

Next Sunday 15th March 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

FIRST: THE 1ST BOOK OF SAMUEL 16:1...13 PSALM: 22
SECOND: LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 5:8-14 GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

PRAYER In charity we pray for David Slaven & Mercedes Solis Lopez who died recently, and for Wilfredo Huelar Senior 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. Hosted by Joesphine Ramos.

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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 THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

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

BRINGING JOY AND DELIGHT TO OTHERS <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Bringing-joy-and-delight-to-others-is-part-of-Lent.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 8th March 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of EXODUS 17:3-7

God ... through Moses provides water for people to drink

PSALM 94

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 5:1..8

Jesus, himself sinless died for us sinners

JOHN 4:4-42

Jesus asks a Samaritan Woman for water ... he offers her "living water" for eternal life.

THE WELL IS DEEP



A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus.

In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship - and God offers all this.

This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

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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.

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, training, etc. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER - Would you like to join the team who prays for other parishioners after our Sunday masses? Training, 18th April 2026. Sacred Heart hall. Ponsonby. Contact Deidre Broome 02102251103.

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.

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Monday 9th March 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. Contact Jane admin@carmel.school.nz

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

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 and the calendar can be viewed per month. Hall, Church and Meeting room bookings will be uploaded in the coming weeks.

SEEKING MINISTERS - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, MILFORD. We are seeking new Ministers of the Word & those who would like to get involved in flower arranging for our Milford church. Training will be provided after Lent. Email parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz to put your name forward.

WINGS. NGA PARIRAU - FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME - The Introductory Session will take place on **Sat. 14th March @ 10.00- 11.30am** in the St. Josephs school staffroom. This is especially designed for those who are 'shy' about their faith & would like to learn more in a gentle thoughtful way. Interested? Please register with jcogle@xtra.co.nz or 021 42 99 15 [by text] for this 6-week session commencing after Easter.

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

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

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Friday 13th March 2026 11am followed by a light lunch in the hall. All welcome!



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/>



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/>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY BROUGHT TOGETHER BOTH YOUNG AND OLD FOR A SPECIAL TRANSFIGURATION ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 - The group built a symbolic mountain and spent time in prayer at the summit, asking for Christ's light—available to all, as Mons David reminded us. The heartfelt prayers of the children were a beautiful reminder of God's presence among us.

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.

LENTEN PROGRAMME TALKS

- ◆ Thursday 12 March 7pm in the Hall: Carmel Murphy, whose work is in women's advancement; and Salam Iwaz, a young doctor at North Shore hospital will talk about "living our Faith in the workplace."
- ◆ 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'Lima and Annabella Daniel will speak about passing on our Catholic faith and love for the Church to our children.

UPCOMING LENTEN PROGRAMME

- ◆ Extra Mass for Lent every Wednesday evening: 11, 18 & 25 March, 1 April 2026 at 7pm.
- ◆ Rite II Reconciliation: Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm.
- ◆ Lenten programme talks Thursday: 12 & 26 March at 7pm.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross every Friday: 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.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - Open to all new & existing altar servers. This session will be **Sat. 7th March** at 11:00am in the church. Kindly contact Blanca Ortanez if you have any questions regarding this programme: blancagrace@yahoo.com

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. All are welcome! Time for teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship & activities. Register at bit.ly/ur-chosen

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

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM TRICIA CHAMBERS - Our family are parishioners of HBC Parish, and we're reaching out for your support. My sister is currently on the kidney transplant list. If you would like to learn more about becoming a living kidney donor, with no obligation, please contact the Donor Nurse on **0800 548 33667** or email me at pchambers@xtra.co.nz. Thank you sincerely for your prayers and kindness.