

Next Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS: Matthew 21:1-11 **FIRST:** The prophet Isaiah 50:4-7
SECOND: Philippians 2:6-11 **PSALM:** 22 **GOSPEL:** Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

PRAYER In charity we pray for Jim Newfield, Frank Barrow & John Austen Bruen who died recently, and for Peter Martin whose anniversary occurs.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Clive McDonald, Virginia Masuda, Teresa Litong, Margaretha Elizabeth Roodt, Paul O'Ryan, Anthony Webster, 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
The Milford Church Group.**

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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CELEBRATING-The-Fifth-SUNDAY-of-LENT-1.pdf>

NOT THE BEST HOMILY <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Not-the-best-homily-1.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 22nd March 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL 37:12-14

The promise of Resurrection and new life 'on our own land'

PSALM 129 - 'DE PROFUNDIS'

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than those who watch for daybreak.
(Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:8-11

God's holy spirit living in us will raise our mortal bodies.

JOHN 11:1-45

Lazarus - 4 days in the grave hears the voice of Jesus 'come out!'

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 & development agency. Details can be found 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.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE ST. JOSEPH'S ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR - You can view it here: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/events/>. It includes the Lenten programme & is updated with all activities as they come along & can be viewed per month. Hall, Church and Meeting room bookings will be uploaded in the coming weeks.

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

JOHN 11:26

John's gospel recounts the miracle of Lazarus not to raise hopes that we will be brought back from this mortal life.



But to support our trust that through our baptism into Christ Jesus, we already enjoy the eternal life of intimacy with Jesus and his Father.

And that when the hour of our physical death comes; we will be raised by Jesus into the life beyond death forever.

Resurrection is not an extravagant miracle happening out there; it means the transforming presence of Jesus within us.

The resurrection will be completed when the Spirit of Jesus dwells within each of us individually; and within all of us as one family.

FR MICHAEL FALLON M.S.C.

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA AT MILFORD - St Vincent de Paul Church. All welcome. Come join us as we pray the rosary at Milford every Wednesday 5:30pm. Contact wilson.lucente@hotmail.com for more details.

PALM SUNDAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - Come and join in a beautiful, family-friendly witness to the sanctity of human life from conception. The Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil closes out our 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Palm Sunday - 29 March at 7:30 p.m. Potter's Park – corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral. For more information, contact Simon: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz or at FLI.org.nz/proliffevents/

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND IS HOSTING OUR ANNUAL 'GETSET' RETREAT - at Houghton's Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 17 April 2026 6pm to Sunday 19 April 2026 2.45pm. This is the 12th year of GetSet and it promises to be a special one. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme this year is "**Be Transformed**" based on Romans 12:2. The retreat is filled with insightful talks, Praise and Worship, Workshop, Games & above all an opportunity to grow in your faith, widen your friend circle & have fun in doing all of this. Register www.tinyurl.com/getset2026. For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email getset.auckland@gmail.com

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

ROSMINI COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR 2027. Enrolments for Year 7 students for 2027 are open online at www.rosmini.school.nz. There are also limited spaces available in Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 with very limited spaces in Year 9. Enrolment enquiries to Eunice Barnard on 09 488 3750 or email enquiries@rosmini.school.nz. We will be holding an Open Day at the college on Thursday 28 May 2026. All interested parents & their sons are very welcome to attend. Please refer to the school's website for further key dates and information.

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.

EASTER EGGS – When shopping for Easter eggs, please consider buying one or two extra for the children at De Paul House. Eggs can be left at the church after weekend Masses or brought to the Parish Office during office hours by **Mon. 30 March**, so they can be distributed to the children in time for Easter.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST - Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark.



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

- 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: 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: 27 March 2026 at 7pm.
- ◆ Rosmini & Carmel School Stations of the Cross Tuesday: 31st March at 7pm.
- ◆ St. Joseph's School Stations of the Cross Friday: 3rd April 2026 at 10:00am.

LENTEN PROGRAMME TALKS - Our last talk will take place on Thursday 26 March 7pm in the Hall: Andy and Shona Macdonald, and Vincent D'Lima 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 Chrism 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.

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 parishoffice@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: <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.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE
AT THE TOMB OF JESUS
WITH MARY OUR
MOTHER**



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHURCH, MILFORD,
4TH APRIL 2026
10 -11 AM**

**BY
VINNIES, LEGION OF
MARY AND ST JOSEPH
YOUTH.**

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