

Next Sunday 7 November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: First book of Kings 17:10-16
Second: Letter to Hebrews 9:24-28

PSALM: 146
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR Elizabeth Palmer **who died recently** and Michael Knowles, Iain Fletcher, Hilary Adams **whose anniversaries occur**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Ken Derrick, Gerard McNaughten, Corazon Azon, Sister Margaret Browne RSM, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Tony & Bernadette Ryan, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Chris McEntee, Annabelle Sia, Anne White, Clara Jung- Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Esme Commissaris, Janina Collett, Rima Bennett and Belinda Chamassian, Jesus Fernando

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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During Covid level 3 there are no public Masses celebrated, and the churches at Takapuna and Milford remain closed except for weddings and funerals for up to 10 people which are different restrictions from previous Level 3.

The parish office remains closed.

Our priests and our deacon Mark are available to serve and to respond to important situations, and can be contacted on 09 489 6338.

Mass Monday to Saturday from St Joseph's is available on our parish website Home page www.takapunacatholic.org.nz and Facebook page.

Sunday Mass is available on the diocesan website and at 2pm on Shine TV.

FROM DIOCESAN PASTORAL OFFICE

Resources in times of Lockdown The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/> This also has a program of events that are available in the diocese during this time. For those at level 2 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-2/> will be a useful resource.

World Youth Day 2021 // Stand Up! | Sunday 21/11, 7pm Stand up and get excited for World Youth Day 2021! <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

JUBILEE BURSARY Open for Semester 1, 2022 Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level Applications close Thursday, 11 Nov 2021 please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz

CDA Executive Officer Vacancy

Please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz to view the full advert, position description. Applications are via SEEK and close on 3 November.

CDA Financial Administrator Vacancy To view the full advert and job description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 October 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Attentive listening .. and the doing of God's word .. without reserve



PSALM 17

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
God, you are the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
Lord, you are worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

The waves of death rose about me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
the snares of the grave entangled me;
the traps of death confronted me.

You rewarded me because I was just,
repaid me, for my hands were clean,
for I have kept your way, O Lord,
and have not fallen away from you.

Long life to you, Lord, my rock!
Praise to you, God, who saves me.
You have given great victories to your king
and shown your love for your anointed.

Letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus remains our perfect access to God -
His Father, Our Father

MARK 12:28-34

To love God, to love all others ..
is to live each day the 'law and the
Prophets'

YOU WHO COMMAND!

You who command.
You who are commander
we intend obedience, without reserve.
As we ponder your commands,
they often come at us
like more nagging from our parents,
like more rules from our teachers,
like more expectations from our peers,
like more pressure from the church,
like more defeat from our
guilty conscience.

Our obedience thins down to resentment
tired of the nagging and pressure
and rules.

Then .. we hear your wonderful words
of life
and know that in your command
is our perfect freedom.

For your command
for Jesus' glad obedience
for Jesus' new command of neighbour
we give you great thanks.
We vow, full compliance.

Walter Brueggemann

Our Synodal Journey

Pope Francis has just launched a journey towards a Synod, to be held in Rome in October 2023. The topic is synodality, or how we can become a synodal Church. This is one of Pope Francis' big themes. In Greek: syn = with and hodos = way. Synodality is about people journeying together trying to hear the Holy Spirit in the movements of life, pointing us, the Church, to walk the way of Jesus in today's world. Pope Francis believes that the Church must continually renew its structures and practices to speak to the people of today. We have to encounter each other, listen to each other, and so discern how the Holy Spirit speaks and guides. It's not just about doing what the bishops say. All of us, as members of Christ, have insights and wisdom to offer.

The 2023 gathering in Rome will happen as the summit of a journey, beginning now in each diocese. Bishop Pat opened our diocesan phase on 17 October.

The success of the diocesan phase relies on what will happen in parishes. That's where you come in! You are invited to participate in a small group of parishioners to consider the Synod material. The time frame for this is short: from the beginning of November till the middle of December. Your group may be able to meet just once or twice - probably via Zoom because of Covid. Or, if you cannot join with others in a group (online), you can look at the material yourself or with your household.

Please let the parish office (secretary@stjoseph.org.nz or 09 489 6486) know if you would like to participate in a small group - and the best time for you (day of the week, morning/afternoon/evening); or if you wish to respond to the synod material as an individual. We have 22 parishioners ready to lead small groups. You are welcome to invite Catholics who seldom attend Mass to participate in a group. Let the parish office know if you need help to access Zoom on your computer or phone: we have young people eager to assist!

I hope many of you will take part in this synodal process. At the heart of the process is Pope Francis' belief that the agenda of the Church must be driven by the Holy Spirit - the work of God is the Church's task. What God asks of us emerges as we journey together on the way of encountering, listening and discerning.

David Tonks

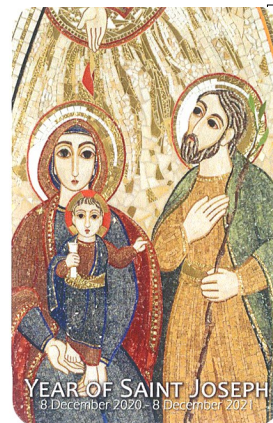


MISSIO-NZ SUNDAY 2021 Donations can be made online through the parish bank account 02-0100-0120990-004 - reference: Missions - code: your planned giving number if you have one. Or donate directly to **Missio-NZ 06-0411-0021447-30**. Visit Missio-NZ's website to give a single gift, www.missio.nz/donate

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION LITURGY 2021 On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, and Bishop Michael, we cordially invite all parish volunteers and leaders, to share in our online liturgy of Thanksgiving. We wish to thank and honour you all for your desire to build the kingdom in a year that has, again, been disrupted by Covid. Saturday 6th November 2021, 5.30pm We will connect, pray, and celebrate digitally. You, yours and everybody are therefore invited through Zoom| <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81587044831> Bishop Michael Gielen Facebook or ACYM Facebook or CDA YouTube to our celebration. Please pass the invitation on. See you all there!!

END OF LIFE PRAYER DAY 7 NOVEMBER

On November 7 the Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide (EAS) law, the End-of-Life Choice Act 2019, comes into effect. Family Life International (FLI) has set aside Friday 5 November as a Day of Reparation, in addition to prayers on Sunday 7 November, and has provided information at <https://fli.org.nz/2021/10/11/large-pay-outs-for-nz-health-practitioners-who-provide-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>. Voice For Life are also co-ordinating a nation-wide End of Life Prayer Day on Sunday 7 November. Resources including readings and prayers of the faithful at <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/events/end-of-life-prayer-day-2021>. Further information is at www.euthanasiafree.org.nz



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen.

Source: from the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart)
by Pope Francis

Priesthood ordination of Deacon Mark Napa has been transferred from 27 November to Sat. 18 December 11.30am, because of Covid restrictions.

NZCatholic Click on link to view the latest special digital 31 October to 13 November edition kindly sent to us free of charge.
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/313d39d7-5e24-4a5f-b027-31769480dd31>

MONDAY 1 NOV FEAST OF ALL SAINTS; TUES 2 NOV COMMEMORATION OF HOLY SOULS

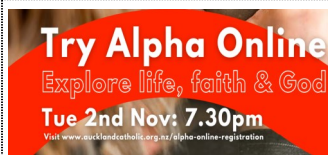
These are special days for remembering our dead, and our loved ones who may never be canonised, but who pray for us from their place in the communion of saints.



ALL SOULS ONLINE MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL
Live on the St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksnz/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/229203402533574/?ref=newsfeed>

7.30 pm Tuesday 2 November. Join Fr Chris, Fr Tony & Fr James for Mass as we pray especially for those who have died over the past 2 years. If you would like a loved ones name to be included in a memorial book that will be placed on the altar during the Mass please email info@stpatricks.org.nz

TELEPHONE MINISTRY: Would you like to call on the phone one or two of your fellow parishioners each day, to see how they are during Covid-restricted time? Give your name and number to the parish office (secretary@stjoseph.org.nz or 09 489 6486) so you can be credited as a parish "telephone minister".



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL:

These are challenging days ... what about those who don't know our Lord's love, who don't know the comfort of faith, who don't know the surety of eternal life and the deep forgiveness and peace that Jesus's mercy brings? Alpha is the most gentle way I've found to share the good news of Jesus. I will be offering Alpha online (via Zoom) for 8 interactive sessions at 7.30pm on a Tuesday night starting 2 November. Who can you invite?

Be courageous and invite people you know who don't have faith, or people who have maybe lost their faith, to come and know him in a new and fresh way. Be assured there's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. For more information go to: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha-online-registration/> or contact Teresa on 021 649 012 or alpha@cda.org.nz

THIS WEEK'S RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner/>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings/#>

JOIN US.....A CAREER WITH A MISSION Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies is seeking a mature married couple, or single woman, to live in at our home in Pukekohe - to provide support for pregnant mothers and their children, in a faith based setting. Contact Colleen Bayer col.fli@xtra.co.nz for job description.