

Next Sunday 5 December - Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST: The prophet Baruch 5:1-9 **PSALM:** 125
SECOND: Letter to the Philippians 1:3...11 **GOSPEL:** LUKE 3:1-6

PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR Madeleine Ellison, Ian Fahy (Sydney) who died this week and Fouad Nassori, John McLoughlin, Nicholas Tordeich, Tony Pearce whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Margaret Dunleavy, Ken Derrick, Gerard McNaughten, Corazon Azon, 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

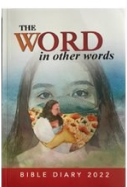
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1. The parish office will re-open on Friday 3 December.
2. Public Masses will be celebrated from Friday 3 December at St Joseph's Church
3. Check out the accompanying message regarding Mass times and arrangements from 3 December.
4. Our priests and our deacon Mark are available to serve and to respond to important situations, and can be contacted on 09 489 6338.
5. Mass Monday to Saturday from St Joseph's is available on our parish website Home page www.takapunacatholic.org.nz and Facebook page.
6. Mass is available on the diocesan website and at 2pm on Shine TV.



AN INVITATION each morning from 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28 NOVEMBER—CHRISTMAS EVE AT 8.30AM

on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic> Advent prayer will be offered. Young people from our school communities, representatives from parish and ethnic communities, diocesan staff will lead us in prayer. Join the diocese gathering to pause and pray together. Then at 10.30am (1-24 December) we will upload an Advent Calendar. Not a digital chocolate but it will open up an Advent Action. A simple way to connect with the Gospel and live the hope of Advent. Please join us.



THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS - A Bible Diary containing the Daily Gospel Reading and a short day reflection penned by missionaries work in different mission places worldwide. This Bible Diary is a valuable help in prayer and meditation, especially during this time of the Pandemic. **To order:** Call MISSIO-NZ Office (09) 489 6549 or email info@missio.nz or use our online www.missio.nz/donate page facility clicking Bible Diary on the dropdown window. Each copy is \$20 + postage. Postage \$5.10 up to 2 books/\$7.20 up to 4 books/20 books \$27.

First Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
God promises 'new life' to the family tree of King David

PSALM 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed,
but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

God's ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

1st letter to Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Our call to be blameless
for Christ's returning

LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

How can we 'stand secure' before God?
... prayerful alertness to 'signs of the time'



WAITING FOR GOD

Once more, the wheel of the year
has turned .. we are back
at the beginning.

Four weeks of waiting ..
at a place where the rush stops.

We turn to this patch of holy ground
to sit and wait, to set aside.

The insistent world we live in
would have us want things now
but we wait
in God's good time.

For God to come, take us home
past trees of Wisdom and of Life
to open wide the door
to close the path of misery
to make us laugh.

Let us hear words, stories,
that will not pass away
that God is all around us.

How can we wait for a God
who has already arrived?



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

Go to: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod-participation>



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. A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast **Sunday Mass**. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJZsfow> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Sunday 28 November, 7pm – Converge // Youth and Young Adult Leaders Gathering

In the wake of World Youth Day, our youth and young adult leaders are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation and sharing their feedback. Featuring Fr Rob Galea and plenty of familiar faces, we're excited to dive into the conversation of how we can journey together! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS QUIZ SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER, 7PM Back by popular demand! After having such a blast at our first quiz night, we're back with another opportunity to win up to \$500 for your parish school or faith community. Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

Nominations for Tu Kahikatea Awards 2021 are now open. Do you know a young person aged 35 years or younger who has made an outstanding contribution to ministry for more than 3 years? Nominate them for a Tu Kahikatea Award by visiting our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/tu-kahikatea-awards/. Nominations close 15th December.

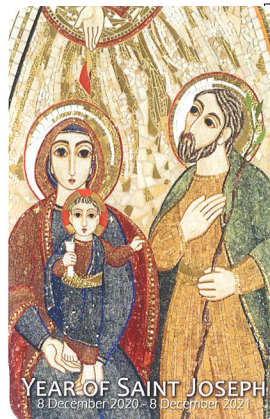
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship is for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 3 DECEMBER 2021**

THE END-OF-LIFE CHOICE ACT came into effect in New Zealand on 7 November. How do we, as Catholics, respond to people contemplating assisted dying? Wednesday 4 December 7.00pm. Join us as Dr John Kleinsman (Director of Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics and Acting CE of Te Kupenga) and Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy (CTC Head of Bachelor Programme) talk about the Bishops' guidelines and the Vatican letter Samaritanus Bonus. To register, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-mspjMqG9ZusLZTVvsxmoW_xu_3Pt0V

'Pax Christi Aotearoa NZ will be having their 2021 Annual General Meeting on 11 December at Te Waipuna Puawai, 12A Umere Crescent, Ellerslie, Auckland from 10am -2pm. Please bring something for a shared lunch. To register your attendance please contact: paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com. Note: If COVID restrictions are still in place, the AGM will be moved to the Zoom Platform.'

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANTS NEEDED For North Shore or Waitakere Hospital. Training starts in April 2022. Enquiries to Pauline at 022 3612134 or email: pauline.soo@waitemataadhb.govt.nz before 18 February, 2022. Volunteers will need to be fully vaccinated.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021

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
18 December
11.30am,
St Joseph's Church**

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ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING 2021 IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!
Each year we provide Monte Cecilia with Christmas gifts for 55 families. This year, as time to purchase and receive Angel Tree gifts is very limited, Christmas gifts will be purchased on your behalf with funds you are able to donate into the parish Angel Tree account. **CAN YOU HELP?** Please donate to the **St Joseph's Account** with your **Surname and Reference (ANGEL TREE)** and it will be added to your End of Year tax donations.
Receiving bank account number.: 02-0100-0120990-004 (or 04) A/C RC Bishop of Auckland-Parish Account Takapuna. We would like to raise \$5500.00 to provide each family with a nice gift and add some Christmas Treats and general food items to help during this wonderful time of year. The Christmas Trees will be at Milford, Takapuna, Albany churches. **These will be for Christmas Treats ie. Packaged Christmas Tarts, Chocolates and Chocolate biscuits, Chips etc. and General Non-perishable food items ONLY. Thank you!**



ACTION AGAINST ABORTION

Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on **Saturday 4 December**, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online on **Saturday 4 December @ 2pm.** Here's how you can be involved.

1. Head over today to our website to register your participation in the online event.
2. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
3. Spread the word and invite all your family, friends and colleagues to participate! www.marchforlife.nz/online



DE PAUL HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021 Can you help bless a family this Christmas?

This year due to the restrictions of lockdown, lack of volunteers on site and logistics, we are asking families to sponsor children with a gift voucher, so the children have the pleasure of choosing their own Christmas gift. We are suggesting Gift Vouchers from The Warehouse, Westfield Mall or Kmart.

Or you can donate direct to our account via our website on www.depaulhouse.org.nz/donations Or online banking 02-0278-0059429-02 Please ref Xmas. On behalf of the De Paul House families, we thank you for your continuing support and care and wish you all a very joy filled Christmas season. Jan Rutledge General Manager 480 5959 admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND BIBLE DIARIES 2022

The Bible diary consists of daily prayers, readings, short reflections, saints of the day and short quotes for the whole year. Order at [https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/
AotearoaNewZealandBibleDiaries2022](https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/AotearoaNewZealandBibleDiaries2022) A lovely gift for you and your friends in New Year.

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/>