

*Next Sunday 24th May 2026 - Pentecost Sunday*

**FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11 PSALM: 103**  
**SECOND: FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 12:3..13 GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23**

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for those who died recently, and for Julainne Sumich & Helen Boland whose anniversary occurs.

**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, Anicia Domingo and Emmett Mackle.

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**Morning Tea - In the hall after the 10:30am Mass hosted by Elena Olsen & Michelle Theron. Thank you to Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer group for stepping in last Sunday.**

**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 THE ASCENSION**

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

[The ACSESION and our CHRISTIAN VOCATION https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/The-Ascension-and-our-Christian-Vocation.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/The-Ascension-and-our-Christian-Vocation.pdf)

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 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

*Sunday 17th May 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-11**  
 Farewell order!  
 Wait for the gift of the Spirit  
 the Father's promise

**PSALM 46**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
 cry to God with shouts of joy!  
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear  
 great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
 sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth,  
 sing praise with all your skill.  
 God is king over the nations;  
 God reigns enthroned in holiness.

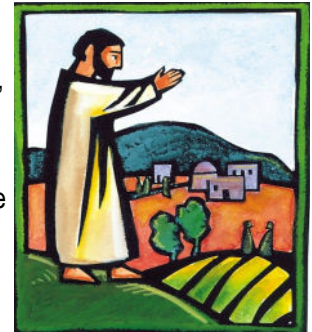
**LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 1:17-23**  
 Christ's "fullness fills the universe"

**GOSPEL — MATTHEW 28:16-20**

"Go .. to all the Nations .."  
 Jesus - Emmanuel's final command ..  
 .. yet 'with us always'

**PSALM FOR THE ASCENSION**

'Thy Kingdom come'  
 we pray, and yet  
 God's kingdom has  
 come already but we  
 are thinking of our  
 own acceptance of  
 it.



Always there is comfort in  
 throwing responsibility on God,  
 as nations did on their  
 Kings, Queens and Military leaders.

Hence the joy in this psalm.

This is inspired by the procession with  
 the Ark .. up to the Temple hill  
 but for us there is another 'ascension'.

The glorified body of Christ  
 has thrown off the chains of place and time.

Christ has power to lead us  
 always and everywhere.

This psalm composed 1000 years  
 before Christ ... is surely the  
 proper song for Ascension.

**Diocesan Youth Mass** - Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland. For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) or see their Facebook page: @AKCYM

DATE: Sunday 31st May  
After 7:30 am and 10:30 am mass

WHERE: Church Front Parking

# Autumn Market

St Joseph's Youth Takapuna Fundraiser



Hot Food and Baked Goods - Car Wash and Fun Games

**SAVE THE DATE**

All funds go towards our fortnightly Life Nights, Leader Retreats, and our annual Summer Camp

**OUR NEXT YOUTH FUNDRAISER IS THE AUTUMN MORNING MARKET!** Full of food, fun games and fellowship! Happening after 7:30am and 10.30am Mass on Sunday 31st of May.

**For this upcoming youth fundraiser, our mission is to fund our life nights and camp while fostering community growth and unity within our parish.** If you would like to support our fundraiser through donations of baked/savoury goods, or raffle items, this would be greatly appreciated! Please get in contact with Trent Jeddo - 022 158 0853.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**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).

**RETREAT MORNING AND TAIZÉ** - Numerous retreats on at the Mary MacKillop Centre in June. For more info visit [www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz) or view the notice boards.

**UPCOMING ANOINTING MASSES 2026**

- ◆ Friday 12th June 11:00am
  - ◆ Friday 11th September 11:00am
  - ◆ Friday 11th December 11:00am
- Followed by light lunch & tea. All welcome.

**CAN YOU ASSIST** - An elderly female parishioner requires care/company every weekend mornings for 2 hrs from 10am to 12 approx. She is very alert and companionable. This is a paid role. Please contact Marjet Pot on 021977201 for more details.

**ROSARIES REPAIRED FREE - BOX IS IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S FOYER.** Please leave your name & phone number with the beads. If no details are enclosed with the beads, it will be taken that they are being donated to help repair others. The box will be emptied at the end of Saturday evening mass. Unfortunately, some rosaries have gone missing recently. As such, going forward the repaired rosaries will now be left with the Parish office and can be collected during office hours. Thank you, Robert Wilson

**PENTECOST PREPARATION** - You are warmly invited to join the last reflection on the Gospel of Jesus following the Resurrection by **Fr Emile Frische MHM**, at St Francis de Sales & All Souls Church, Devonport, followed by cuppa tea in the meeting room. **Thursday 21st May 7pm:** Jesus appears to the disciples.  
For further info, contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or [saolelefolesapau@gmail.com](mailto:saolelefolesapau@gmail.com)

**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). Ltd spaces available in Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13. 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**. Parents & their sons are welcome to attend. More info [www.rosmini.school.nz](http://www.rosmini.school.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 info email Edwin Macmac [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18 - 24 MAY 2026.** You are warmly invited to join us as we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Tuesday 19th May 2026**. This is a special opportunity to come together in faith, prayer & fellowship with our wider Christian community. We will begin with a light dinner at **6:00pm** in the **St. Joseph's Parish Hall**, followed by a service of Prayer in the Church at **7:00pm**. All welcome. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS MEANINGFUL EVENING WITH YOU.**

**MY FAMILY ARE PARISHIONERS OF HBC PARISH** - Our sister has been unwell and is on the Kidney Transplant List. If you're interested in finding out about donating a kidney to our sister you can ring Donor Nurse on 0800 5483 36667 or Tricia on 021 178 5847 Many Thanks.

**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!



**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.

**MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES** - Bishop Steve invites all those who have been initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, & friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on Sunday 24 May 2026 at 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

**PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS** - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Thursday 28th 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/>



**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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - Next meeting Tuesday 19 May 10.30 am, in room near school office. This will be our WUCWO Day - World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations: prayers and collection. Usual shared lunch, etc. For info Ph Margaret 486 3695

**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.