

Next Sunday 25th October 2026 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: EXODUS 22: 21-27

PSALM: 18

SECOND: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

PRAYER In charity we pray for Gloria Taruc, Constancio Bana-ay & Dina Akram Zako who died recently; and for William Mitchell, Mary Ashton & Elizabeth Palmer 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 & Tatay Herminio Taruc.

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Morning Tea - Hosted by the Legion of Mary team in the hall after 10:30am Mass.

St Joseph's Takapuna - Bank Account
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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 18th October 2026 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
World Mission Sunday*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

PSALM 96

A new song for the Lord! Sing it and bless God's name, everyone, everywhere! Tell the whole world God's triumph day to day, God's glory, God's wonder.

A noble God deserving praise, the dread of other gods, the puny gods of pagans; for our God made the heavens - the Lord of majestic light who fills the temple with beauty.

Proclaim the Lord, you nations, praise the glory of God's power, praise the glory of God's name! Bring gifts to the temple, bow down, all the earth, tremble in God's holy presence.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

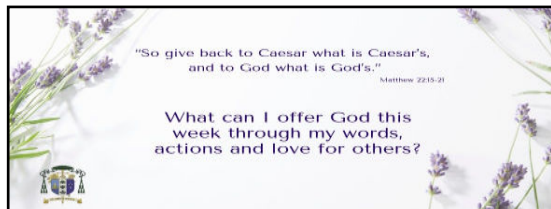
ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION

Dear brothers and sisters,
For World Mission Day 2026, I have chosen the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." I wish to encourage the whole Church to embrace its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. Our union with Christ lies at the heart of mission. The Church is a community of his disciples, at the service of fraternity among all human beings and of harmony with all creation. Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness.

Being "one in Christ" calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the centre of our lives and communities, the centre of every word, action and interpersonal relationship, leading us to say with amazement: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us. No baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church.

Missionary activity seeks to make Christ's love visible and to invite everyone to encounter him. I would like to express my special gratitude to today's *ad gentes* missionaries. **CONT. OVER...**



They have left their homeland, their families and all sense of security in order to proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ and his love to places that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or culturally distant. Despite adversity and human limitations, they continue to give themselves joyfully, because they know that Christ himself, and his Gospel, are the greatest treasures we can offer. I would like to thank the [Pontifical Mission Societies](#) for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru. These Societies nurture and form missionary awareness for the faithful of all ages and promote a network of prayer and charity that connects communities throughout the world. The Mission Sunday offerings are distributed to support the various needs of the Church's mission. Your prayers and practical support will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. LEO PP. XIV



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026 - Envelopes for World Mission Sunday are also available in the foyers from this weekend, or you can make an online donation to Pontifical Mission Aid Societies: BNZ 02-0506-0022477-066, or scan the QR code on the left to donate using a credit card. Alternatively, we will have collectors after Mass doing a special collection.

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/NZCBCElect26>

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/>

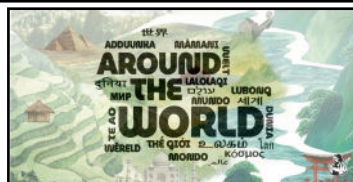
JOB OPENINGS - Various staff vacancies at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Visit [Staff Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) for more details.

KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS - CELEBRATING TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in OT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY-6.pdf>
WHEN DID SACRIFICE BECOME SO UNIMPORTANT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/When-did-sacrifice-become-such-an-unpopular-idea-1.pdf>

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE - Remembering pre-born children lost to abortion, & praying for those who have died by euthanasia. Date: All Saints Day evening - Sunday 1 November at 7:30 p.m. Place: Potter's Park – corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads (opposite KFC). Bring family and friends. Candles provided. Visit www.fli.org.nz/vigil-for-life/ or contact Simon: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz



DESSERT & DANCING IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT - 17th October 6pm till 9pm at the St Joseph's School Hall. It will be a great night of fun for the whole community to enjoy desserts, dancing, and performances! **Tickets are still available** via this QR code or at the door with cash or card. **We hope to see you there!!**



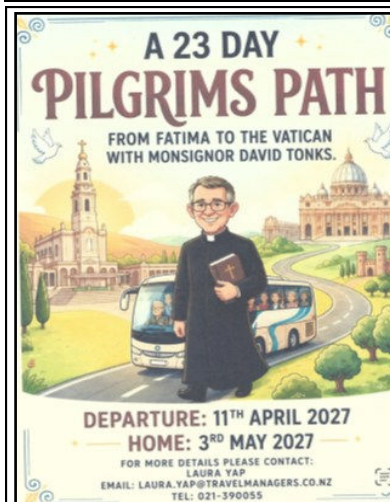
PADRE PIO - The next prayer meeting will be on Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7:00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Each first Thursday of the month throughout the year we meet to venerate our Saint, Padre Pio. For more info contact Ron ronhunter@xtra.co.nz

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

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE - CAROLS & MARKETS - Saturday, 14 November 2026, from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Carmel College, 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford. A wonderful 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 and community choirs. *Convenient pick-up and drop-off zone.*



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 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 2027. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. For more information contact Laura Yap on 021

390 055 or email laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz

WELCOME HOME! Summer is near which means our 2027 Takapuna Youth Summer Camp is finally coming around!! It will be taking place from 17 - 21 January 2027, down in Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon. Our St Joseph's Youth camp is not like any other! It opens many opportunities to meet people and make new friends with those who share your same faith. This week is filled with various activities, sessions, praise & worship, prayer, & personal encounters with Christ. This camp is open to students year 9-13 in 2027, regardless of which school you attend! Parents please encourage your teens and for them to invite their friends too! Registrations are OPEN now! So head to our instagram (@sjyouth) or go to <https://stjoseph.org.nz/tsc27/> For any questions, please email youth@stjoseph.org.nz.

At 10.30am Mass today, parishioners Engelbert Dsouza & Antonio Pereira will receive the ministry of Lector. Engelbert & Antonio are in the diocese's programme of formation for permanent Deacons. We congratulate them as they are formally installed as Lectors, and pray for them as they continue their journey towards diaconate.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Next meeting is our AGM - Tuesday, 20 October, 10.30 am, in the room near the school office. Usual shared lunch, etc. For info, Ph Margaret 486 3695

THE SECRET PLACE GROWTH RETREAT - Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group invites you to a weekend retreat. Join us for teachings, prayer, praise & worship, Eucharist, meals, games and fellowship. All ages welcome, with activities for children too. Fri 30 Oct – Sun 1 Nov 2026 | Christian Youth Camps, 148 Waingaro Road, Ngāruawāhia | \$110 adults | \$60 children | Details & registration: tgs.nz/secretplace