

Next Sunday 2nd August 2026 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: ISAIAH 55:1 –3

PSALM: 145

SECOND: ROMANS 8.35, 37-39

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14.13-21

PRAYER In charity we pray for Colin Couch & John Garzota **who died recently; and for** Madaleine Holland, Patricia Lythe, Kathryn Manning, Antonio Bruno D'Costa, Nida Vestil & Margaret Hinton **whose anniversaries occur.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Chris Abdon, 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 Dobbyn, 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 & Jiro Victorio.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by the Milford Church Group - 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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/CELEBRATING-THE-SEVENTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

PATRICIA HEATON <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Patricia-Heaton.pdf>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



SAINT JOSEPHS

ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

*Sunday 26th July 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
- World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST BOOK OF KINGS

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

Psalms 119

The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me that I may live; for your law is my delight.

Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold. Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.

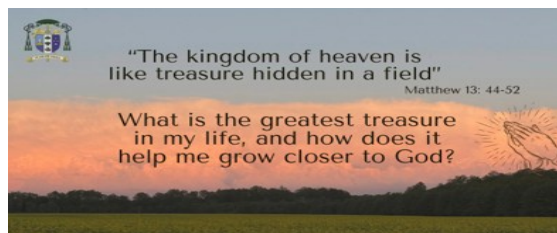
Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:28-30

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God"

GOSPEL— MATTHEW 13:24-43

"Gather the wheat into my barn"



PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Holy Father,

You watch over every person.
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
and you are not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,
and you caress my lines.
You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).
Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
help me learn to love it,
just as you love it.
Help me learn to listen to it,
just as you listen to it.
Help me embrace it,
just as you have chosen it.
Though all-powerful, your Son clothed himself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all divisions so that we may live
these years united in you.
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)

AMEN.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

GRANDPARENTS MASS - Marriage & Family Life warmly invites you to a special Grandparents Mass as we give thanks for the love, wisdom, & faith that grandparents and older people share with our families & communities. We especially encourage grandchildren to bring their grandparents, & everyone is welcome to bring an elderly person in their life whom they would like to honour. St Patrick's Cathedral 43 Wyndham Street (corner of Federal Street), Auckland Sunday, **26 July 4:30pm**. Reduced parking fees apply. Come & celebrate together as one family in faith. We look forward to welcoming you!

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>

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](#). Contact Clare@alpha.org.nz or stephenf@cda.org.nz - **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 2026**. 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, materials & follow up event is \$350. Contact Karena evenings on 021802352. www.beginningexperience.org.nz

OVERCOME ADDICTIONS BY FR ROBERT STEELE - who struggled with alcohol addiction before his ordination but has just marked 25 years of sobriety, has published A Journey of Hope: Combating Pornography on the Internet. His book, described as a Catholic approach to healing & freedom, comes from a place of empathy, not judgement. **Tuesday 28 July 2026, 7pm-8pm. St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay.**

RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN - DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA - Women of all ages are warmly invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, visiting from Sydney, for a retreat day centred on the Eucharist. **Sunday 2 August**, 12:30pm–6:00pm at St Luke's Catholic Church (260 Chapel Road, Flat Bush). Cost: \$10, including afternoon tea. Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/retreat-for-women>

JOB OPENINGS - Catholic Chaplain for Whangarei Hospital; Receptionist - St. Anne's Manurewa & Parish Coordinator - Otahuhu Parish. Visit [Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) for more details.

PHISHING EMAILS - The Diocese has received over the weekend two emails saying they are from Priests making what seem a genuine request. Both are very well worded, seem legitimate & are tailored for the reader to respond as they are slightly personalised. At a quick glance they would be easy to respond to, but both are sent from gmail accounts that are not the priests' emails & are phishing emails. Parishioners are please to check email addresses & any emails that say they are coming from priests. Rather phone or email the parish office to check before responding if there is any doubt.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPERTY MANAGER - Takapuna parish is looking to employ a new property manager from the end of August 2026. Part-time role of 10-15 hours per week. For position description and applications, contact pp@stjoseph.org.nz Applications close **Tuesday 4 August 2026 at 5pm**.



AUCTION - ORIGINAL WATERCOLOURS BY FR. IVAN LUNJEVICH - Celebrate the beautiful artwork of a much-loved Priest of the Catholic Diocese for 60 years - generously donated to Mary's Pantry to support families in need across the North Shore. View the artworks & place your bid at <https://www.32auctions.com/maryspantry2026>. Auction closes: 28 July 2026 — 10:00 AM NZST. Queries: hello@maryspantry.org.nz



BEGIN A JOURNEY OF FAITH - The Order of Christian Initiation for unbaptised children aged 8–15 years, is beginning soon. This special programme helps children grow in faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Enrolments are now open for the 2026/2027 Children's OCIA programme, which begins on **Sunday, 13 September 2026**. Scan the QR code or click the link below to enrol: [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children – Fill in form](#).



POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL ON THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS AUSTRALIA - has finally arrived in NZ. Only \$23.50 each. You can buy them instore at the St. Joseph's Gift shop or online here: stjosephscentre.co.nz/products/magnifica-humanitas

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

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 28 July 2026 from 10:00am - 11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. regarding requirements & the form visit: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/preference-enrolment-form/>.



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 by scanning the QR code to the left or go to our website: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/new-parishioner/>

WE ARE PRAYERFULLY SEEKING JOYFUL, CARING, & COMMITTED LEADERS TO GUIDE OUR CHILDREN IN LITURGY - If you have a heart for sharing God's Word, a love for young minds, & a willingness to serve, we'd love you to join our team. No prior teaching experience is required - just a spirit of patience, kindness, & openness to God's calling. Training & resources will be provided, & you'll be supported every step of the way. Come be part of a ministry that plants seeds of faith & joy in the next generation. Contact Christine at 021855453.

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.

