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**IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST?  
 TIME TO LET US KNOW BY EMAIL TO:  
[sjo.sacramental@gmail.com](mailto:sjo.sacramental@gmail.com)**

We will soon begin the programme for children who will prepare to receive the Sacraments, starting **Sunday 18 February at 10.45am** after the 9.30am Mass here at St Joseph's, Ōrakei. The programme runs at the same times over Sundays in February, March, May and June, with breaks for Easter, school holidays and public holidays.

**Reconciliation 18 February - 10 March**  
**Confirmation 5 - 19 May**  
**Eucharist 26 May - 23 June**

Those **dates in bold** are when a special Reconciliation rite and a special Mass for Confirmation and Eucharist will be held.

If your child is seven or over, ready to take this step and already baptised or formally received into the Catholic Church, please contact the programme leaders this weekend, so we can provide the form you need to complete the registration in advance.

Please email [sjo.sacramental@gmail.com](mailto:sjo.sacramental@gmail.com) with your child's name, age and your contact details, as well as any questions you have.

We are also keen to welcome a couple of extra pairs of hands, eyes and ears during classes - no teaching experience necessary.

Could you join Melissa, Naumai and Garth to help?

If so, please also email us at [sjo.sacramental@gmail.com](mailto:sjo.sacramental@gmail.com) with your details.

***Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday 4 February, 9.30am Mass***

#### USUAL MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	5.30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday	9.30 am & 5.00 pm
	<b>Weekday Masses</b>
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
	<b>Reconciliation</b>
Saturday	9.30 -10 am & 5.00 - 5.25 pm (or by appt)

#### SUNDAY READINGS

##### THIS WEEK

Psalm	95
1.	Deuteronomy 15:18-20
2.	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28



##### Next Week

Psalm	147
1.	Job 7:1-4,6-7
2.	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

*Welcome to St Joseph's*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- 28 January 2024**

**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.**

***Happy New Year, everybody!***

I hope the year has started well for you, and you are settling into 2024. I wonder what this year will bring? We often ask ourselves: will it be better or worse than the last? Whatever the answer, 2024 will be different, because change is part of life.

Change is already upon us; we have a new government. Other changes? New schools, jobs, projects? Family members leaving home? Falling in love?

In the midst of change people may look to the Church, or their faith, to remain constant, reassuring, especially when change is unsettling. But there, also, things change, except, that is, for Christ - Christ, yesterday and today, the Alpha and the Omega, the "still point of a turning world". Christ may remain constant but our relationship with him is meant to change, to grow deeper, stronger, more loving. A question for all of us this year is this: Are we ready to respond to what the Lord asks of us in our Christian lives, to "step out in faith"?

Who knows how Christ will speak to us this year? He is always faithful and loving, but what will he ask of us? We pray today that we will hear his voice speaking, as today's Gospel says, "with authority". We may hear his voice in the silence of our own prayer or conscience, or in the life of the Church. It may be heard in the leadership of Pope Francis, or Bishop Steve, or in the invitation of our parish leadership. Our Parish Pastoral Council is keen to build up our community of faith this year.

I encourage you all to respond to their invitation, and joyfully "step out in faith", putting the Lord's call into practice.

God bless you all. Fr Pat

***"Let Your Light Shine"! (Matt 5:16)***

After the challenges of Covid our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is keen to invite you all to respond to their invitation to "let your light shine" here at St Joseph's.

In coming weeks the PPC will explain what they have in mind, leading up to "Sign-Up Sunday" on 18 February. We encourage you to think about how you would like to participate in St Joseph's parish.

**PLEASE NOTE: MASSES THIS WEEK; Mon 9am; Tues 6pm; Fri 6pm; Sat 9am**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, begins again on Wednesday 7 February 2024, 4.30—5.30pm**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:patrickb@xtra.co.nz)

**A conversation with Monsignor Tomáš Halík. Help my Unbelief! How can we find the “Galilee of Today?”** Ordained secretly as an underground priest, Tomáš Halík is now theologian at Charles University Prague. Come and listen to Mons Halík. St Columba Centre 5 February 2024 7.30pm. Followed by supper. Please RSVP Fr Merv Duffy [m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz) by 2 February.

### **WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA**

All are welcome to celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For more information email [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

### **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
<b>For Help with Food: see Christian Care Network or Vinnies Auckland, Onehunga:</b>	<b>815 6122</b>
	<b>or 0800 680 090</b>
<b>Work and Income:</b>	<b>0800 559 00</b>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.faihtjourney.co.nz>

### **What about the Synod?**

The Synod on Synodality wasn’t just a meeting last October. We now have guidelines, *Towards October 2024*, for how local Churches can 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. Go to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>. More details about the sessions soon.



**Catholic Women’s League Mass and Picnic,** Wed 28 Feb, 10.30am. All welcome. More details next week.

**“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam”**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Year of Prayer** Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/> to be updated regularly particularly as resources become available through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

