

Next Sunday 5th April 2026 - The Resurrection of the Lord

FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34-43 PSALM: 117
 SECOND: LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

PRAYER In charity we pray for Jim Newfield who died recently, and for Frances Meredith & Michael Maiquez, 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
 Jesus the Good Shepherd 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 PALM SUNDAY

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS Matthew 21:1-11

The prophet ISAIAH 50:4-7

God’s true servant is mocked, rejected



I think we call the week holy because it is a week of compassion of Christ. And of so many other people. Why holy week – when we think of the awful things that happen? Holiness we may connect with prayer, good deeds, penances. It’s holy because of love, love divine & human. We walk through the passion & the heart of Christ goes out to people. He does not condemn but he does fight evil. In the middle of all the battle of good & evil is compassion.

PSALM 22:

My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 “He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
 let him release him if this is his friend.”

He doesn’t seem to blame...Pilate is not blamed, it’s more those above him. For the one who arrests & had the ear cut off – there is healing. He looked at Peter with forgiveness & forgave the people beside him on the cross. It is compassion to the end.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
 I can count every one of my bones.

The man at the end said – this was the son of God. When we see & know compassion, we see & know God. The cross has a long shadow for many people. We hope that with the shadow of the cross we find also the light of compassion. Especially for the elderly, the poor, & the people struggling silently. Jesus was not crucified alone, & he is not crucified alone today. We are all part of Jesus, he has no body now but us. He suffers today in his people, & he suffers in you. He has no body now on earth but yours. He was consoled by the look at Mary, his mother, by the touch of Veronica, his consoler, by the helping hand of Simon, his cross carrier, by the quiet presence of John, his friend. You are Jesus.

They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone,
 my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
 And praise you where they are assembled.
 ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise;
 All children of Jacob, give him glory.
 Revere him, children of Israel.

And you are Mary, Veronica, Simon, John, his helpers on the way of the Cross. You are the body of Christ. He was not crucified alone, and he is not crucified alone today. **DONAL NEARY SJ**

Letter to PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Early Christian hymn! Jesus’ self-emptying then is glorified

MATTHEW’S PASSION OF THE CHRIST 26:14 - 27:66

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.

WINGS; NGA PARIRAU - The first session for this programme will take place on **Monday 20th April at 7.00 – 9.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Registration essential as we send out reading material, electronically before the session, for participants to read. Grow your relationship with Jesus, that takes into account, your own personal faith journey. Contact Joh Cogle at jcogle@xtra.co.nz or 021 42 99 15.

FORMATION AND TRAINING FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S - All existing Ministers of the Word and new Ministers of the Word are invited to attend one session of formation, 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. We are especially looking for new readers for Sunday 7:30am & 6:00pm Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - At St. Joseph's church. Tues. 31st March 7:00pm. Carmel & Rosmini students will present the story of Jesus' journey of self-giving love, even to his death on the cross. All welcome!

CHRISTIAN CHARITY: AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF NEW ZEALAND. Every year in Lent, the New Zealand Bishops ask Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand to run a fundraising campaign. Our world is becoming increasingly wrought by conflict & division. We see great suffering in places like Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, South Sudan & recently, in Iran. We watch this happening as we prepare to meditate on the great suffering that Jesus endured on Good Friday. Supporting the work of Caritas, the second-largest humanitarian organisation in the world, is a chance to assist vulnerable communities globally. Global instability, along with the pain caused by displacement, humanitarian crises and the impacts of climate change, is increasing the significant strain that many communities were already facing. Christian charity, expressed in almsgiving, among other practices, is an important way of living in the spirit of the Gospel. The money raised in this year's Lent appeal will support projects across the world, but a special focus is Rohingya refugee families in Bangladesh. More than 1.3 million Rohingya are stuck in camps with few rights & constant threats of violence, trafficking and exploitation. Every year, individuals & parishes across New Zealand are very generous in supporting the Lent appeal. We invite you to donate to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2026 at www.caritas.org.nz/lent or by using the envelopes.

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. This will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2026**, with preparation taking place in the weeks leading up to the celebration.

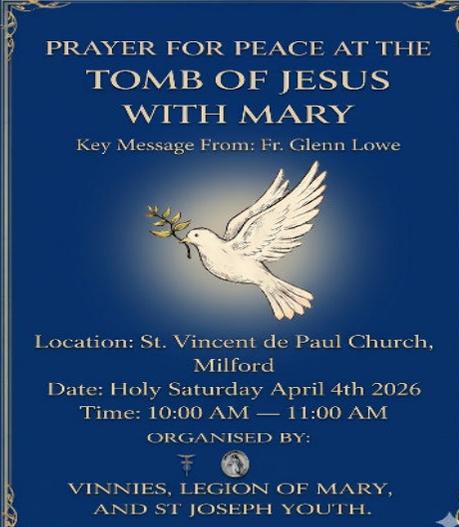
REMINDER - No morning Mass, no reconciliations & no 5:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday, 4th April

FORMATION AND TRAINING FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S - ALL existing Ministers of the Holy Communion and NEW Ministers of the Holy Communion are invited to attend one session of formation, on 16 April (Thursday) or 21 April (Tuesday). Each session will be for 1.5 hours from 7pm to 8:30pm at the main church.

UPCOMING LENTEN PROGRAMME

- ◆ Extra Mass for Lent every Wednesday evening: 1 April 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES THROUGHOUT AUCKLAND DIOCESE 2026 - View: [Holy Week - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)



PRAYER FOR PEACE AT THE
TOMB OF JESUS
WITH MARY
Key Message From: Fr. Glenn Lowe

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Church,
Milford
Date: Holy Saturday April 4th 2026
Time: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM
ORGANISED BY:
VINNIES, LEGION OF MARY,
AND ST JOSEPH YOUTH.



SAINT JOSEPHS
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Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

St Joseph's Parish - Takapuna
St Vincent de Paul - Milford



Palm Sunday, 29 March 2026

- Saturday (28 March) 5:00PM Mass with Blessing of the Palms
- 7:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM Mass with Blessing of the Palms (Takapuna)
- 9:00AM Mass with Blessing of the Palms (Milford)

Monday, 30 March 2026

- 9:15AM Daily Mass (Takapuna)
- 10:00AM Daily Mass (Milford)

Tuesday, 31 March 2026

- 9:15AM Daily Mass (Takapuna)
- 10:00AM Daily Mass (Milford)
- 7:00PM Carmel & Rosmini Reenactment of the Passion (Takapuna)
- 7:00PM Chrim Mass (St. Patrick's Cathedral)

Wednesday, 1 April 2026

- 9:15AM & 7:00PM Daily Mass (Takapuna)
- 10:00AM Daily Mass (Milford)

Holy Thursday, 2 April 2026 (no morning Masses)

- 7:30PM Celebration of the Mass of The Lord's Supper (Takapuna). You are invited to bring a contribution for the Parish food bank run by St. Vinnies for needy families. This replaces the collection.
- No Mass (Milford)

Good Friday, 3 April 2026

- 10:00AM Stations of the Cross (Takapuna with St. Joseph's School)
- 3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death (Takapuna)
- 3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death (Milford)

Collection for the support of Christian families & religious shrines in the Holy Land.

Holy Saturday, 4 April 2026 (no morning Mass, confessions, or 5pm Mass)

- 10:00AM Prayers for Peace (Milford)
- 7:30PM Easter Vigil Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection (Takapuna)

Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

Note: Daylight saving time ends at 3:00AM - put clocks back an hour

- 7:30AM & 10:30AM & 6:00PM Easter Masses (Takapuna)
- 9:00AM Easter Mass (Milford)