Next Sunday 20th September 2026 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: **ISAIAH 55:6-9** **PSALM: 145**

SECOND: **PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27** **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16**

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently; and for Patrick Bourke & Peter Menzies 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, Teretume Amerika, Sev Domingo, Anicia Domingo, Hendrik Churr, Emmett Mackle & Jiro Victorio.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by Elena Olsen & Michelle Theron 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

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

SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 13th September 2026 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIRACH 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour the wrong that Is done,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

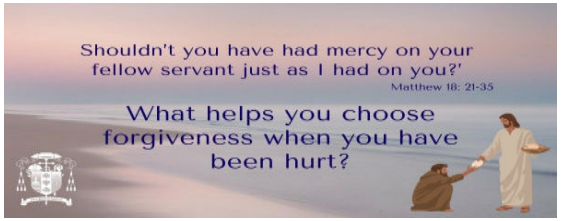
PSALM 103
My soul, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name!
My soul, bless the Lord,
hold dear all God's gifts!

Bless God, who forgives your sins
and heals every illness,
who snatches you from death
and enfolds you with tender care.
Who fills your life with richness
and give you an eagle's strength.

The Lord, who works justice
and defends the oppressed,
teaches Moses and Israel
divine ways and deeds.

ROMANS 14: 7-9
Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 18:21-35
To be forgiven, you must forgive.



OUR SYMBOL FOR 2026 - IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER - IS A SYMBOL OF RENEWAL & BIRTH: WATER FLOWING FROM THE TEMPLE AS A SIGN OF GOD'S CARING & HEALING FOR US.

We are called to step into the water, until we are so deep that we must depend on God's grace to sustain us. Those who receive this water are invited to become sources of life for others, allowing God's love to flow through them into the world. Thus the water of God will become in us "a spring of water welling up to eternal life", as Jesus promised (John 4:14). The Symbol invites Christians to a spiritual immersion - praying together while contemplating water from rivers, the sky, sources, fountains, baptismal fonts, lakes & sea, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation. How important is water for sustaining life – and for immersing us into the community of faith!

This Symbol also urges us to dive into the "tears" of creation (Romans 8:22-23), by allowing our hearts to be touched by the suffering of our brothers & sisters. Indeed, the Season of Creation is also an appropriate time for fraternal closeness & solidarity with the vulnerable & the poor, chiefly those who suffer from environmental degradation. We can learn from their stories, from their resilience, from their commitment, and together keep hope alive.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - Getting married in early 2027? Don't leave your marriage preparation too late! Our final Marriage Preparation Courses for 2026 are filling quickly. If you're planning to marry in the first part of 2027, we encourage you to register ASAP to secure your place. Courses are offered at **St Michael's Parish, Remuera** on Saturdays from **26 September** (9.00am –1.00pm) and at **St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush** on Saturdays from **10 October** (10.00am – 4.30pm).Visit: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE - ALPHA FOR COUPLES - Whether you're married, engaged, or dating, Alpha for Couples is a welcoming & practical course designed to help strengthen your faith & relationship. Through engaging videos & guided conversations, you'll explore topics such as communication, resolving conflict, understanding each other's needs, building deeper connection, & creating a healthier future together. Join us! **Oct 8,15, 22, 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3**. https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/

ST MARY'S COLLEGE AUCKLAND PAST PUPILS - High Afternoon Tea for Scholarship Fund, $60. 2pm **Sunday 20 September 2026.** To register please contact Pat 021 622 044 or (09) 846 0230

JOB OPENINGS - Visit Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more details.

KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS - CELEBRATING TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in OT
https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY-1.pdf
O HAPPY FAULT https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/O-happy-fault.pdf

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - AUCKLAND
Meeting date: Wed 23 Sep 2026 | 7.00pm: Fellowship | 7.30pm. Meeting Venue: St Mark's Church, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. Speaker from the USA: Fr Shenan Boquet, President Human Life International. In conjunction with Family Life International NZ, he will give a talk on Man's Vocation to Purity and Love.

ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL DEVONPORT - has opened enrolments for 2027 at all levels. As a Mercy School, and brother/ sister school to St. Joseph's Takapuna. It's a community school where everyone knows everyone. Individual learning and small class sizes are offered. For more information visit www.stleos.school.nz

FOOD BANK SHELVES ARE EMPTY - De Paul House needs food, personal & household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, spray & wipes. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish & meat, coconut milk & cream, Jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk, milo Every little contribution makes a difference. Please contact Lesley Farmer lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz or call 09 480 5959. Alternatively, you are welcome to drop any items off at the Parish office.

REUBEN O'NEILL SCHOLARSHIP BURSARY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - Auckland Diocese has bursaries available to help needy Catholic families providing their children with a Catholic school education. For more info & a copy of the bursary application, you can visit the St. Joseph's school, Rosmini & Carmel websites or email Donna-Mari parishoffice@stjoseph.org.nz

WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are holding a working bee here at St. Joseph's Parish on Sat. 10th Oct. 11:00am - 2:00pm & looking for volunteers to help us clean up our beautiful church. If you can help out in anyway, kindly register by emailing parishoffice@stjoseph.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, we'd love you to join our team. No prior teaching experience needed - just a spirit of patience & kindness. Training & resources will be provided, with support every step of the way. Email childrenministry@stjoseph.org.nz

ST. JOSEPH'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONCLUDES - On Thursday, 3rd September, 65 children enrolled in the St. Joseph's Sacramental programme were confirmed with Bishop Steve Lowe. Then, 70 children received their First Holy Communion on Sunday. We welcome them and their families, as they now participate fully in the life of the church. We commend their families for raising young Catholics. Certificates for the children will be distributed the **weekend of the 19th & 20th September 2026 at Mass.**

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.

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, PONSONBY - would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Mon. 21 September 2026 by Bishop Richard Laurenson, Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. All Parishioners are most welcome. You can email Rochelle Pinto office@holycross.org.nz for more info.

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. 31st October, Sat. 28th November, Sat. 19th December 2026.** Orientation is the first Monday of each new month at 6:00pm in the Parish office. Email Edwin pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

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.

WELCOME - Welcome to Brian Mitchell who has joined us in the capacity of property manager effective 31 August. Brian comes with great experience from the Cathedral & is certain to make a difference here at St. Joseph's & St. Vincent de Paul Parishes. Welcome Brian!

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 13th October 2026 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. & the form visit: https://stjoseph.org.nz/preference-enrolment-form/.

THE PRAYER TREE - We are a group of people who pray for the needs of our community. Contact Sue if you would like us to pray for you 027 200 8791 or Swmorg@xtra.co.nz

WE CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026 AFTER 10:30AM MASS. So bring your pet along and the blessing will take place after Mass in the Church Hall, or outside on the grassed area outside the hall. Don't forget to have your car window down if you have your pet in the car whilst at Mass.

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 2026, 7.00 pm, in the St Joseph's Church Hall | **Duration:** 7 Tuesday evenings plus a Retreat Day on Sat. 10 October. Register at - https://bit.ly/alphataka or contact: Dcn Steve stephenf@kidzcan.co.nz or Engelbert engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – **No Charge**