

Next Sunday 11th October 2026 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: ISAIAH 25: 6-10A

PSALM: 23

SECOND: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

PRAYER In charity we pray for Joseph Thompson, Patricia Hevacan, John Robinson & Gertrudes Pineda **who died recently**; and for Peter Chiaroni, Paulina Villa-Abrille, Luis Villa-Abrille Jr., Lily Arulmary & Sonny P. Samuel **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.



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Morning Tea - Hosted by Luichie Acquino 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 4th October 2026 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard.

PSALM 80

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
leader of Joseph's flock.
From your throne on the cherubim
shine out for Ephraim,
for Benjamin and Manasseh.
Gather your strength,
come, save us!

Restore to us, God,
the light of your presence,
and we shall be saved.

How long, Lord God of might,
will you smoulder with rage,
despite our prayers?

For bread you feed us tears,
we drink them by the barrel.
You let our neighbours mock,
our enemies scorn us.

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us
kill him.

TODAY IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY FOR THE LIFE OF SUZANNE AUBERT. Born in France, near Lyon, she came to NZ in 1860 at the invitation of Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier at the age of 25. Initially associated with the Mercy Sisters in Auckland, Suzanne went on to work especially among the Māori people in Hawke's Bay, the Whanganui River and Wellington, establishing the Sisters of Our Lady of Compassion, dedicated especially to the education and healthcare of poor families.

She died in Wellington on 1 October 1926 at the age of 91. Her funeral at St Mary of the Angels was probably the largest funeral held for a woman in New Zealand — a powerful sign of the esteem, affection and gratitude in which she was held.

Suzanne's enduring legacy of compassion continues to inspire Aotearoa New Zealand. Through her care for Māori and Pākehā, children, the sick, the poor and all those on the margins, she showed a practical and courageous love that still speaks to our Church and our communities today.

In 2010, the NZ Bishops and the Sisters of Compassion began the process which will hopefully lead to Suzanne's canonisation. We pray that Suzanne (also known as Sr Mary Joseph) will one day be officially recognised as a saint.

Booklets are available in the foyers of the church.

*"Let us serve Jesus Himself in
the children confided to our
care." Venerable Meri Hōhepa
Suzanne Aubert*



NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT - The NZ Bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election. Titles 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>

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 - 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY in OT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY-4.pdf>
GOD'S COVER LETTER <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Gods-Cover-Letter.pdf>

NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY - Sat. 5th October 2025 from 10am - 4pm at St Joseph's Church Hall. Annual competitive stamp competition. Light refreshments provided. Awards presentation 3pm. Call: 444 6734.
www.northshoreps.com

MY FAMILY ARE PARISHIONERS OF HBC PARISH - Our sister has been unwell and is on the Kidney Transplant List. If you're interested in finding out about donating a kidney to our sister you can ring Donor Nurse on 0800 5483 36667 or myself on 021 178 5847 - Tricia Chambers.



TAKAPUNA BIG BIKE PARTY - Saturday 17th October 2026 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm at Takapuna Primary School. Families are invited to come & enjoy bike challenges, games, food, free bike checks, giveaways, learn-to-ride.

Details on the notice boards or scan the QR code

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: tjgs.nz/secretplace

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP - Wednesday 7th October 2026 at Maria Assumpta Parish. 7:00pm - 8:30pm. For more details & to register email Lisa-May Gray Lisam@cda.org.nz. More details on the noticeboards.

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 10:30am Mass in the Church Hall, or outside on the grassed area outside the hall.

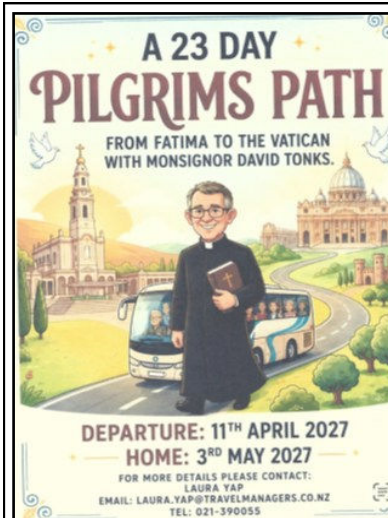


SAVE-THE-DATE -next youth fundraiser, Dessert & Dancing is happening on the 17th October 2026 from 6pm to 9pm in the St. Joseph's **School hall**. Come along for an evening of delicious treats, dancing and fun! We would love your support so scan the QR code to get your tickets, donate food items or register 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 2027. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks.

For more information contact Laura Yap on 021 390 055 or email laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz

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 & 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 & Dominion St should be gone by 10am – in time for 10.30am Mass.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - The collection will be held after all masses at St. Joseph's Parish this weekend & next weekend at St. Vincent de Paul. You can also make a donation here: ASB 12-3008-0043519-00. Thank you for your generosity. 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 stvinciestakapuna@gmail.com

LEGION OF MARY - invites you to a Rosary Procession/ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

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 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