

Next Sunday 28th June 2026 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: BOOK OF KINGS 2 KINGS 4:8-12A, 14-16 PSALM: 89
SECOND: LETTER TO THE ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42

PRAYER In charity we pray for Ken Derrick, Sr Mary Molly RSM & Munther Ghanima who died recently; and for Msgr Joe Stack whose anniversaries occur.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Carol McBeth, 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 & Emmett Mackle.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by Juliet Gapultos in the hall after 10:30am Mass.

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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 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/CELEBRATING-THE-TWELFTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

PRAYER MAKES FEAR FLEE <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Prayer-makes-fear-flee.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 21st June 2026 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD

BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil ones.

Psalms 69

You know my disgrace,
my embarrassment and shame,
you see my oppressors.

Their insults break my spirit,
I am sick at heart.
I looked for comfort and sympathy but found none.

They poisoned my food,
and gave me vinegar to drink.

Look and see, you oppressed,
there is cause to rejoice
for those who seek God.
Let your hearts hope again,
for the Lord hears the poor,
does not despise the imprisoned.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 5.12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

GOSPEL— MATTHEW 10:26-33

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body".

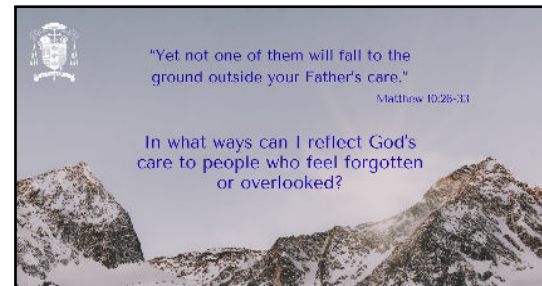
REFLECTION

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does.

Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

Source: Loyola Express



MINISTER OF THE WORD CERTIFICATES - these will be handed out at the end of the month at Mass. Once we have completed the final training for new Ministers of the Word on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

FR PAUL TURNER ARS CELEBRANDI WORKSHOP - SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference invites parish liturgy teams, school staff, deacons, & all involved in liturgy preparation to an *Ars Celebrandi* Workshop with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Inspired by Pope Francis' *Desiderio Desideravi*, the workshop will explore the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence & understanding, with practical sessions focused on the Eucharist and the celebration of Mass. **Venue:** Christ the King Church **Time:** Parish Mass at 9am | Sessions 10am–2.30pm Morning tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. Register at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME - The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for volunteers to facilitate the Marriage Preparation Programme; the training is starting soon. If you have been married for 5 years plus and feel drawn to helping engaged couples please call Gerry on 021 02247442.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND 2026 -10:00am-8:30pm Saturday **1st August**. Join over 1,800 young Catholics for a joy-filled day of faith, community, & witness at Victory Convention Centre. This year's World Youth Day invites young people to fix their gaze on Jesus & become courageous witnesses in today's world. <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

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>

Diocesan Youth Mass - Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland youthmin@cda.org.nz or see their Facebook page: @AKCYM



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.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

ALPHA IN THE CATHOLIC CONTEXT - Is presenting a series locally on Why Alpha in our parishes, How it will help and How it will generate vibrancy in our parishes. All are welcome to attend any one or more. Sessions are and you can register here: [Training Zoom for Alpha in a Catholic Context – Fill out form.](#)

- ♦ **22nd July** 7pm What is Alpha and who is it for?
- ♦ **19th August** 7pm Where does Alpha fit in the life of the Parish?
- ♦ **16th September** 7pm How to take your Alpha from good to great.

For further information please contact Clare Bell on Clare@alpha.org.nz or Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz

THE COUPLES FOR CHRIST NORTHSORE CHAPTER **WARMLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR UPCOMING CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP).** Whether you are looking to deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your family bonds, or find a supportive Christian community, we cannot wait to welcome you! Date: Saturday, 4 July 2026. Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Location: St. Peters Church, 11 Killarney St., Takapuna, 0622. Got questions or want to register? Reach out to our contacts below:

Jape: 0275190510; Regie: 0210318384; Mark: 02108177924; Gail: 0211534891



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – NORTH SHORE. Join us for an evening of fellowship & praise to Our Lord, as we learn how we can become closer to Him in our daily lives. Topic: The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium). Date: Wed., 24 June 2026 Venue: St Thomas More Church Time: 7:00 pm. All men are warmly invited. Enquiries: Tet-Woo 021-0380196 & Dominic 021-1003694.

POPE LEO XIV PROCLAIMED "THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS" AS A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR RUNNING FROM 10TH JANUARY 2026 TO 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. Visit: <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



LIFETEN 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) in July/Aug. 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 thank you).

AVAILABLE FOR RENT - 3 bedroom unit in Unsworth Heights, \$625.00 P/W, available 13/6/26. Healthy homes certified. Call Abbey 0211165949.

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; Sat. 24 October, Sat. 28 November, NO December.**



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 & 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.

THE LAMB OF GOD COMMUNITY - invites youth in school years 9 to 13 to its 28th Annual Youth Camp Winter Oasis to be held from 9th to 11th July at Houghton's Bush Camp. The theme this year is "Facing Your Giants." This camp will help the participants equip themselves, by learning to identify life challenges, and then face them head-on, knowing that "The Battle belongs to the Lord" For further information & to register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/WinterOasis2026> Contact Karyn Coutinho on 021 806 855 or email WinterOasisCamp@gmail.com.

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 & 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!