

*Next Sunday 10th May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter*

FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 8:5-8, 14-17  
SECOND: 1ST LETTER OF ST PETER 3:15-18

PSALM: 65  
GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for John Slaven who died recently, and for Maria Ha Vo, Francis Xavier, Philomina, Mary Gore, Porferia Aguanta, John Porter & Celine Xavier 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, 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 Missionary Families of Christ.**

**St Joseph's Takapuna - Bank Account No. 02 - 0108 - 0706814 - 000**

**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 FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/CELEBRATING-FIFTH-SUNDAY-OF-EASTER.pdf>

**A SHORT STORY OF HOPE** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/A-Short-Story-of-Hope.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6:1-7**

Seven leaders chosen to care for the poor -many Jewish priests put their faith in Christ

**PSALM 32**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**1ST LETTER OF ST PETER 2:4-9**

We each are the 'living stones' of which God's house is made

**GOSPEL — JOHN 14:1-12**

God's house has a room for each of us - Jesus is the way, the truth, the life

**WARS ARE STILL RUNNING. UKRAINE, THE MIDDLE EAST, SUDAN**

Pope Leo has decided that his job description includes saying uncomfortable things to comfortable people: "Enough of war!" It is a verdict rendered from somewhere deeper than politics. What is remarkable is not that he says it, but how little it costs the people he is saying it to.

We have built an entire grammar to protect ourselves from the fact that wars are chosen. Wars break out. Violence erupts. Conflicts spiral. Civilian casualties are reported — passive voice, no subject, no one responsible for the reporting or the causing.

Read enough of this language & a slow fog descends. War begins to feel like weather. Like something that arrives from outside the human will, does its damage, & eventually passes.

Leo XIV is puncturing that fog. Every time he stands somewhere - Cameroon, Rome, the steps of St. Peter's - & says this was chosen, he is performing a grammatical correction that is also a moral one. He is restoring the subject to the sentence.

Someone decided this. Someone approved this budget, signed this order, & determined that these particular people were an acceptable cost for this particular objective. The passive voice exists precisely to make us forget that. Leo exists, right now, to make us remember.

In the fifth century, St Augustine built a just war theory, not to bless violence but to interrogate it. What Leo is doing is running that interrogation again, against the specific violence of this specific moment - drone strikes, precision munitions, hospitals bombed with reliable deniability - & finding that most of the answers are inadequate. When President Trump called Leo naïve, he was not engaging with the argument. He was trying to end the conversation before it started. Naïve is what power calls conscience when conscience becomes inconvenient. It is the word that means: your moral clarity is disrupting my strategic clarity, & I need you to stop.

It has been applied to every significant moral voice in modern history at the moment that voice started costing something - Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King. The charge reveals not the weakness of the argument being made but the discomfort of the person refusing to answer it. **LEO HAS NOT STOPPED.**

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He has, if anything, gotten clearer. He is not telling governments what to do in tactical terms. He is doing something at once simpler & more threatening: he is insisting that no decision — no airstrike, no sanctions package, no calculation about acceptable losses — exists outside the reach of moral judgment. He is asserting that power does not exempt you from accountability. He is saying that the question “was this right?” is not soft or sentimental. It is the most serious question a civilization can ask itself.

JOHN SINGARAYAR SVD

**ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY AND SHOWER VAN FOR THE HOMELESS** - is coming to St Josephs this **Saturday, 2nd May 2026 from 1:30-4:00pm**. The Vinnies group will be assisting with meals, hot drinks & snacks. This is also for people on tight budgets that would like a free meal, their washing done if need be and social occasion out of the house. If you know anyone who would like to attend, let them know they are welcome.

**PADRE PIO** - The next prayer meeting will be on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7:00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Each first Thursday of the month throughout the year we meet to venerate our Saint Padre Pio. For more info contact Ron [ronhunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ronhunter@xtra.co.nz)

**ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THE JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!** Fri. pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August 2026. Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua. Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad". \$247pp including accommodation & meals. Contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or visit <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

**ROSARIES REPAIRED FREE - BOX IS IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S FOYER.** Please leave your name & phone contact with the beads. If no details are enclosed with the beads, it will be taken that they are being donated to help repair others. Box will be emptied at the end of Saturday evening mass. Thank you, Robert Wilson

**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. As 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).

**WYD 2027 WEBINARS** - In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people & everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

**SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING TEA** - On Sunday 24th May 2026 the Legion of Mary will be hosting a special morning tea for Linda Rigg to celebrate her 102nd birthday. This will be straight after the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome!

**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.

**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](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz) or 021 390 055

**ROSMINI COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR 2027.** Enrolments for Year 7 students for 2027 are open online at [www.rosmini.school.nz](http://www.rosmini.school.nz). There are also limited spaces available in Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Enrolment enquiries to Eunice Barnard on 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto: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.



**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.

**ROSARY & NOVENA - MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP.** Every Wed. 5:30PM St. Vincent de Paul, Milford. Contact Sue 021156 9965.

**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** Email Edwin [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).

**THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION-** The gold coin collection will be held after all masses this weekend at St. Joseph's Parish & next weekend at St. Vincent de Paul. **You can also make a donation here: ASB 12-3008-0043519-00.** Thank you for your generosity. Do you know of anyone needing assistance? We are able to help with food, clothing or small household items. Our service is strictly confidential. Please reach out on 021 0886 7844 or email [stvinniestakapuna@gmail.com](mailto:stvinniestakapuna@gmail.com).

**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).



**ANNUAL SEMINARIAN APPEAL** - The Diocese is running its annual Seminary 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 [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

**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)

**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. Alternatively, you are welcome to drop any items off at the Parish office and it will be delivered through to De Paul House.



**CHURCH RENOVATION SURVEY** - Thank you to all our Parishioners' who have responded to the survey link that was sent out last week with the electronic newsletter. For those of you that still need to complete the survey, you can go here: <https://forms.gle/hTqTnnoidrB2Pvau6>. **Survey closes Monday 4th May 2026 midnight.**