

*Next Sunday 12th April 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter*

FIRST: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 PSALM: 117  
 SECOND: 1st letter of St Peter 1:3-9 GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Cornelio Banaag, Jr. who died recently, and for Juvenal Casimiro whose anniversary occurs.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Sev Domingo, 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 hosted by Anna Joung.**

**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 EASTER SUNDAY**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CELEBRATING-SUNDAYof-the-RESSURRECTION.pdf>  
**POPE: JOY OF THE RESSURECTION** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Pope-Joy-of-the-Ressurrection.pdf>

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*Sunday 5th April 2026 - Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34, 37-43**  
 Peter proclaims the gospel of Jesus.

**PSALM 117**  
 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love endures for ever.  
 Let the family of Israel say:  
 ‘His love endures for ever.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
 His right hand raised me up.  
 I shall not die, I shall live  
 and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes.

**LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**  
 Our new life in Christ.

**JOHN 20:1-9**  
 The disciples discover empty burial clothes in Jesus’ tomb

**Easter Joy**  
 The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”  
 Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.  
 But what is joy?  
 Easter reminds us of the kind of joy each of us



longs for, when every tear is wiped away, & there is no sorrow anymore - no more suffering from weather, hunger or hurtful human beings. There is only “the cross & passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”  
 When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear the Lord say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, & the flowers return to the earth” ([Song of Songs 2:10-12](#)). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we & all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**ELEONORE STUMP**

**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. Donate directly at [www.caritas.org.nz/lent](http://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 & Meeting room bookings will be uploaded in the coming weeks.

**A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER** - We are hoping to establish prayer ministry at St. Josephs & 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 18th April, 9.30am - 3pm, at Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby. If interested contact Deidre Broome 021 0225 1103.

**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](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz). The Rite of Confirmation will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2026**, with prep taking place in the weeks leading up to the celebration.

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



**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](mailto:wilson.lucente@hotmail.com) for info.

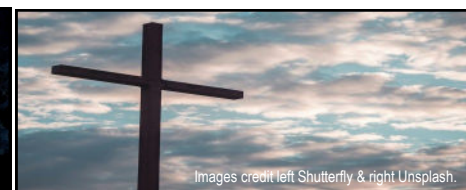
**ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THE JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!** Fri. pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August 2026. Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua. Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad". \$247pp including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

**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.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/getset2026). For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email [getset.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:getset.auckland@gmail.com)

**ISSUE 3 OF THE SOWER** - the newsletter of **MissionNZ & Missio Aotearoa**, the 2 charities that support the Pope in his missionary endeavours is now available. You can find it on the St. Joseph's Parish website under newsletters. You can also find it on the website: <https://missio.nz/newsletters/>

**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.



**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 St. Joseph's church. We are especially looking for new readers for Sunday 7:30am & 6:00pm Masses.



**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/>

**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 St. Joseph's church.

**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).

**WE ASKED & YOU ANSWERED... GENEROUSLY** - A heartfelt thank you to the students and families of St. Joseph's School, together with our wonderful St. Joseph's & St. Vincent de Paul parish communities, for your wonderful support of the Easter Egg collection for De Paul House. Thanks to your kindness and thoughtful contributions, these small treats will bring great joy to many children this Easter, reminding each child that they are seen, valued, and cared for.



**Can you help?** Cold weather is fast approaching, and De Paul House needs your help to restock our Warm bedding and towel banks. You will be helping homeless and low income families and senior citizens stay warm this winter. De Paul House has had a huge increase in calls for help both with housing and support services. Please share the message with friends, family and work colleagues. Contact [admin@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:admin@depaulhouse.org.nz) or phone 09 480 5959

**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

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