

Next Sunday 7th June 2026 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

FIRST: THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14-16
SECOND: 1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 10.16-17

PSALM: 147
GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-59

PRAYER In charity we pray for Thamin Rahimo who died recently; for Nina Barry-Martin, Maria Elizabeth Iskandar, Charlie Bolger, Felipe S. Manalo Jr., Joseph Nicholas C L, Philomina P M, David Curran, Alfred Narayan, David Nixon, Johanna De Groot & Lorraine Parker 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, Anicia Domingo, Hendrik Churr, Imelda Campaña, Fatima Angelica Campaña and Emmett Mackle.

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Morning Tea - No morning tea in the hall after 10:30am Mass. Please support our Youth fundraiser instead.

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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 TRINITY SUNDAY

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/CELEBRATING-TRINITY-SUNDAY-3.pdf>
GOD THE UNBEARABLE <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/God-the-Unbearable.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 31st May 2026 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

LITURGY OF THE WORD

EXODUS 34:4B-6,8-9

"Stiff-necked people!" Moses is speaking for all of us in our stubbornness.

DANIEL 3:52-56

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors & blessed is your glorious and holy name.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, & to be extolled & highly glorified forever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, & to be extolled & highly exalted forever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne on the cherubim.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, to be sung & glorified forever.

2ND LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God & the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

GOSPEL — JOHN 3:16-18

God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him.

POPE LEO XIV HAS DISMANTLED A CENTURIES-OLD THEOLOGICAL CONSENSUS, EXPLICITLY DECLARING THE TRADITIONAL "JUST WAR" FRAMEWORK OBSOLETE. The just war theory functioned as a reluctant framework, yet it was all too often weaponised to rubber-stamp conflict. By hiding behind technicalities like right intention, proportionality, or last resort, leaders routinely dressed national ambitions in the language of moral permission.

Pope Leo's recent encyclical Magnifica Humanitas strips away the moral cover long used to justify state-sanctioned violence.

When major powers bypass existing avenues for negotiation and dialogue, the inevitable decision to fight become morally indefensible. The use of military force is not a sign of geopolitical strength, but a confession of profound relational poverty.

When nations reach for weapons, they reveal that their moral imagination has failed & that the slower, harder work of human connection was abandoned too soon.

The pope also railed against the use of artificial intelligence in war, arguing that "moral judgment cannot be reduced to calculation." "It is not permissible to entrust lethal or otherwise irreversible decisions to artificial systems," Leo writes. Wars are tragic evidence that the work of building peace was abandoned too soon. The illusion that we can bomb our way to stability has finally been shattered. True security requires an active commitment to international reconciliation, an alternative path of diplomacy, & forgiveness that demands far more courage than launching missiles.

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We cannot outsource the labour of building peace to state departments while feeding division & rehearsing anger in our own fractured hearts, families, & political lines. When the risen Christ appeared to his apostles, he presented his wounded body with a standard greeting that doubled as a total disruption of worldly power: "Peace be with you."

This peace isn't a passive sentiment or a private buffer against a distracting digital world; it is a citizenship we must actively inhabit. Peace is something we choose repeatedly, inconveniently, and at a cost.

It begins by quieting our own restless judgments and ends with a collective willingness to say no when war threatens to reignite.

JOHN SINGARAYAR SVD

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR YOUTH FUNDRAISER - AUTUMN MORNING MARKET!

Come join us for food, fun games and fellowship!

Happening after 7:30 am and 10.30 am Mass this Sunday, 31st of May 2026.

For this upcoming youth fundraiser, our mission is to fund our life nights and camp while fostering community growth and unity within our parish.

We can't wait to see you there!



FREE DEMENTIA-FOCUSED ART EXHIBITION - Angela Morton Room, upstairs at Takapuna Library launching 2pm Saturday 6th June and running until Sunday 2nd August. Free entry. The exhibition offers a thoughtful and accessible space for reflection - particularly for those who have lived experience of dementia, whether as carers, family members or individuals navigating themselves. More information on the notice boards in the Church.

PARISH RETREAT - 17-19 AUGUST 2026 - LED BY JOHN PRIDMORE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH TAKAPUNA: John comes from London, where he spent much of his early life in the underworld of crime dealing drugs, involved in violence and detained in prison. Following a profound conversion experience, he embraced his Catholic Faith and dedicates his life to sharing his faith as an evangelist and writer. His sessions will be:

- ♦ **Monday 17 August 7pm God's love**
- ♦ **Tuesday 18 August 7pm God's mercy**
- ♦ **Wednesday 19 August 7pm God's healing**

Mark those dates so that you can participate in these three days of faith renewal!

POPE LEO XIV PROCLAIMED "THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS" AS A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR RUNNING FROM 10TH JANUARY 2026 UNTIL 10TH JANUARY 2027 - It commemorates the 800th anniversary of the saint's death (transitus). Inspired by this we have thoughtfully curated a collection of books, statues, crosses, & devotional items which reflect St Francis's message of humility, peace, and love for God and all creation. You can see this instore or online here: <https://stjosephscentre.co.nz/collections/st-francis-of-assisi>. **St Josephs Gift Shop.** 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland 0632. 09 489 5613 | www.stjosephscentre.co.nz

SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING TEA - held by the Legion of Mary this past Sunday for Linda Rigg to celebrate her 102nd birthday. Thank you to all those who attended!



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.

PADRE PIO - The next prayer meeting will be on Thursday 4th June 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. Contact Ron ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 16 June 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/>



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.

WORK WANTED - Antonio, a Filipino, has experience in marine and seafaring work, warehouse support, forklift operation, garden maintenance, and farm operations. He holds a NZ forklift certificate, and is eligible to work in New Zealand. If you can help him with work, phone 0223855108 or 022 504 0820.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH, GROW IN PRAYER, AND SERVE OTHERS THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER? We warmly invite you to join the Legion of Mary: Takapuna — a community dedicated to prayer, spiritual growth, evangelisation, and acts of service. Whether you are new to the faith journey or seeking a renewed sense of purpose, the Legion of Mary welcomes you with open hearts. Come and experience fellowship, faith in action, and the joy of serving Christ through Mary. For details on how to join the Legion of Mary, call or text 02102470083. We would love to journey with you.

PRAYER MINISTRY BY TRAINED TEAMS - will be offered at St Josephs after 10.30am mass on first Sundays of the month and at St Vincents after 9am mass on 2nd Sundays. Beginning 7th June. The team will pray with you for any personal needs or concerns, eg health, jobs, family etc. Be assured anything shared will be kept confidential. If you would like prayer please come to the front of the church, on the right side, and we will direct you to a team. You can bring a friend or family member with you if you wish.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS ON FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 7:00PM AT ST MARY'S PARISH, 20 KITENUI AVE, MT ALBERT. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION & WORD - Tuesday 2nd June 7:00pm in the church. This is the final formation opportunity.

REPAIRS AT MILFORD CHURCH - please note that repairs to the St. Vincent de Paul Church roof in Milford will begin on the 3rd June 2026 for about 1-2 weeks. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause while the scaffolding is up.