

Next Sunday 27th September 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

PSALM: 25

SECOND: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

PRAYER In charity we pray for Patrick Franich who died recently; and for Faustino Macapagal & Josephine Benton 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, Tereume Amerika, Sev Domingo, Anicia Domingo, Hendrik Churr, Emmett Mackle & Jiro Victorio.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer 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



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 20th September 2026 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ISAIAH 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways.

PSALM 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.

Let them make known to all
your might and glorious reign.
Your dominion lasts for ever,
your rule for all generations!

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more.

GOSPEL- MATTHEW 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

THE CHURCHES HAVE CHOSEN "LIVING WATER – OUR IMMERSION IN IT" AS THE THEME FOR 2026 SEASON OF CREATION. The world faces a water crisis. According to the United Nations, 1.7 billion people lack basic hygiene at home, & 2.1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water - that is 1 in 4 people on the globe! As climate change intensifies, & groundwater extraction increases, several countries are now reaching a so-called "point of water bankruptcy", that is a condition marked by irreversible losses of natural water capital. Although access to drinking water is a human right for all, the multifaceted water crisis disproportionately affects vulnerable communities, future generations, & non-human life that has no voice in political or economic systems. These are some of the many challenges:

- ♦ Water becomes unaffordable for the poor.
- ♦ The impact on health of water borne diseases.
- ♦ Impact of industrial discharge of chemicals & other pollutants into rivers.
- ♦ Increasing water consumption fuelled by datacentres, & energy production for our digital activities, including artificial intelligence.
- ♦ Poor governance & corruption by companies & governments.
- ♦ Impact on food security of droughts, floods, storms & desertification.
- ♦ Salination of the soil due to sea level rise or overexploitation of aquifers.
- ♦ Violence from competition over scarce water supplies.

These many issues are leading to migration, pushing people into exile, with loss of homes & culture. The impact on ecosystems & biodiversity is devastating: we are facing catastrophic declines in aquatic wildlife, with freshwater populations dropping by a staggering 85% & marine populations by 56% in the last 50 years. From a theological perspective, this crisis reflects broken relationships — between humankind & God, within the human family itself, & between human beings & other living beings. Furthermore, water pollution has implications related to social justice and equity.

WHAT CAN WE DO PERSONALLY TO REVERSE THIS WATER CRISIS?

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/

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION - on Sunday 18th October a day set aside to pray for the Church's mission and support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young & where believers face hardship or persecution. Visit <https://missio.nz/>

PRAYER RETREAT FOR WOMEN - Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th October 6pm to Sunday 11th October 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Register: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

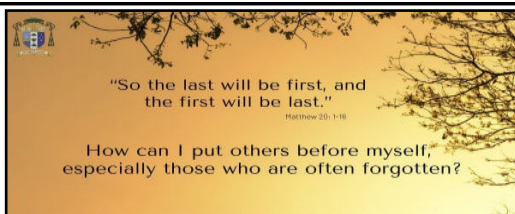
JOB OPENINGS - General Manager Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Visit [Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) for more details.

KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS - **CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in OT** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY-2.pdf>
WHEN YOU WORK FOR GOD <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/When-you-work-for-God.pdf>

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 at Mass.

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom, 1 living area and fully equipped kitchen. Covered carport and lots off street parking. 2 heat pumps & amazing view from the deck. Ready to move in. Kindly contact Abbey on 021 116 5949 for more details & to arrange a viewing.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - AUCKLAND. Meeting date: Wed 23 Sep 2026 | 7.00pm: Fellowship | 7.30pm. 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. All men welcome. For more info, contact: Tet-Woo 021-0380196, Chris 027-5687736, or Dominic 021-1003694.



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 email parishoffice@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 & 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 this weekend at

Mass. A big thank you to all our Catechists for their time and effort in making this programme possible. We couldn't have done it without you. God bless.

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/>.

DAYLIGHT SAVING REMINDER. Just a little reminder that Daylight Saving begins on Sunday, 27 September 2026. Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening. We look forward to enjoying the longer evenings and lighter days together!



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.

NEW CHURCH GRAND PIANO - Help our parish lift our voices and unite in song! Our present piano has served us well but is now in poor condition. We are raising funds for a **NEW PIANO**. Your donation will help fill our church with beautiful music for decades to come! Our goal - \$70,000. **To donate: St Joseph's Takapuna Bank Account 02-0108-0706814-000** with the Reference **PIANO**. Many thanks to those who have donated already.



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

ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY AND SHOWER VAN FOR THE HOMELESS - is coming to St Josephs this **Saturday, 19th September 2026 from 1:30-4:00pm**. The Vinnies group will be assisting with meals, hot drinks & snacks. This is also for people on tight budgets that would like a free meal, their washing done if need be and social occasion out of the house. If you know anyone who would like to attend, let them know they are welcome.