

Next Sunday 16th August 2026 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FIRST: REVELATION 11.19A, 12.1-6A; 10AB

PSALM: 45

SECOND: 1 CORINTHIANS 15.20-26

GOSPEL: LUKE 1.39-56

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently; and for Audrey Catherine Moore whose anniversary occurs.

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, Emmett Mackle & Jiro Victorio.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul team - 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



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/>



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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday

Sunday 9th August 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST BOOK OF KINGS 19:9-13

"Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

PSALM 85

I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

LETTER TO THE ROMANS 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL— MATTHEW 14:22-33

Jesus bids Peter to come to him across a stormy sea.



SAINT JOSEPHS
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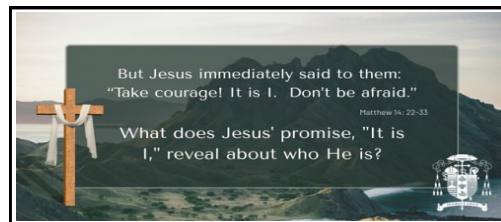


THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026. This year, the New Zealand Bishops have transferred the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Saturday 15 August to Sunday, 16 August 2026.

Soon after arriving in New Zealand in 1838, Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier dedicated our country to Mary of the Assumption. This feast is therefore a special opportunity to honour Mary & give thanks to God for her patronage of our land. Catholics believe that, at the completion of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body & soul into heavenly glory by God. This differs from Christ's Ascension: Jesus ascended by His own divine power, while Mary was assumed into heaven through God's grace. In simple terms: Christ ascended; Mary was assumed. Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the Assumption as a dogma of the Church in 1950, confirming a belief that had been expressed for centuries through Christian worship & teaching. The feast celebrates Christ's saving power. Mary is not divine & is not an independent source of salvation.

Rather, she is a redeemed human person whose unique privilege comes entirely from Jesus Christ. Her Assumption is a sign of Christ's victory over sin & death, & a reminder of the hope of eternal life promised to all believers.

SOURCE: CHRIS MORAIS



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **JOB OPENING** - Ministry to Young People – Local Youth Minister & Parish Coordinator - Otahuhu Parish. Visit [Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) for more details.
- ◆ **KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS** -

CELEBRATING NINETEENTH SUNDAY in OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/CELEBRATING-THE-NINETEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT-1.pdf>

THE MORNING GOD SPOKE <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/The-Morning-God-Spoke.pdf>

ALPHA - IS THERE MORE TO LIFE? Alpha is a relaxed series with good food, great conversation & a chance to explore the Christian faith. Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, returning to the Church, curious about Christianity, or just looking for answers, you're welcome. Invite your family/ friends/ neighbours/ workmates. **Starts:** Tuesday 1 September, 7.00 pm, in the St Joseph's Church Hall | **Duration:** 7 Tuesday evenings plus a Retreat Day on Saturday 10 October. Register at - <https://bit.ly/alphataka> or contact: Dcn Steve stephenf@kidzcan.co.nz or Engelbert engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – **No Charge**



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - KOREA - INFORMATION EVENING. Are you 18 years or older and interested in joining St Joseph's Parish for the World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage to Korea? Come along to our information evening to find out more about this incredible opportunity to journey with thousands of young Catholics from around the world. We'll cover:

- ◆ What World Youth Day is
- ◆ Pilgrimage itinerary and travel plans
- ◆ Costs and fundraising
- ◆ Registration process
- ◆ Formation and preparation
- ◆ Questions and answers

Date: Thursday, 13 August 2026; Time: 7:00 pm; Venue: Meeting Room. Contact youth@stjoseph.org.nz for more information.

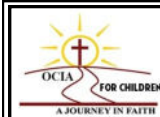
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Next meeting Tuesday, 18 August, 10.30 am, in the room near the school office. Usual shared lunch etc. For info, Ph Margaret 486 3695.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP IS HAVING A WINTER BREAK DURING AUGUST. The next meeting will be at 1-30pm on Wednesday the 2nd of September in St Vincent's Church in Milford. Information - Graham. 094894389.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026. Join Dcn. Steve and the Alpha team as they host a sausage sizzle outside the hall on Sunday 16th August straight after the 10:30am Mass. Tea will still be served in the hall by Abeer George & Family.

NEW TO ST. JOSEPH'S? WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU! Have you recently joined our parish community? We warmly invite you to our New Parishioners Lunch – a wonderful opportunity to meet Monsignor David and members of our parish team, in a relaxed and friendly setting. Whether you've just moved to the area or have been attending Mass for a little while, we'd love to officially welcome you to the St. Joseph's family. Date: Sunday, 23 August 2026; Time: 12:30pm; Venue: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Takapuna. Please RSVP by Friday, 14 August 2026 to Donna-Mari at parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz for catering purposes.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - The gold coin collection will be held after Mass this Sunday at St. Vincent de Paul, Milford. **You can also make a donation here: ASB 12-3008-0043519-00.** Do you know of anyone needing assistance? We are able to help with food, clothing or small household items. Service is confidential. Please reach out on 021 0886 7844 or email stvinniestakapuna@gmail.com.



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](#). More details on the noticeboards & our website: <https://stjoseph.org.nz/rcia/>



COME AND CELEBRATE THE 81ST INDONESIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2026, FROM 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM AT MT ALBERT WAR MEMORIAL HALL. Join us for Auckland's biggest Indonesian community event in New Zealand! Bring your family & friends to enjoy delicious traditional Indonesian food, colourful cultural performances, & fun traditional games. All welcome! Organised by Indonesian Catholic Community - Auckland (KKIA) kkia.auckland@gmail.com

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 11 August 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.

DE PAUL HOUSE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - Join us for an evening of connection and fun with our loyal team of supporters & friends. Fantastic prizes – raffles, silent & live auctions. Friday 21 August 6.30pm. Rosmini Auditorium. Tickets \$110 per person. Email admin@depaulhouse.org.nz.

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 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 childrenministry@stjoseph.org.nz

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - Hosted by Little sisters of the poor at 9 Tweed Street, Ponsonby Road for young women aged 15-30 years on Saturday 29th August 2026 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Contact Sr. Elena on 021 505 322.



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 (God's mercy), Tuesday 18th (God's forgiveness) & Wednesday 19th (God's healing) 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 powerful testimony, prayer & message of hope, he invites people of all ages to discover God's mercy & love. All are welcome. Admission is free. **Please join us for a light dinner on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 6:00pm in the hall.**