

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry: go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM or www.instagram.com/acym2 or contact Sam Brebner – samb@cda.org.nz

University Ministry: www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy or www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

The War in the Middle East

Thousands of people have lost their lives in Gaza. A humanitarian crisis is looming. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is calling for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. **Caritas is also receiving donations through its website:**

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>

Local Needs:

** **Household Help Urgently Required** - 3 hours a fortnight Please call Margaret 021 288 5088

** **An older parishioner** would appreciate a ride to get to/from Sunday 9.30am Masses from his home in Hawera Rd whenever possible. Can you help? Please phone 021 175 2873.

Parish Newsletters

There will be no parish newsletters during the Christmas/New Year period. Newsletters will begin again in late January. For any emergency, please call the parish office 09 521 0871.

Diocesan Current Affairs

To read about diocesan events in the last weeks and start filling your 2024 diary with opportunities for faith development, fun and diocesan life download the latest edition of CDA connect <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf> - the link can also be found on the front page of the diocesan website.



Loving God, It is easy to be stressed during the Christmas season, there is a lot happening. Help us to remain focused on You. While distractions abound, help us to remember, that Jesus – God with us – is the reason for the season.

USUAL MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	5.30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday	9.30 am & 5.00 pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	No Mass except for School Masses & CWL Mass (4th Wed)
Friday	6pm + (2nd Fri: 7pm Tongan Mass)
Saturday	9.00 am
Public Holidays:	9.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 -10 am & 5.00 - 5.25 pm (or by appt)

SUNDAY READINGS

THIS WEEK	
Psalm	89
1.	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16
2.	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38
Next Week (Holy Family)	
Psalm	105
1.	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
2.	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40



Welcome to St Joseph's

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



16 Brenton Place, Orakei, 1071

Parish: Website: www.orakeicatholic.org.nz

Email: stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz

Phone: (09) 521 0871

Priest: Fr Patrick Brady - patrickb@xtra.co.nz

School: Website: www.sjorakei.school.nz

Email: principal@sjorakei.school.nz

Phone: (09) 521 0866

Principal: Sue Bennett

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Email: pocsjo@gmail.com Co-Chairs: Lisa Filitonga & Miriam Russell
Garth Bray Steve Koppens Anthony McBride Gwyn Ondong Shirley Theakston Alfie Uluinayau

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 24 December 2023

Our Mission Statement: *St Joseph's Parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, being of service to the world, for the greater glory of God.*



A message from St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council

Ngā mihi o te wā, Season's greetings to you all,

What a year we have had! Thank you, fellow parishioners, for all your efforts and contributions to all parish initiatives and activities this year. We look forward to New Year and all its possibilities. Please look forward to:

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will reconvene 1st Sunday of February 2024.
- **The Sacramental programme** will start in February. For info email sjo.sacramental@gmail.com
- **Altar Servers** will be returning to Sunday Masses.
- **Parish/School Mass** and shared lunch will be scheduled on the fifth Sunday of March, June, and September.
- **Sign Up Sunday** will be held in February where parishioners can sign up for parish groups.

More information to come in January.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2024.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

Lisa (Co-Chair), Miriam (Co-Chair) Alfie, Anthony, Garth, Gwyn, Shirley, Steve, and Fr Pat.

Times for Christmas Masses
7.00pm Sunday evening (24 Dec)
9.30am Monday morning, Christmas Day
(No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)



After Christmas:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday:

Weekday Masses at 9.00am till 29 January

Usual Timetable resumes Tues 30 January 6.00pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, begins again in February 2024.



Christian Care Network



Please contact our helpline for assistance: 09 521 5712. All calls confidential. Or St Vincent de Paul 0800 22 22 96. To help

CCN, you can donate non-perishable goods at church, or donate via the CCN bank a/c. **The CCN foodbank account number is: 12-3047-0089077 -01 (your name in the subject line).** After donating, email: priestleyfam@xtra.co.nz with your name; Maxine Priestley issues a tax receipt.

Pastoral Care

Anointing of the Sick: for those seriously sick, frail, having surgery or near death. Please contact Fr Pat
Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy: In hospital? contact Fr Pat or ask the hospital staff to let the chaplain know.
Ministry to the Sick and Infirm requesting Communion at home call 521 0871 or email patrickb@xtra.co.nz

Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre Job Vacancy

This full-time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. Key Tasks include; Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full advert and to apply, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

Please remember Cardinal Tom Williams in your prayers. Cardinal Tom, who was Archbishop of Wellington from 1979 to 2005, died early Friday morning 22 December. He was named a cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 1983. May the angels lead him into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome him and take him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Practical Support Contact

Women's Refuge	0800 REFUGE
Pregnancy Help	09 373 2599
Shine	0508 744 633
Alcohol & Drug Helpline	0800 787 797
Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508 FAMILY
CADS	09 845 1818
Narcotics Anonymous	0800628 632
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 229 6757
Lifeline / Depression Helpline	0800 543 354
Youthline	0800 376 633
Samaritans	0800 726 666
Suicide Prevention Helpline	0508 828 88 65
Fairway Mediation Services	0800 77 44 20
Linkpeople (Homeless)	0800 932 432
Kidsline / What's Up?	0800 942 8787
Need to Talk?	Call/text 1737
Victim Support	0800 842 846
Rainbow Youth	09 376 4155
Safe to Talk	0800 044 334
Better Blokes	09 378 6812
Rape Crisis Centre	0800 88 33 00
For Help with Food: see Christian Care Network or Vinnies Auckland, Onehunga:	815 6122
or	0800 680 090
Work and Income:	0800 559 00

MIHA MĀORI – MONTHLY MASSES IN TE REO MĀORI IN NORTHCOTE & OTARA

Monthly Miha Māori at Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote & Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara. For info contact Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Maori: ManuelB@cda.org.nz Piki mai, hono mai, nau mai, haere mai.

St Joseph's School, Orakei is taking enrolments. Enquiries welcome. Ph 09 521 0866 or email: principal@sjorakei.school.nz

Interested in studying Theology?

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639. See <https://tinyurl.com/theologyotagovideo> for a brief video or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/theologyotago

National Office for Professional Standards

(NOPS) deals with complaints concerning Church personnel. For more information ph **0800 114 622** or email prof.standards@nzcbc.org.org.nz or go to: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>
Local St Joseph's Parish Complaints Officer: Anthony McBride, ph 021 521 013

St Joseph's Parish Planned Giving *** DONATING TO OUR PARISH

We encourage parishioners and regular worshippers to support our Planned Giving, & help our parish.

If you wish to make a one-off donation, our parish account name is RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Orakei & our account number is 02 0108 0707737 000. Please give your name as donor and the reason for your donation..

To arrange a direct debit to the parish, just contact stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz As required under Diocesan Norms, all donations are split 33% for the support of Clergy/Bishop and 67% for Parish/Diocese activities unless donors instruct otherwise.

Standing for the Eucharistic Prayer in Orakei. Brochures explaining this are available in foyer.

Family/Whanau are the 1st Educators in Faith. go to <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz>

What about the Synod?

The Synod on Synodality was not just a meeting in Rome in October. This week the Synod Secretariat issues guidelines *Towards October 2024* for how local Churches continue the journey together exploring the question "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?". Regional opportunities for holding conversations around this theme will be held after Easter. Our diocese will be participating. For more info go to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>. Details about the sessions will be available early 2024.

Approved Dio Marriage Prep Course

Getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete, usually spread over 3 months. For more info call Gerry on **M:021 022 47442.** or email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz

Marriage & Family Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese? We are looking for couples married for 5 plus years who have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course. For more info, please contact Gerry at 360 3025 / 021 022 47442 or email gerrys@cda.org.nz

Safeguarding in the Church Our diocese offers guidance on safeguarding practices/policies. All parishioners/volunteers need to keep up to date to ensure safety. Go to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/> Visit regularly.

NGA TAPUWAE SELF - DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to participate and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or ph 021439407

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"