

Next Sunday 15th February 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: BOOK OF SIRACH 15:15-20

PSALM: 118

SECOND: 1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

PRAYER In charity we pray for Margaret France, Alison Smith & John Edsal Salanatin who died recently, and for Fred Thomas & Gloria Dacanay 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 St. Vincent de Paul.

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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY in OT

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

DON'T MAKE A NOISE- MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

*Sunday 8th February 2026 -
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROPHET ISAIAH 58:6-10

Share your bread with the hungry to be 'light' in the darkness

PSALM 111

Blessed are those who fear the Lord who take delight in all God's commands their descendants shall be powerful on earth the children of the upright are blessed.

They are lights in the darkness for the upright: they are generous, merciful and just. Good people take pity and lend, they conduct their affairs with honour.

The just will never waver, they will be remembered for ever. They have no fear of evil news; with firm hearts they trust in the Lord.

With steadfast hearts they will not fear; open-handed, they give to the poor; their justice stands firm for ever. Their heads will be raised in glory.

1ST LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Our faith - not in human wisdom but in God's power

MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are 'salt of the earth' 'light of the world'

Galilee had a big fishing industry around the time of Jesus, and so many gospel stories are about fish and how to catch them. Fish was exported to many parts of the Roman Empire, well salted to keep it fresh. So being 'salt for the earth' would be a relevant image to the people who were listening to Jesus.

We say sometimes that someone is 'the salt of the earth'. We mean he/she is dependable, follows through on things begun, makes a contribution to the locality and lives by their beliefs. Parishes and communities have been built and upheld by people who are the "salt of the earth". We thank God for these people in our parish and family, workplaces and schools.

How to keep ourselves 'salty'? By sharing in the Mass, by daily prayer in a method that suits each individual, by doing good. Jesus gives the bread of life: we give it its flavour wherever we are.

The bread of God needs the life-giving salt of our lives.

With this sort of commitment, we become also light to the world, because the light we shine is the light of Jesus shining from within. Pope Francis often said to 'allow Jesus out'. May our lives this week and always be strong like salt and encouraging like light.

FR DONAL NEARY SJ





WAITANGI DAY | FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2026 - Mass at St Joseph's Church, Takapuna, at 9.15am & St. Vincent de Paul, at 10:00am



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.

REQUEST FOR HELP - My family are parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish. Our sister has been unwell and is on the Kidney Transplant List. If you're interested in finding out about donating a kidney to our sister you can ring Donor Nurse on 0800 5483 36667 or email Tricia on p_pchambers@xtra.co.nz. Many thanks.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY - Do you have the calling to be a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant (VCA)? Join us as VCA in North Shore or Waitakere Hospital. Training starts in March 2026 & the closing date for applications is 9 February 2026. For more info. email Pauline.soo@tewhatuora.govt.nz

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

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 or email Engelbert at engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com.

LIFETEEN SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY - I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as a summer missionary at LifeTeen International's Covecrest Camp in Georgia, USA this July/August. Having grown up in the St Joseph's youth community, I'm excited to see the love of Christ at work through the Church on the other side of the world. As this mission involves overseas travel, I am seeking parish support to help cover visa and travel costs. Any contribution, no matter the size, would be deeply appreciated. Donations can be made to **06-0265-0713735-00 (Tanna van Rensburg)**. Please include your phone number so I can personally thank you. If you're unable to donate, I would be very grateful for your prayers. Thank you for your support and God bless. Tanna van Rensburg

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).

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

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - opening school Mass Friday 13th February 2026 at 9:15am. Parishioners and parents all welcome!

CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 - Open 27 January 2026. 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, 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

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

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 commence again on **Sat. 28th Feb. 2026**.

For more info. email Edwin Macmac pastoral@stjoseph.org.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.

ANOINTING MASSES 2026

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| - 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