Next Sunday 8th November 2026 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: WISDOM 6:12-16 **PSALM: 63**

SECOND: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13**

PRAYER In charity we pray for Michele Montieth & Thong Thong Nguyen who died recently; and for Oscar McIntyre whose anniversary occurs.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Orlando Neri, Susana Dela Cruz, Chris Abdon, Luisito Basilio Sr, 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 & Tatay Herminio Taruc.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by the Milford Church Group 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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SAINT JOSEPHS
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

Sunday 1st November 2026 - All Saints' Day

LITURGY OF THE WORD

REVELATION 7.2 - 4, 9 - 14
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

PSALM 24
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the river.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Someone who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up their soul to what is false.

That person will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

1 JOHN 3:1-3
We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 5:1-12A
How happy are the poor in spirit.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION - On Friday 6th November 2026 we will mark the 60th anniversary of the opening and blessing of the current St Joseph's Church. Designed by Nyall Coleman, the church was built with the support of industrious parishioners, who worked hard to fund raise, guided by Parish Priest Monsignor JJ Kelly. The lower floor of the church, now housing the hall, office & meeting rooms was built later in stages. On Friday, Mass to mark the anniversary will be celebrated at 9:15am.

REFLECTION: THE HIDDEN SAINTS AMONG US
On the Solemnity of All Saints, we look beyond the famous figures in stained glass to celebrate the countless "hidden saints" - the ordinary mothers, fathers, neighbours, and ancestors who lived lives of quiet, radical love. They prove that holiness is not an unreachable ideal, but a daily invitation open to us all.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the blueprint for this life through the Beatitudes. He turns the world's view of success upside down, calling "blessed" the merciful, the peacemakers, and the pure in heart. St. Thérèse of Lisieux called this the "Little Way" - doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

We don't need to perform miracles to be saints. We simply choose patience when we are frustrated, offer a listening ear to the lonely, and see the face of Christ in those around us. We do not walk this spiritual journey alone. The beautiful reality of the Communion of Saints means we are surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses" cheering us on. Just as we ask friends on earth to pray for us during difficult times, we can ask our heavenly brothers and sisters to accompany us.

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, take a moment to thank God for the quiet saints who have blessed your own life. Their stories remind us that our ultimate destination is love, and our daily choices are the steps that take us there.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - will be held after all Masses at St Joseph's & St Vincent de Paul Parish this weekend. You can donate here: ASB 12-3008- 0043519-00. If you need assistance we're able to help with food, clothing or small household items. Our service is strictly confidential. Call 021 0886 7844 or email stvinniestakapuna@gmail.com

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT - The NZ Bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election. Titled "Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel Lens," the document encourage Catholics & people of good will to consider voting as a moral & civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. Access the full election statement at https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26

JOB OPENINGS - Various staff vacancies at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Visit Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more details.

NEW LIFE FOR THE CONSISTENT ETHIC: POPE LEO XIV'S GLOBAL ETHIC OF SOLIDARITY - Monday 7th December 2026, 7:00PM | Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby) Please join us for a lecture with Dr. Steven Millies, as he reflects on the enduring power of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's consistent ethic of life, born from the Church's social teaching and Vatican II's call to read the signs of the times. Register https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lecture-consistent-ethic/

KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS - CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS DAY https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/CELEBRATING-ALL-SAINTS-DAY.pdf

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS ON THE ROAD OF LIFE https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/What-every-Christian-needs-on-the-road-of-life-Vatican-CITY.pdf

PREFERENCE ENROLMENT FORMS - Next open hour for the signing of preference forms will be on **Tuesday 24th November 2026 from 10:00am -11:00am** in the parish office. For more info. & the form visit: https://stjoseph.org.nz/preference-enrolment-form/. This will also be the last one for the year and will resume in 2027.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS on Friday 6th November 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

PADRE PIO - The next prayer meeting will be on Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7:00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Each first Thursday of the month throughout the year we meet to venerate our Saint, Padre Pio. For more info contact Ron ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

COLUMBAN CALENDARS - These are on sale now from the Parish office for $15 each.

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. 28th November, Sat. 19th December 2026.** Orientation for these two session will be **Monday 2nd November 2026** at 6:00pm in the Parish office. Email Edwin pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE - CAROLS & MARKETS - Saturday 14th November 2026, from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Carmel College,108 Shakespeare Road, Milford. A variety of **market stalls** with gifts for all ages. Local art and crafts, jewellery, crystals, succulents, beauty products, candles, artisan treats, preserves, and fresh baking. **For the kids**, face painting, balloons, sausages and treats. **Food Trucks** offering delicious dinner. Outdoor tables available or bring a picnic blanket and relax on the lawn. Live **Christmas carols** from school & community choirs. *Convenient pick-up and drop-off zone.*

ROSMINIAN YEAR OF VOCATIONS - This year the Rosminian family world-wide is celebrating the gift of vocations. We are present in all the world's continents, not big in number but big in heart. Our English language novitiate is in Rome. This year the members are coming from England, Italy, Vietnam and Venezuela, and we are praying for a Kiwi or two! Humility, the gateway to all virtues, is key to our charism, along with the generosity of heart to go wherever we are called: including in schools, parishes, centres of learning and spirituality, and among the sick or imprisoned or vulnerable. We ask you all to join in praying for our Year of Vocations. To explore further the Adventure of Religious Life you are welcome to contact us at: rosminiansnz@gmail.com

RITE II RECONCILIATIONS AROUND THE NORTH SHORE PARISHES COMING UP 7PM:

- St John the Evangelist, Orewa - Tues. 8th Dec.
- St Joseph's, Takapuna - Wed. 9th Dec.
- St Francis de Sales, Torbay - Thurs. 10th Dec.
- St Thomas More, Glenfield - Tues. 15th Dec.
- St Mary's, Northcote – Wed. 16th Dec.
- Maria Assumpta, Beach Haven - Fri. 18th Dec.
- St Frances de Sales & All Souls, Devonport - Sun. 20th Dec.

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY IN AUCKLAND MASSES

- 6th Nov 2026 – KKIA's First Friday Mass will be held at 7:30 PM at St Vincent de Paul Church.
- 8th Nov 2026 – KKIA's second Sunday Mass for November will be held at St Joseph's Church, Takapuna, from 13:30 PM to 3:00 PM, followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

For details email b_stefanus@hotmail.com

FR. DANIEL FAREWELL TEA - We will be having a morning tea on Friday 13th November 2026 after the Friday morning Mass from 10:00am to wish Fr. Daniel farewell as he heads back to India. Do join us to celebrate his time here with us at St Joseph's Parish.

MASS COUNTS - For diocesan planning purposes, the annual Mass count takes place starting Saturday 31st October, during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during November, ending Sunday 29th November 2026.

HOLY SOULS DAY - MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2026 - St Joseph's 9:15am Mass with candle lighting in memory of deceased loved ones. St Vincent de Paul Milford 10:00am Mass. During November a Book of Remembrance will lie in each church. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased, for remembrance in prayer. From 2nd - 8th November, candles for the dead may be lit in St Joseph's Church.