

22 August 2021

## **Parish Masses**

### **Dear Parishioners of St Joseph's,**

As the number of Covid-affected people rises, I suspect we may be in level 4 lockdown for a while.

So, in response to several requests, the presbytery household have decided that we will offer daily Mass for you on the parish website and Facebook. From tomorrow, we will livestream Mass, Monday to Friday, on the parish website [www.takapunacatholic.org.nz](http://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz) at the usual time of 9.15am. The Mass will also later be available on the website, to watch as a recording. On Saturday, Mass will be at 9am, as usual.

We will **not** continue to show a Sunday Mass from St Joseph's (today's Mass is already posted) because Sunday Mass is available on the website of Auckland diocese [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) and on Shine TV at 2pm.

We pray for you all daily. Our parish area contains several "locations of interest". I hope you are all safe. Spare a prayer for families trying to oversee children's online learning at the same time as parents work from home; for the elderly in retirement homes not permitted any visitors; for families unable to hold a funeral for their loved ones who have died; for essential workers in Covid testing stations, in health facilities, and in supermarkets.

These are days when we recognise the importance of a community striving together for a goal. Our NZ bishops, following the lead of Pope Francis, encourage people to receive the Covid vaccinations. We are learning that the pandemic is transmitted especially through the air, rather than through surfaces, so maintaining distances and wearing masks is important. Together we are part of the team of 5 million striving to make our country a place safe for all.

**God bless,**

**David Tonks**