

Next Sunday 22nd March 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIRST: The prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14 **PSALM:** 129
SECOND: Letter to the Romans 8:8-11 **GOSPEL:** John 11:1-45

PRAYER In charity we pray for Alfredo R.A. Bengzon, Tony Ryan, Hana Irwani Lie & John O'Ferrall who died recently, and for Wilfredo Huelar Senior whose anniversary occurs.

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, 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. Hosted by Pinoy Cravings.

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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); Wednesday 7:00pm (during Lent)
- 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 FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CELEBRATING-The-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

THINK OF JESUS AS A DOCTOR <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Think-of-Jesus-as-a-doctor-1.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 15th March 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Book of Samuel 16:1...13

David .. Youngest son! Is God's choice to be King!

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; He is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Letter to Ephesians 5:8-14

Baptism into Christ's resurrection .. made us 'children of the light'

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a blind man .. The Pharisees are 'blind' to this Sabbath wonder!

JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Joseph became husband of Mary only after he had given up his plan to marry her.

Mary's mysterious pregnancy broke up his plan, his vision of their future together serving God.

And the cause of Joseph's broken heart? Was Jesus himself.

This is the great pattern in Christian life.

Twelve years on, Joseph had to 'lose and find' Jesus in the Temple an even deeper participation in the Christian mystery of passion, death and resurrection.

Every seeker of God passes many times through an inward death and rebirth.

Joseph's love of Mary and his later love of Jesus seemed to be taken from him by happenings God arranged.

'GOD! GRANT US THE VISION OF SAINT JOSEPH - ALWAYS OPEN TO YOUR WONDROUS INTERVENTION IN OUR LIVES.'



SEEKING PARISHIONERS FOR THE WASHING OF THE FEET - we are seeking parishioners to come forward on Holy Thursday 2nd April for the 7:30pm Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Email Donna-Mari at parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz to put your name forward.

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, & those in allied roles. The next event is a retreat & seminar at the St. Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on **20 & 21 March**. Email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com

A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER - We are hoping to establish prayer ministry at St Josephs and St Vincents. We need volunteers who would pray in pairs with parishioners after Mass once a month. You can be rostered for your normal Sunday Mass. Experience not necessary, training day April 18th, 9.30am - 3pm, at Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby. If interested contact Deidre Broome. 02102251103.

FORMATION AND TRAINING FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S - The parish office is updating its list of Ministers of the Word. To ensure only those who have attended regular training and the latest formations are included, ALL existing Ministers of the Word and NEW Ministers of the Word are invited to attend one session, either on 14 April (Tuesday) or 23 April (Thursday). Each session will be for 1.5 hours from 7pm to 8:30pm at the main church.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR IS LIVE. You can view it here: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/events/>. It includes the Lenten programme & will be updated with additional events as they come along & can be viewed per month. Hall, Church and Meeting room bookings will be uploaded in the coming weeks.

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

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Friday 20th March 2026 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. regarding requirements, visit: Catholic Schools - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

RITE OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - Any adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to send an expression of interest to Edwin Macmac pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2026**, with preparation taking place in the weeks leading up to the celebration.

THE ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY AND SHOWER VAN - will be visiting St Joseph's on Saturday 21 March, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Every fortnight the Vinnies group will be assisting with meals, hot drinks, and snacks. This service is open to anyone in our community who may be experiencing hardship, living on a tight budget, or who would simply appreciate a warm meal and friendly company. If you know someone who might benefit from this opportunity, please let them know that they are most welcome to come along.

SEEKING MINISTERS - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, MILFORD. We are seeking new Ministers for flower arranging for our Milford church. Training will be provided after Lent. Email Donna-Mari at parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz.

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE FROM 05-18 JUNE 2026. Experience Our Lady's presence on a 'Medjugorje In-Depth' pilgrimage and a fulfilling 10 night stay in the holy valley. Booking now. Contact Patricia at 027 3525 217 or info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz



HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM MASS TIMES - You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy. Masses will take place at St Joseph's Parish - Takapuna & St Vincent de Paul - Milford <https://stjoseph.org.nz/mass-times/>

Lenten Celebrations of Reconciliation (Rite II) in North Shore Parishes

- Tues 17 March 7.00pm Mairangi Bay
- Wed 18 March 7.00pm Orewa
- Sun 22 March 7.00pm Devonport
- Tues 24 March 7.00pm Takapuna
- Wed 25 March 7.00pm Glenfield
- Thurs 26 March 7.00pm Northcote
- Fri 27 March 7.00pm Beach Haven

UPCOMING LENTEN PROGRAMME

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

LENTEN PROGRAMME TALKS

- ◆ Thursday 19 March 7pm, Mass for the feast day of St. Joseph, our parish patron, followed by a light supper in the Hall.
- ◆ Thursday 26 March 7pm in the Hall: Andy and Shona Macdonald, and Vincent D'Limma and Annabella Daniel will speak about parents passing on our Catholic faith and love for the Church to our children.

CHRISM MASS - We look forward to welcoming you to the annual Chrim Mass at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph on Tuesday 31st March 2026 7:00pm. Visit www.stpatricks.org.nz for more details and to view parking options.



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: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/new-parishioner/>

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**
- **Sat. 23rd May**
- **Sat. 27th June**

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

LIFETEEN SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY - Tanna van Rensburg has been blessed with the opportunity to serve as a summer missionary at LifeTeen International's Covecrest Camp (USA) this July/Aug. This involves overseas travel, she's seeking support to help cover costs. Any contribution would be deeply appreciated (06-0265-0713735-00. Please include your phone number so I can personally thank you).

ALMSGIVING, OR SHARING OUR MATERIAL BLESSINGS WITH THOSE IN NEED. Donate to the NZ Bishops' Lent Appeal through Caritas the Catholic Church's main aid and development agency. Details can be found on their website at www.caritas.org.nz/lent or by using the envelopes available at Mass. The Lenten Appeal supports poor communities overseas and in New Zealand, especially in self-development. Donations are tax deductible.

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