

*Next Sunday 1st November 2026 - All Saints' Day*

**FIRST: REVELATION 7.2-4, 9-14**

**PSALM: 24**

**SECOND: 1 JOHN 3:1-3**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12**

**PRAYER** In charity we pray for Jacqueline Walles, Peter Baran & Geraldine Wilson who died recently; and for Gladys Stowers & Peter Tohill whose anniversaries occur.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** Orlando Neri, Jesusa Mercado Dela Cruz, Susana Dela Cruz, 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 Juliet Gapultos 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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9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday



**SAINT JOSEPHS**  
ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKAPUNA

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**EXODUS 22: 21-27**

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you.

**PSALM 18**

I love you, God my strength, my rock, my shelter, my stronghold.

My God, I lean on you, my shield, my rock, my champion, my defence. When I call for help, I am safe from my enemies. Praise the Lord!

Death had me in its grip, the current swept me away; Sheol was closing in, I felt the hand of death.

From the depths I cried out, my plea reached the heavens. God heard me.

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10**

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

**GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:34-40**

You must love your neighbour as yourself.



**RED NOVEMBER** – Remembering Persecuted Christians. This November, we are invited to stand in solidarity with Christians around the world who suffer persecution because of their faith. Encouraged by Aid to the Church in Need, we are invited to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, support those in need and raise awareness of their plight.

The campaign takes place throughout November, with the colour red symbolising the blood of Christian martyrs. It is proudly supported and endorsed by Bishop Steve's Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

Each week we will highlight a different aspect of this campaign. This week's focus is to:

**Light the night. Remember the forgotten.**

This November, stand with persecuted Christians around the world. At St Joseph's, we'll hold an hour of prayer on Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7:00pm. It will include testimony from people living among us who have experienced persecution for their faith.

**Pray. Support. Act. Red November 2026**



Resources, registration and donations open now at [www.rednovember.org](http://www.rednovember.org)



**CALLING ALL LITTLE SAINTS!** This All Saints Day, Sunday 1 November, we're inviting all our kids to come to 10:30 am Mass dressed as their favourite saint! It can be as simple or creative as you like – a cape, a crown, a cardboard halo, a rosary, a bit of tinfoil... anything goes!

Bonus points if they can tell us who they are & one cool fact about their saint. Let's fill St Joseph's with a parade of holy heroes! See you there!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VINNIES TAKAPUNA** - We'd love to welcome a few more friendly volunteers to our Takapuna store on Saturdays. We're especially grateful for the support already provided by volunteers from St Joseph's & St Mary's, & there's room for more helping hands. As part of the St Vincent de Paul Society, our profits go back into supporting our local community. Whatever time you can spare, it would be greatly appreciated. Pop into **25 Barry's Point Road, Takapuna for a chat**, or email [Takapuna.vinnies@gmail.com](mailto:Takapuna.vinnies@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to our parish young people, who arranged a wonderful dessert & dancing evening last Saturday. Their enthusiasm brought together over 100 parishioners for a happy community celebration & raised more money for our youth activities.

#### 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/NZCBC Election26>

**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. 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 THIRTIETH SUNDAY in OT** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/CELEBRATING-THE-THIRTIETH-SUNDAY-in-OT-1.pdf> **WHY LOVING THY NEIGHBOUR IS THE GOLDEN RULE** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Why-loving-your-neighbour-1.pdf>



**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** - thank you to the 50 plus volunteers who turned up this past Saturday to help us with our working bee. We couldn't have done it without you! You should notice how clean the inside of our church is, plus the entrance ways into the church as well as our kitchen.



**AS PART OF HOLY SOULS DAY COMING UP ON THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2026** - we will have candles in the front of the church that can be lit from Monday 2nd November to Sunday 8th November 2026. Further to this the Book of Remembrance is placed at the front of each Church during November. To have prayers said for your loved ones please write their name in it.

**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 1st 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/](http://www.fli.org.nz/vigil-for-life/) or contact Simon: 021 400 729 – [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz).

**TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE - CAROLS & MARKETS** - Saturday, 14 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.*

**THE AUCKLAND MARATHON WILL BE RUN ON SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026**. That morning, Taharoto Rd & 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 & 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 the old St Joseph's Centre. Based on previous years, the traffic barriers in Taharoto Rd & Dominion St should be gone by 10am – in time for 10.30am Mass.

**A WEEKEND OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** - It was wonderful to see our own **Fr Daniel Kulangara** involved in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Community's Bible Convention in Auckland last weekend. Held in Māngere on 17–18 October, the two-day gathering brought the community together for prayer, Scripture, reflection and fellowship, with **Rev. Fr Daniel Poovannathil** leading the convention. As chaplain to the Syro-Malankara community in Auckland, Fr Daniel has had a special connection with this vibrant Catholic community. We are blessed to have had him as part of our St Joseph's parish family, and his ministry is a beautiful reminder of the rich diversity of traditions within our one Catholic Church.



**DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS 4:30PM 25 OCTOBER 2026 AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL** - Join us for this month's Diocesan Youth Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr Mark Bond, & led by tertiary students. All are welcome! Please invite your whānau, your friends, & your wider faith community to join us as well.

**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 | [jts.nz/secretplace](http://jts.nz/secretplace)

**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.