

*Next Sunday 12th July 2026 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**FIRST: BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 55:10-11 PSALM: 65**  
**SECOND: LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:18-23 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23**

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Corazon Andales, Sr Mary Molloy, RSM & Anne Gilfoyle **who died recently; and for Lilly Francis & Desmond Gorman 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 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 Pinoy Cravings in the hall after 10:30am Mass.**

**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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in OT**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/CELEBRATING-THE-FOURTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT-1.pdf>

**ASK GOD TO BRING HAPPINESS INTO YOUR LIFE** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Ask-God-to-bring-happiness-into-your-life-with-this-prayer.pdf>

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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

*Sunday 5th July 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**BOOK OF ZECHARIAH 9:9-10**

See now, your king comes humbly to you.

**Psalms 145**

I will exalt you, God my king,  
For ever bless your name.  
I will bless you every day,  
For ever praise your name.

Gracious and merciful is the Lord,  
Slow to anger, full of love.  
The Lord is good in every way,  
Merciful to every creature.

Let your works praise you Lord,  
Your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them proclaim your glorious reign,  
Let them tell of your might.

**LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:9, 11-13**

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**GOSPEL— MATTHEW 11:25-30**

“You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to the little children.”



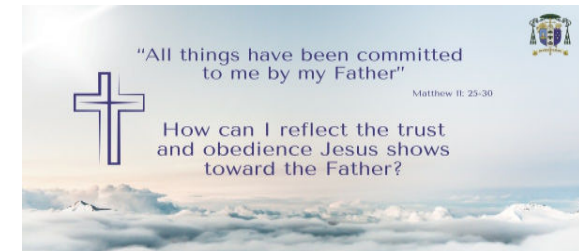
**REFLECTION**

Today's reading comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

**SOURCE: LOYOLA EXPRESS**



**MATARIKI CELEBRATION** - Please join us as we come together on Friday 10th July 2025 to celebrate Matariki Day at the 9:15am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Takapuna. All welcome! Image credit (left): The Pleiades (Seven Sisters), by Dylan O'Donnell, from deography.com. [Public Domain](https://www.deography.com)

## NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE** - Invite & welcome all whanau with babies and children 0-5 years to a newly established monthly Catholic Coffee group, starting Saturday 4th July at 11am – 12pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall - 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland 1011. There is lots of parking. Further information call Gerry (Leader of Marriage & Family Life Ministries) on 021 02247442.

**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](http://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/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/). Let Donna-Mari know if you're going so we can car-pool.

**TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** - Will have its third session on the WYD 2027 webinar series on July 7, 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. In this session, Hope: Rooted in the Resurrection of Christ, the Youth are Called to Grow in Hope, Prof Renee Kohler-Ryan will inspire our rangatahi to live as witnesses of hope in today's world. For more information, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026).

**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-2026). Contact [Clare@alpha.org.nz](mailto:Clare@alpha.org.nz) or [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto: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.

**NEW WEEKEND ROSTERS** - The final rosters for the period July through to end of October, have been emailed to you this week. We have tried to cover all known/advised unavailable personnel requests. For those that agreed - your contact details have been shared with the sacristans and a WhatsApp group per each Mass will be set-up shortly. Please note, it is your responsibility to make a swap if you need to on a day you are rostered. If for some reason you have not yet received your roster please contact the office to confirm the email address we have for you [parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz)

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LADY ALLUM HOME** - A small team of volunteers takes Holy Communion to Lady Allum Home every Tuesday at 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.

**MISSION HUB NZ** - provides monthly online formation & encouragement for parishioners involved in parish mission & evangelization. The next session: "From Welcome to Discipleship. Why hospitality, relationship and community matter in parish mission." Monday, 13 July 2026. 7:00pm – 8:30pm NZT. More details are available on the notice boards. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/18Jyn5w1QbKyyMB-WvDYCA#/registration>

**STARLIGHT, THE NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC YOUTH TALENT SHOW** - is having its 10th year show on Saturday 25th of July 2026 @ 7pm. Registrations for performers and ticket sales have now opened. Visit Starlight on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) for the link to the registration form & more information.

**VINNIES 25 BARRY'S POINT RD TAKAPUNA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** - if anyone has a few hours to spare each week and likes the idea of helping Vinnies, pop into the shop for a chat. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION-** The collection will be held after all masses at St. Joseph's Parish this weekend & next 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. Our service is strictly confidential. Please reach out on 021 0886 7844 or email [svdptakapuna@gmail.com](mailto: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. 25th July; Sat. 22nd August; Sat. 26th September; Sat. 31st October, Sat. 28th November, Sat. 19th December 2026.**

Email Edwin [pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto: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.

**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. The team will pray with you for any personal needs or concerns, eg health, jobs, family etc. Anything shared will be kept confidential. You can bring a friend or family member with you if you wish.

**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! More details to follow closer to the time.