

Next Sunday 19th July 2026 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: BOOK OF WISDOM 12:13, 16-19 PSALM: 86
SECOND: LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:26-27 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-43

PRAYER In charity we pray for Tn. Hoo Budy Siswanto, Heather Gannon, Michael Bancroft & Fr. Line Folaumoeloa **who died recently; & for** Roberto S. Herrera, Pia Reyes & Veronica Douglas **whose anniversaries occur.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Carol McBeth, Clive McDonald, Virginia Masuda, Teresa Litong, Margaretha Elizabeth Roodt, Anthony Webster, , Marcia Healy, Maria Wang, Maria Jia, Jon Cruz, Francis Lionnet, Denis Trotman, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbryn, Raphael Ponce, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, Sonia Lewis, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Jean Ulberg, 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 Abeer George & family 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/CELEBRATING-THE-FIFTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

IF YOUR HEART ISN'T READY FOR GOD <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/If-your-heart-isnt-ready-for-God.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS
 ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 12th July 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Prayer for Seafarers

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-11

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty.

PSALM 65

You visit the earth & water it, You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain.

For so you have prepared the earth: you water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your pathways overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8.18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his children.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 13.1-23

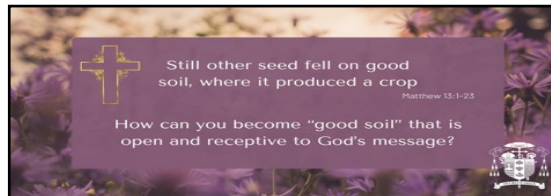
A sower went out to sow.

A QUESTION TO CONSIDER IS: 'WHO IS THE SOWER?' The immediate answer for most is that it is Jesus. If we consider the ancient world, it could be the owner of the plantation, the tenant farmer, or the peasant worker.

If it was the owner, he would be despised by the peasants who are hearing this parable. If there were tenant farmers, the audience would sympathise with him as it is hard work. This parable seems to indicate the indifference of the Sower because the seed is falling everywhere. In our present-day farming, the land will be tilled first and then sown and we take it as the norm. However, during the time of Jesus, the seeds were sown first before it was tilled. This is the reason why the seeds are found in different kinds of soil.

The point of the parable that would blow the minds of the listeners is the returns that were gained. In those days, one would expect a four or five-fold return of the harvesting. A thirty, sixty, & even a hundredfold return was never expected. The Sower in the parable is God our Father, who lavishes his graces, his love on everyone. Those who receive it produce now thirty, now sixty, now even a hundredfold. Will you accept his invitation? A sharing. What type of soil am I now? I wondered as I reflected on today's Gospel reading. Jesus is the seed sown, eager to take root in our lives. The seed is sown far and wide and through a variety of methods. The seed is meant for each one of us regardless of our circumstances. If only we are ready to let it grow and bear fruits in abundance.

BY: CLAIRE



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

RETREAT - St John of the Cross, Catholic Saint and Mystic. The Auckland Community for Christian Meditation is running a retreat at the St Francis Retreat Centre (the Friary) over the weekend of 17-19 July. Led by Fr Frank Bird SM, the retreat will explore important themes around prayer, the experience of growing in union with God, and the journey of transformation drawn from St John's writings. To register go to christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats

FR PAUL TURNER ARS CELEBRANDI WORKSHOP - SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026. The NZ 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. 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 Tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. Register at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/. Let Donna-Mari know if you're going so we can car-pool.

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>

ALPHA IN THE CATHOLIC CONTEXT - Is presenting a series locally on Why Alpha in our parishes, How it will help & How it will generate vibrancy in our parishes. All are welcome to attend any one or more. You can register here: [Training Zoom for Alpha in a Catholic Context – Fill out form](https://alpha.org.nz/training/alpha-in-a-catholic-context-fill-out-form). Contact Clare@alpha.org.nz or stephenf@cda.org.nz - **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.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on **21-23 August**. We are non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again, & offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350; early bird cost \$325 if paid by 8 July 2026. Contact Karena evenings on 021802352. www.beginningexperience.org.nz



CARING FOUNDATION'S WINTER APPEAL - CARING SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026. 1 in 7 children are living in material hardship, and the cost of living continues to impact families, the Caring Foundation's Caring Sunday appeal 2026 is more important than ever. We will be making this appeal on **Sunday 19th July 2026 at Mass**. For more information or to make a donation directly, visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz

VINNIES 25 BARRY'S POINT RD TAKAPUNA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - if anyone has a few hours to spare each week & likes the idea of helping Vinnies, pop into the shop for a chat.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH WITH JOHANNA KLEIN - All welcome! This group meets monthly on a Wednesday in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. For more info & upcoming dates contact Johanna directly johanna@klein.kiwi

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LADY ALLUM HOME - A small team of volunteers takes Holy Communion to Lady Allum Home every Tuesday 10:30am. New volunteers to help with this work would be most welcome. For more information please contact Trish on 02102532561 or Graham on 0274555927/ 094894389.

STARLIGHT, THE NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC YOUTH TALENT SHOW - is having its 10th year show on Sat. 25th of July 2026 @ 7pm. Registrations for performers & ticket sales have now opened. Visit Starlight on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/starlightnsh) & [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/starlightnsh) for more information.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - The collection will be held after mass this 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. Please reach out on 021 0886 7844 or email svdptakapuna@gmail.com.



ST JOSEPH'S BAPTISM PROGRAMME - Looking to get your child baptised? You need to enroll in our baptism programme online here: <https://forms.office.com/r/3z2wkqKYfD> or scan the QR code to the left. Baptisms dates available for 2026: **Sat. 22nd August; Sat. 26th September; Sat. 31st October, Sat. 28th November, Sat. 19th December 2026**. Email Edwin pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.



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.

TETELESTAI INNER HEALING MINISTRIES - invites you to an Inner Healing retreat from 23rd - 27th July 2026 at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. A journey with Christ to release past hurts, nurture your emotional well-being, & receive a deep sense of peace. Come & begin your path to experience your renewed joy, peace, and freedom in Christ. No Registration Love Offering (Koha) will be collected. BYO: Bible, Notebook, Lunch. For further details, see the notice board, email: jesuslightinnerhealingministry@gmail.com, or contact Betsy 0211653856 or Reggis 0274040129.

PARISH RETREAT - 17TH-19TH AUGUST 2026 - JOHN PRIDMORE PARISH MISSION – ST JOSEPH'S, TAKAPUNA Join internationally renowned Catholic evangelist John Pridmore for a three-night parish mission from **Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th August**, beginning at 7:00 pm each evening. Once caught in London's criminal underworld, John's life was transformed by an encounter with Christ. Through his powerful testimony, prayer and message of hope, he invites people of all ages to discover God's mercy and love. All are welcome. Admission is free and no registration is required. Scan the QR code to the right for more details.

