

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is now offered on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Mass. CLOW is for children aged 4-11 years. If you are interested in being involved with CLOW, you are welcome, please contact Lisa (pccsjo@gmail.com). Last 2023 date for CLOW: **Sun 17 Dec, 9.30 am** CLOW will then take a break till February 2024.

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>

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - **Saturday evenings** to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; **Wednesday mornings** in silent Meditation; **Wednesday evenings** to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'. We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

Catholic Diocese of Auckland Positions:

- ** **University Ministry Coordinator** - full time role
 - ** **Youth Ministry Officer** - full-time role
 - ** **Marriage and Family Life Administration Asst** - part-time 16 hrs/week
 - ** **Mt Eden Corrections Facility - Catholic Prisons Chaplaincy** - part-time, 32 hrs/week.
- For info www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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	80
1.	Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
2.	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37
Next Week	
Psalm	85
1.	Isiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2.	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8



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: pccsjo@gmail.com Co-Chairs: Lisa Filitonga & Miriam Russell
 Garth Bray Steve Koppens Anthony McBride Gwyn Ondong Shirley Theakston Alfie Uluinayau

First Sunday of Advent - 3 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Report - November 2023



"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

Pope Francie gave us these words in 2018. They are timely now.

Following the excellent and promising AGM last month, the Parish Pastoral Council met in November to help prepare for yet another successful Parish and School Mass last week and to set a course for action next year. When we are through Advent,

Christmas and the summer break, we will be asking you to indicate whether you can give a little time and energy - or a lot! - to nurture our parish, to grow it, or to help our parish reach out. Be ready!

Also, in February, as we enter the season of Lent, a new group of children will begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and first Eucharist.

If your child or a child in your wider family is over seven and is already baptised in the Catholic Church, please consider if they are ready and willing to join the group who will be gathering on those Sunday mornings after Mass, and let us know now. The programme runs a dedicated email:

sjo.sacramental@gmail.com

For all other matters, feel free to contact us via the Council email address: pccsjo@gmail.com if you wish to write to us all as one.

In hope for all that is coming, we give thanks and praise.

Lisa, Miriam, Garth, Shirley, Alfie, Steve, Gwyn, Anthony, Fr Pat

Times for Christmas Masses

Since Christmas is on Monday this year, Masses will be as follows:

Sunday Masses on Sat/Sun 23/24 December: **5.30pm Saturday Vigil** **9.30am Sunday**

(NB: NO SUNDAY EVENING 5 PM MASS on the 24th)

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

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, Wednesdays, 4.30
- 5.30pm. Call in and pray for
some/all of this time. All welcome.



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 donat-
ing, 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 Commu-
nion at home call 521 0871 or email patrickb@xtra.co.nz

Christian Care Network - Christmas Parcels

Annually during this special season
of Christmas, the Network puts to-
gether a special Christmas Meal for
Orakei families. If parishioners wish to contribute
to this, food items suggested are:

puddings, cakes, biscuits, nuts, jellies,
sweets, long-life milk or cream.
Tins of fruit, fish, meats or vegetables,
spreads eg peanut butter or marmite,
packets of chips, nibbles, dried fruits or
chocolates.

Perishable food items such as frozen chickens,
fruit and vegetables will be bought and added on
delivery day.

**A box is in the church porch for your dona-
tions.** If you prefer to contribute financially,
please place in the Christian Care Network bank
account (see above for the CCN details).
Our CCN parish representatives are
Eila O'Gorman (021 650 227) and
Agnes Gibson (021 823 343).
Thank you for your continuous support for the
Network. God bless you and your families.



Practical Support Contacts

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 Ma-
nuel Beazley, Vicar for Maori: Ma-
nuelB@cda.org.nz Piki mai, hono mai, nau
mai, haere mai.

St Joseph's School, Orakei

is taking enrolments. . Enquiries welcome.
Phone 09 521 0866
or email: principal@sjorakei.school.nz

Taize Prayer for Advent, Friday 8 Decem-
ber at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn
Ave, Mission Bay

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat
Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr
Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am –
3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by
December 7th MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au
MOB 0210710277

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 worship-
pers 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 Auck-
land 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 un-
der 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 practice available in
foyer.

Columban Calendars 2024. \$12. Please pay
via the eftpos terminal in the foyer, put \$12 in the
drop box on the foyer wall, or get change from Fr
Pat

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

NZ Catholic is no longer sold in the foyer. To
subscribe, email admin@nzcatholic.org.nz 1 yr \$73;

“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam”

Approved Dio Marriage Prep Course

Getting married? Please book your Diocesan Mar-
riage Preparation course here: [https://
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-
courses/](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 be-
come 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 pa-
rishioners/volunteers need to keep up to date to en-
sure safety. Go to [https://www.aucklandcatholic.
org.nz/services/safeguarding/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/) Visit regularly.

NGA TAPUWAE SELF - DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Ta-
puwae – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024.
Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be at-
tended 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 anniver-
sary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January.
All are welcome to participate and learn
more of our Catholic heritage. You can ex-
perience 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