

Next Sunday 14 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST: The prophet Daniel 12:1-3 **PSALM:** 15
SECOND: Letter to the Hebrews 10:11..18 **GOSPEL:** MARK 13:24-32

PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR Margaret Russell, Shakib Petros, Patricia Rawson whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Margaret Dunleavy, 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

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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.

Parish Mission Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Send forth your Holy Spirit to permeate all homes in Auckland where Covid lockdown is taking its toll. Where tension is mounting, where businesses are in jeopardy, where communities experience discord, may your Holy Spirit bring patience and peace, unity and understanding, life and vitality.

Great is the Lord and mighty in power (Ps 147:5) and we humbly ask for your healing on our land. Free us from the Covid pandemic, restore all goodness that has been lost, and bring us to know and follow you more closely. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

TELEPHONE MINISTRY:

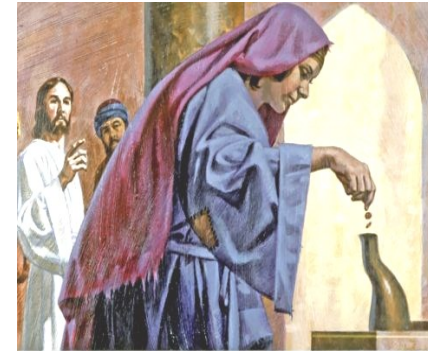
If you would like a call or know someone who would appreciate a call during this Covid-restricted time please give your name and number to the parish office secretary@stjoseph.org.nz 09 489 6486 or 021 02582809.

Accommodation wanted

Elderly lady looking for 1 bedroom flat, unit, or granny flat, in Milford, Takapuna or Northcote. Will take very good care of the property. Ph Beverley 360-2503.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 November 2021



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First book of Kings 17:10-16

A pagan widow and son share the last of their food

PSALM 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus by His own blood has won heaven for us

MARK 12:38-44

A trusting widow is praised .. some wealthy donors are judged severely

UNSELFISH GIVING

We usually give out of our abundance we see others' needs and will help.

Some give out of guilt - by sharing - they satisfy some sense of 'debt' they owe.

Some give for 'tax purposes' - they will be better off if they give from their excess.

Finally, we give open-handedly to those we love, whether we have adequate resources or not.

The generosity in the readings for to-day - the widow's giving - Christ's self-giving is different! It is religiously inspired.

It comes from those who have least to give.

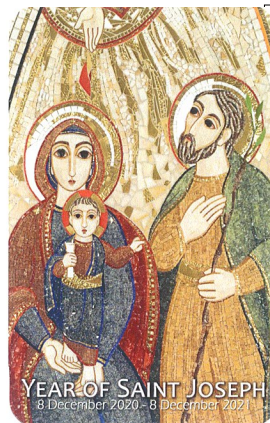
This giving asks that we reach deep into ourselves that we almost strip ourselves of our hold on life.

This giving is generous and nothing less than holy.

Our Synodal Journey

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



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.

FOOD PARCEL REQUESTS
CONTACT SVdP
FOODBANK AT 0210 8867844
Donations can be made to the SVdP Bank Account No.12-3008-0043519-00.
Thank you for your generosity.

END OF LIFE PRAYER DAY TODAY 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

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/UCb7oIXYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2021 // STAND UP! | Sunday 21/11, 7pm Stand up and get excited for World Youth Day 2021! Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Michael Gielen and the ACYM team invite you to join us on Facebook Live to celebrate World Youth Day, as we live out this year's theme of "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen." <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

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Bishop Patrick Dunn, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available 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

SYNOD – For a Synodal Church. There are number of resources available on the diocesan website to inform people of the background, resources available to support and process of this important moment in the Church's story. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> This includes suggestions for how individuals might get involved.



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. Alpha online (via Zoom) interactive sessions began last week. Sessions are at 7.30pm on a Tuesday night and will continue for the next 7 weeks. 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

From the Centre of Marriage and Family (CMF)

Get to know our Spiritual Father and Celebrate the Year of St Joseph! *Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart* A Festival on St Joseph will run from 14 Nov.-11 Dec. 2021. All events are FREE. Visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact [022 0289737/](tel:022-0289737) info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

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/>

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy Information and registrations: www.studyjoy.nz

Online Sessions (DayTime):

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursday, 25 November, 2-3.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-3/>

Online Sessions (Evening):

Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies. Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>