Next Sunday 15th November 2026 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First:	**Proverbs 31:10…31**	**PSALM:**	**127**
Second:	**1st letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-6**	**Gospel:**	**MATTHEW 25:14-30**

PRAYER In charity we pray for John Wayne Visto, Michele Monteith & Thong Nguyen who died recently; and for Theresia Daisy Loka & Mary Thomas whose anniversaries occur.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of WISDOM 6:12-16
If you seek God - wisdom .... she will come to meet you!

PSALM 62
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

1st letter to the THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
Christian hope - that the living, the dead will meet again

GOSPEL— MATTHEW 25:1-13
Look! The Bridegroom is close – be awake, ready to greet him

RED NOVEMBER – Remembering Persecuted Christians. This November, we 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 & raise awareness of their plight. The campaign takes place in November, with the colour red symbolising the blood of Christian martyrs. It is proudly supported & endorsed by Bishop Steve's Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Our theme this week:

THEIR FAITH COSTS THEM EVERYTHING.
OUR SOLIDARITY COSTS A MOMENT.

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*

WE HAD SUCH A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION AT OUR ALL SAINTS' DAY SOLEMNITY MASS - with so many little saints filling our church! It was lovely to see the enthusiasm of the children and the support of their families in honouring our heavenly heroes. On behalf of our Children's Ministry, we would like to thank all the children, parents and our parish community for their wonderful participation and support.

Notices from the Diocese

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 & Vatican II's call to read the signs of the times. Register https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lecture-consistent-ethic/

Calling all former St Patrick's Cathedral school students and friends of the Sisters Of Mercy The historic building remains at 59 Wellington Street, beautifully renovated, and was opened by Bishop Cleary in December 1926. In conjunction with the Sisters of Mercy, a centenary celebration will be held at the site on Friday **11 December 2026** from 5pm to 7pm. Please bring a plate. RSVP turnock@xtra.co.nz

Kids Korner and Parent Ponderings - CELEBRATING THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/CELEBRATING-THIRTY-SECOND-SUNDAY-IN-OT.pdf **BEING LESS THAN PERFECT IS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE** https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Being-less-than-perfect-is-perfectly-acceptable.pdf

Dessert and Dancing 2026 Youth Fundraiser was an amazing celebration of our beautiful community; we were so grateful to see many of you come along to join the fun! Thank you so much to all those who donated, performed, and came along. With your help we were able to raise $3,500 to support the young people of our parish! God bless, St Josephs Youth Group

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 & will resume in 2027.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul collection - will be held after Sunday mass at St Vincent de Paul, Milford. 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 stvinniestakapuna@gmail.com

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

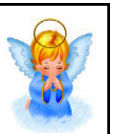
Everyday English with Johanna Klein - All welcome! This group meets monthly in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. For more info & upcoming dates contact Johanna directly johanna@klein.kiwi

Mass Counts - For diocesan planning purposes, the annual Mass count takes place during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during November, ending Sunday 29th November 2026.

The prayer tree - We are a group of people who pray for the needs of our community. Contact Sue if you would like us to pray for you 027 200 8791 or Swmorg@xtra.co.nz

Got a regular group where you welcome others & grow community? Let people know through New Zealand's biggest Catholic communities' website! Scan QR Code or visit https://catholicconnect.co.nz/

Angel tree Christmas giving - It's that special time of year again - Angel Tree Christmas Giving is back! Each Christmas, we support 50 families (313 people) through Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. Your generosity makes this possible. There are three angels to choose from: Food Angel – non-perishable pantry items; Bathroom Angel – toiletries & essential items; Sweet Treats Angel – chocolates, biscuits, & Christmas goodies. Angel Trees are now up at both Takapuna & Milford churches. **Please return these to St Joseph's Parish Office during office hours, or, under the trees at weekend Masses.** All family gifts are purchased on your behalf. To ensure a wonderful experience for each family. We would love you to donate financially towards this if you are able. **A/C Name: St Joseph's Takapuna. Bank Account: 02 0108 0706814 000. Reference: Your Surname + Angel Tree** (Your donation will be included in your end-of-year tax receipt.) We aim to raise $5,500 to provide each family with a thoughtful gift & extra Christmas joy. **Final collection day: Sunday, 29 November 2026**. Thank you!



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 sessions will be **Monday 9th November 2026** at 6:00pm in the Parish office. Email Edwin pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz.

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. Our English language novitiate is in Rome. This year members are coming from England, Italy, Vietnam & Venezuela, & we're 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 & spirituality, & 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.

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.

Columban calendars - These are on sale now from the Parish office for $15 each.

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 & drop-off zone.*

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