

Next Sunday 12 December - Third Sunday of Advent

First: The prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

PSALM: 12

Second: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

PRAYER IN CHARITY WE PRAY FOR Rosalie Zigliani-Gifford **who died this week** and David Hollis, Ian Timms, Peter Holt, Layla Marmarchi **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

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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 10 DOMINION ST, TAKAPUNA - RED LIGHT - PARISH OFFICE OPEN

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9.15am

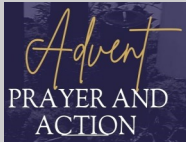
Saturday Mass 9.00am Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Exposition and Holy Hour—every Saturday after 9am Mass

Mass Monday to Saturday from St Joseph's is available on our parish website

Home page www.takapunacatholic.org.nz and Facebook page.

MASS on Shine TV Sundays at 2pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.



AN INVITATION each morning from 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

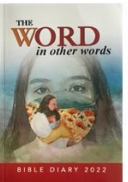
28 NOVEMBER—CHRISTMAS EVE AT 8.30AM

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

5 December 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet BARUCH 5:1-9

God will 'prepare a way home'
from exile .. and restore splendour

PSALM 125

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Letter to Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

St Paul bursts with joy as he urges
new believers to increase in charity

LUKE 3:1-6

John-the-Baptist recognises
earthly rulers!
but points out the way of the
world's saviour



THE VERY LAST VOICE...

John the Baptist challenges us
to abandon old ways.. to let go
of our 'failed world'.

To turn from our deceptions
our cover-ups, our denials
God's reign is near!

We need to change—to repent.

John reveals a God of generous heart
who helps us level out injustices
who helps us place people before
possessions, who reconciles,
who makes it impossible
to misuse others.

The world's true light is near!

May our lingering greed for power
not block us from the joy
with which
He would fill our hearts.



To get involved in the Synodal Process:

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



FROM DIOCESAN PASTORAL OFFICE RESOURCES IN TIMES OF RED LIGHT LEVEL

Resources in times of COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights) The diocese has a page dedicated to the key information for places of worship at this time. This also has a program of events that are available in the diocese during this time. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/> 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-mOW1mJSzfo> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

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.

'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.'

NGA TAPUWAE PILGRIMAGE - JANUARY 2022 - CANCELLATION

It is with some sadness that we have had to decide to cancel our planned Nga Tapuwae - Northland pilgrimage. I am available to speak to or pop out and answer any questions or discuss this with your group. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Deacon Stephen Fraser on 09 360 3052 or stephenf@cda.org.nz.

A LITTLE INSPIRATIONAL PIECE

Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of Covid, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my way. Become convinced that this "new normal" is real life. But, then I meet an 87 year old who talks of living through Polio, diphtheria, Vietnam protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him. "No", he said, slowly looking me straight in the eyes. "I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realisation that we love big. Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines." "Husband loves wife today", Family drops everything to come to Grandma's bedside." He patted my hand. "Old man, makes a new friend."

His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit. My headline now reads: "Woman overwhelmed by the spirit of kindness and the reminder that our capacity to love is never ending."

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@waitematadhb.govt.nz before 18 February, 2022.

Volunteers will need to be fully vaccinated.



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.



*Priesthood
ordination of
Deacon Mark Napa
18 December
11.30am,
St Joseph's Church*

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$12
DAILY MASS CALENDARS \$4
**NOW AVAILABLE AT
PARISH OFFICE**



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 are at Takapuna and 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. TO BE DELIVERED TO PARISH BY NEXT MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER. THANK YOU!***



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOPS,
BEACH HAVEN AND GLENFIELD**

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

If you can help, please join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield.
Volunteering can be so rewarding!
Contact Wanda on 021-248-0629 or Glenfield.vinnies@gmail.com

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

Christmas Novena Masses



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
10 Dominion St, Takapuna

December 15-23 6.30pm

December 18 (5.00pm)
December 19 (6.00pm)

**SIMBANG GABI SA
TAKAPUNA**

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/>