Next Sunday 4th October 2026 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 5:1-7 **Psalm:** 80

Second: Philippians 4:6-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

PRAYER In charity we pray for Patrick Franich who died recently; and for Siobhan Cooper 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, Teretume Amerika, Sev Domingo, Anicia Domingo, Hendrik Churr, Emmett Mackle & Jiro Victorio.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by Josephine Ramos & Lyka Yap 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 27th September 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

Liturgy of the Word

Ezekiel 18:25-28
When the sinner renounces sin, they shall live.

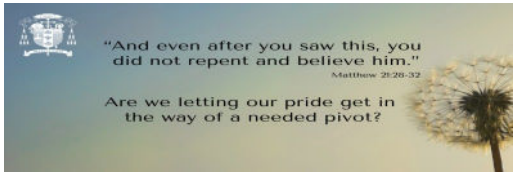
Psalm 25
Lord, I give myself to you.
I trust you, God;
do not fail me,
nor let my enemies gloat.
No one loyal is shamed,
but traitors know disgrace.

Teach me how to live,
Lord, show me the way.
Steer me toward your truth,
you, my saving God,
you, my constant hope.

Recall your tenderness,
your lasting love.
Remember me, not my faults,
the sins of my youth.
To show your own goodness,
God, remember me.

Philippians 2:1-11
Be united in your love.

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32
Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.



Season of Creation 2026 Prayer

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.
Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow. Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

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/

YOUTH LEADERS HUI - Saturday 3 October 10am – 2:30pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre**.** Join us for our Youth Leaders Hui – a day for youth leaders to connect, share & shape the future of youth ministry in our Diocese. We want to hear your hopes, insights & ideas as we look ahead together! We're all in the same waka! Come ready to share, learn and be inspired alongside others who share your passion for seeing young people encounter Jesus. Free barista coffee on arrival! Lunch will be provided. Register: https://events.humanitix.com/youth-leaders-hui-2026

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. **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-SIXTH SUNDAY in OT https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY-3.pdf **HOW I'M LEARNING TO BE A REAL YES PERSON** https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/How-Im-learning-to-be-a-real-yes-Person.pdf

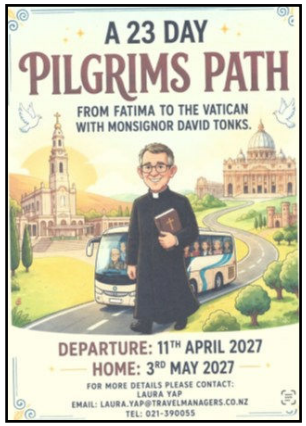
WE CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026. Bring your pet along and the blessing will take place after Mass in the Church Hall, or outside on the grassed area outside the hall. Don't forget to have your car window down if you have your pet in the car at Mass.

GOD'S WORD 2027 - DAILY REFLECTIONS LITURGICAL DIARY. Edition prepared for Australia and New Zealand. Contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers.. **Available now from St Joseph's Gift Shop** 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland 0632. Contact: 09 489 5613 | stjosephscentre.co.nz/products/gods-word-2027-daily-reflections

SAVE-THE-DATE -next youth fundraiser, Dessert & Dancing is happening on the 17th October 2026 from 6pm to 9pm in the St. Joseph's **School hall**. Come along for an evening of delicious treats, dancing and fun! We would love your support so scan the QR code to get your tickets, donate food items or register to perform.

CONSECRATION CLASSES - Based on the method of St Louis de Montfort, this is a course that covers different topics regarding the role of Our Lady and learning more about the teaching and practices of the Catholic Church. Date: 7 October -8 December 2026. Time: Every Wednesday 7:00pm-9:00pm. Place: Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. More information on the notice boards or email bml.auckland@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. 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.



2027 PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME – including Salamanca, Lourdes, Paris, Venice and Assisi. 11 April to 3 May 2017. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. For more information contact Laura Yap on 021 390 055 or email laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz

LEGION OF MARY - invites you to a Rosary Procession/ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction. Date: Sunday 11th October 2026. Time: 2:00pm. Place: St Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Contact: Josefina 022 496 7970. Kindly bring a plate for tea after the event.

THE AUCKLAND MARATHON WILL BE RUN ON SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026. That morning, Taharoto Rd and Dominion St will be blocked to traffic. People driving to 7.30am Mass will need to access the church grounds from Fred Thomas Drive. Use the motorway and exit at Esmond Rd. Take Fred Thomas Drive. Tell the traffic patrol at Des Swann Dr that you are going to St Joseph's. Enter via the driveway to St Joseph's Centre. Based on previous years, the traffic barriers in Taharoto Rd and Dominion St should be gone by 10am – in time for 10.30am Mass

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/.

GRAND PIANO – $70,000 RAISED! A huge **THANK YOU** for the immense generosity and support shown for the Grand Piano Appeal. Our goal has been reached! We can now look forward to welcoming a new instrument into our midst in the very near future. Thank you and bless you all!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - This Ministry is inviting all children who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. Training will take place on the Saturday 24 October 11:00am-12:00pm in the church. To register, email Blanca Ortanez at childrenministry@stjoseph.org.nz

WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS DATE CHANGE- We are holding a working bee here at St Joseph's Parish on **SAT. 17TH 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