

*Next Sunday 3rd May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter*

FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6:1-7 PSALM: 32  
 SECOND: 1ST LETTER OF ST PETER 2:4-9 GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for those who died recently, and for Julie Fleming & Brian McCloy whose anniversaries occur.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Clive McDonald, Virginia Masuda, Teresa Litong, Margaretha Elizabeth Roodt, 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, Sev Domingo and Anicia Domingo.

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**Morning Tea - In the hall after the 10:30am Mass hosted by Abeer George & Family.**

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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)
- 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 of EASTER**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CELEBRATING-FOURTH-SUNDAYof-EASTER.pdf>

**MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE**

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

*Sunday 26th April 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Acts of Apostles 2:14. 36-41**

St Peter calls the people of Jerusalem to Baptism in Christ!

**PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
 Fresh and green are the pastures  
 Where he give 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.

**1ST LETTER OF ST PETER 2:20-25**

Like 'Straying Sheep' we are .. coming home to our Shepherd

**GOSPEL— JOHN 10:1-10**

Jesus is the 'true Shepherd' in Him we have life to the full

**TODAY, WE CELEBRATE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, ALSO KNOWN AS VOCATIONS SUNDAY.**

In his appeal, Bishop Steve invites us to extend our support to our seven Auckland seminarians discerning their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary.

The journey toward priesthood begins with a response to a divine call. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith. It is through God's grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can persevere and successfully complete their formation.

Your contribution in support of our seminarians is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to support our future priests by scanning the QR code on the next page or through the special collection envelopes available in the foyers.

**ANNUAL SEMINARIAN APPEAL SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026 - TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY.** The Diocese is running its annual Seminarian Appeal. With 11 seminarians in formation this year, we are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our Parish communities. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Donate at



**LEST WE FORGET - ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026**

***A Prayer for Disarmament and Peace by Pope Leo***

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.

We believe you created us for communion, not for war,  
for fraternity, not for destruction.

We thank you who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you."



Grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,  
so we may become instruments of reconciliation.

Help us understand that true security does not come from control fuelled by fear,  
but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations,  
so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death  
halt the arms race and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the centre.

May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.  
Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace  
in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities.

May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation,  
and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.

Amen.

**ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE** - We have a furnished family home in East Coast Bays and are looking for a responsible and trustworthy person to look after it from mid May to mid September. Very low rent. Please contact David 021 148 0550 for more information.

**COLLECTORS REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY 7:30AM MASS** - Please contact Edward on 021-157-6480 or [ebf523@gmail.com](mailto:ebf523@gmail.com) if you can assist with collection on a regular basis.

**PREPARING FOR PENTECOST** - "I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Thursday 7th May 7pm: the first of 3 talks on Luke 24:1-12 – The Resurrection by Fr Emille Frische MHM. At St Francis de Sales & All Souls, 2A Albert Rd, Devonport. Free parking at St Leo's Primary school. You are warmly invited to join this reflection on the Gospel of Jesus following the Resurrection. For more info contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or [sa'olelefololesapau@gmail.com](mailto:sa'olelefololesapau@gmail.com)

**THE PRAYER TREE** - We are a group of people who pray for the needs of our community. Contact Sue if you would like us to pray for you 027 200 8791 or [Swmorg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Swmorg@xtra.co.nz)

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CERTIFICATES FROM 2025** - We have a number of certificates from the 2025 programme last year that have not been collected by the parents. Please do so during office hours.



**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/> or scan the QR code to the left.

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

**PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS** - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 12th May 2026 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. regarding requirements and the form visit: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/preference-enrolment-form/>

**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 July - Sat. 22nd August - Sat. 26th September**  
For more info. email Edwin Macmac [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).

**2026 ST. JOSEPH'S OCIA PROGRAMME** - Are you interested in becoming Catholic or exploring the Catholic faith? Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme begins on **Thursday, 21 May 2026 at 6:30pm in the meeting room**. We warmly invite you to join us For more information kindly email Edwin Macmac [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).

**TAX DONATION RECEIPTS** - Donation receipts were issued on 15 April 2026 by Hendro using the contact details recorded in our parish database. If you have not received your receipt, this is most likely because we do not have a current email address on file for you. Please email [finance@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:finance@stjoseph.org.nz) so we can check your details and promptly resend your receipt. If email is not convenient, you are also welcome to contact the parish office for assistance.

**ENGAGED/ PLANNING A WEDDING? CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE.** Book your Course early - preferably 1 year before the wedding. Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Contact: [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

**ST. JOSEPH'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN** - Orientation night for the upcoming programme is next week Wednesday 29th April 2026 in the church at 6:00pm. The registration form (available in the foyers), along with a copy of the baptism certificate and programme fee will need to be completed after the orientation and brought to the parish office thereafter. Here is the link to the programme on our website <https://stjoseph.org.nz/sacraments/>

**Food bank shelves are empty** - De Paul House needs food and especially personal and household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, spray and wipe. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish and meat, coconut milk and cream, Jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk, milo Every little contribution makes a difference. If you want to run a food drive, please contact Lesley Farmer [lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz) or call 09 480 5959