible keynotes from the Catholic speakers, practical breakout sessions, practical, comprehensive training, & community & personal spiritual renewal. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve & train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa's 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MENS FELLOWSHIP - NORTH SHORE. Come and journey together as men of faith as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten Season. Topic: Lent, Presenter: Fr Glenn Lowe (Chaplain Joshua Auckland), Date: 25th of February 2026, Venue: St Thomas More Church, Glenfield, Auckland. Time: 7:00pm fellowship followed by 7.30pm start of praise and worship. All men are warmly invited.

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 admin@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, 26 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

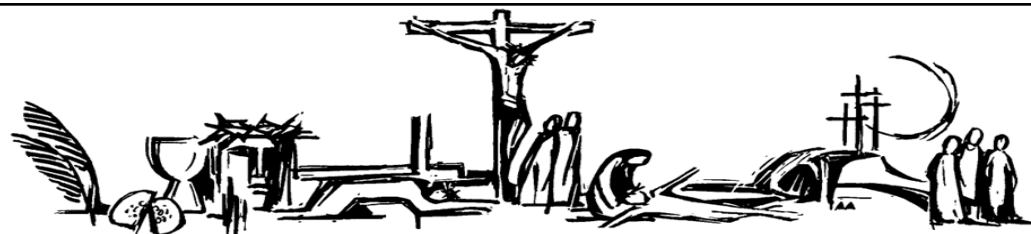
SCAM ALERT - there is an email going around from pastorspastors19@gmail.com saying that Mons. David Tonks is 'seeking assistance regarding a matter and would appreciate it if you could email him.' Please be aware it is a scam & ignore it. No such email will ever be sent.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - Open to all new & existing altar servers. These sessions will be held on **Sun. 1st March** after the 10:30am Mass in the church and **Sat. 7th March** at 11:00am in the church. Kindly contact Blanca Ortanez if you have any questions regarding this programme: blancagrace@yahoo.com

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

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**



LENTEN PROGRAMME TALKS

To be held in the Hall on Thursdays

- ♦ 26 February 2026 7pm with Father Glenn
- ♦ 5 March 2026 7pm with Marguerite Sakey & Robb Donze
- ♦ 12 March 2026 7pm
- ♦ 19 March 2026 – Mass at 7pm & refreshments in the Hall afterwards to celebrate St. Joseph Parish Feast Day
- ♦ 26 March 2026 7pm

UPCOMING LENTEN PROGRAMME

- ♦ Extra Mass for Lent every Wednesday evening: 25 February, 4, 11, 18 & 25 March, 1 April 2026 at 7pm.
- ♦ Rite II Reconciliation: Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm.
- ♦ Lenten programme talks every Thursday: 26 February; 5, 12, 19 & 26 March; at 7pm.
- ♦ Stations of the Cross every Friday: 20 & 27 February; 6, 13, 20 & 27 March 2026 at 7pm.
- ♦ St. Joseph's School Stations of the Cross Friday: 3rd April 2026 at 10:00am.
- ♦ Anointing Mass: Friday 13 March 11:00am.

YOU ARE CHOSEN - A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR. Sat. 14 March - Sun. 15 March St Joseph's Church Parish Hall; 9:00am - 4:00pm both days. Deepen your relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. All are welcome! Time for teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship and activities. Register at bit.ly/ur-chosen

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](#).

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