

01st NOVEMBER 2026

ALL SAINTS

REFLECTION

The Feast of All Saints originated in the East early in the fifth century as a commemoration of all martyrs. It has been in the Roman calendar since the eighth century.

Very many saints are named in the liturgical calendar, some well known. But of course, those admitted to God's kingdom include many millions more whose names have been forgotten.

This Feast celebrates them all.

One of our Eucharistic Prayers celebrates it well when it looks forward to the day when we stand in God's presence, *'saints among the saints in the halls of heaven, with the Blessed Virgin Mary the blessed apostles and all the saints, and with our deceased brothers and sisters whom we commend to Your mercy'*.

All Saints Day is a summons, a call, a challenge to everyone of us who is here. It gives us the simple but reassuring fact that nobody is born a *Saint*.

A *Saint* is something you have to become.

All Saints Day beckons us to something beautiful. It reminds us of our great potential - the promise that lies within each of us - the promise of holiness. It is God's promise that has already been fulfilled in the countless people we venerate this day, who are meant to be our models, our companions, our inspiration our guides, all the *Saints*.

They give us blessed hope, because they assure us again and again that no one is born a *Saint*, but everyone of us, by the grace of God, can become one.

Is your definition of a *Saint* a nice person who abides by all the rules? Francis of Assisi bears the title of *Saint* but, according to Mark Galli, in an article in *Christianity Today*, Francis wasn't always a nice guy to be around. For example, he had a thing about money: his friars were not to touch it. And he did not mean the, "You can touch money, but just don't let it grip your heart," stuff.

One day a worshiper at the Church of St Mary of the Portiuncula, Francis's headquarters, left a coin as an offering at the base of the sanctuary cross.

This was a common offering of gratitude to God in that day, but when one of Francis' friars saw it he tossed it over to a window sill. When Francis

learned that he had touched the money he rebuked and upbraided him and commanded him to lift the money with his lips and find a pile of donkey dung outside and with his lips place the coin in the dung pile, was that nice? How could a *Saint* be so nasty?

Consider *Saint Margaret of Cortona*. As a teenager, she was the mistress of a young nobleman. She lived with him for nine years, even had a son with him, hoping that, at some point, her lover would marry her. He never did. When he was finally murdered, the shock caused Margaret to re-evaluate her life. She went on to take vows as a Franciscan. Her son also joined the order. She was canonized in 1728.

Saints are not born anyone can become a *Saint*! It is God's promise that has already been fulfilled.

extracts from writings of Fr Anthony Kadvil

PARKING AT CHURCH!

Please be advised that there will be major building works at school and this will greatly affect parking for Mass. We are currently assessing solutions to make things as easy as possible for you. Soon we will have instructions and diagrams of where church parking will be. We ask your cooperation and that you leave close to church parking for the less mobile, elderly, and families with small children. Watch this space for up-dates

GIRL TIME!

Invitation to all ladies to join us in the Foley Centre **this Monday 2nd November** from 10am as we explore topics that resonate with our lives and faith. Fellowship and fun. A light lunch will be provided. ALL WELCOME!

ANGEL TREE!

Christmas is fast approaching, we will need a volunteer or two to assist with cutting out angels and making sure that they are placed on the tree so parishioners can select an angel, buy an appropriate gift, & return. De Paul House will distribute gifts to those in need. More info.

office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

ON SALE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Claretian Bible Diaries for 2027

only \$20.00 - also

St Columban Art Calendars

only \$12.00

both make wonderful gifts!

INVITATION!

Our Parish Thursday morning Scripture Reflections continue in the Foley Centre from 10.15 to 11.30am ALL WELCOME!

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

If your child has been baptised, attends a non-Catholic school and would like to know more about their faith, these classes provide an opportunity for them to do so.

The classes are a requirement for those children wishing to register for the Sacramental Programme next year!

Classes are on Sunday mornings enq. childrensformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

NEW ROSTERS

New weekend rosters have been emailed out to you. The rosters go from next weekend through to 20th December, then from February through to 13/14th March. There is no set roster from Christmas through January though we do need to roster a Mass Coordinator, Projectionist & Minister of the Word for each Mass. If you are a minister in these categories please think about which Mass you can volunteer for during the December January period and let the office know so that we can make a roster for you. Ministers of Holy Communion/Altar Servers will be asked to volunteer at which ever Mass you attend. office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

INVITATION TO - ANNUAL PARISH DAY RETREAT 21 NOVEMBER 2026

If you are involved in any of the Church Ministries, such as Minister of Holy Communion, the Word, Communion to the sick/elderly, Music, Projection, Care of Church linen, Hospitality, Catechist, Faith formation etc. etc. this is the day for you, we would love to see you there. Local venue, To cover all costs including morning & afternoon tea and Lunch \$40 pp. Please register by emailing the parish office office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS HELP!

Recently retired? Have some spare time? or simply want to make a difference in your local community? We'd love to welcome a few more friendly volunteers to our Takapuna Store on Saturdays or Wednesdays. We're especially grateful for the support already provided by volunteers from St Joseph's and St Mary's, and there is room for more helping hands. St Vincent de Paul profits go back into supporting the local community. If you can support us once a month/fortnight or weekly your time would be greatly appreciated. Pop into **25 Barry's Pont Road, Takapuna** for a chat or contact takapuna.vinnies@gmail.com

ON GOING REQUEST FOR FOOD/CARE PRODUCTS FOR DE PAUL HOUSE!

First a BIG Thank You to those who regularly bring something along every weekend - everything helps!

De Paul House needs an ongoing supply of food and especially personal and household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand-wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, etc. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish & meat, coconut milk & cream jam, vegemite, milk powder, longlife milk.

Every contribution makes a difference.

If you want to run a food drive, contact Lesley

Farmerlesley@depaulhouse.org.nz

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Help us strengthen a culture where everyone is welcomed, heard, respected and protected. more info. contact the parish office.

THE ROSARY

A devotion with an uncertain origin - Pat McCarthy www.studyjoy.nz/2026/10/04/the-rosary-is-a-devotion-with-an-uncertain-origin/



ST MARY'S NORTHCOTE PARISH AUCKLAND

To register, Pledge for your Planned Giving, get our newsletter online, or update your address and contact details: Please go to our Web site!

Don't hesitate to contact us if you need help
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

RED NOVEMBER 2026 - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED
THE DIOCESE PLANS TO LIGHT THE POMPALLIER CENTRE RED IN
VISUAL SUPPORT OF RED NOVEMBER THROUGHT NOVEMBER
THEY WILL ALSO CELEBRATE RED WEDNESDAY MASS AT THE
CENTRE ON 18 NOVEMBER. DETAILS TO BE ADVISED.



NOT FORGOTTEN AROUND THE WORLD
CHRISTIANS FACE VIOLENCE, IMPRISONMENT
AND PERSECUTION FOR THEIR FAITH. THIS
NOVEMBER JOIN US IN PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY.
DONATIONS OPEN NOW. REDNOVEMBER.ORG

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT

As the General Election nears, Catholics are encouraged to read the bishops' 2026 election statement, *Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens*. It invites Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops urge people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country. Access the election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBC Election26>

CHURCH CLEANING - 7 Nov. Kimberley G

ALTAR LINEN - 01 Nov. Prisca T

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE - CAROLS AND MARKETS

Saturday 14 Nov. from 4.30 to 8.30pm, Carme College, 108 Shakespeare Rd. Milford. A wonderful variety of market stalls with gifts for all ages. local arts & crafts, face painting & balloons for the kids, food trucks outdoor tables or bring a picnic blanket, Christmas Carols and convenient pick-up and drop off zone.

MONDAY 02ND NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY

We will have Mass at 9.15am and the intention will be for those mentioned in our November Remembrance Box and all the Souls in Purgatory.

Please pray: For the elderly and frail & the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, Linda S, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L, Shannon, Owen B, Susan C, Serge, Kanya, S, Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S, Ronald B, Syrel C, Billy G, M. Angus C, Keira, Max W, David P, Yvonne S, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, James F, Lu C, Caroline C, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Anselmo S, Victoria R, Hilda P, David K, Alice C, Naja, Petros A, Jocel D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Ason N, Patrics W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Emily G, June B, John R, Patricia M, Cath S, Anne J, Patrick C, Cath S, Mike L, Aria J, Neil M, Ray & Noelene O, Sue M, Celine S, Kathleen F, Dorothy S, Francis, Mary G, Rachel W, Helen S

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY ALL SOULS DAY

READING TO BE SELECTED FROM LECTIONARY
GOSPEL TO BE SELECTED FROM LECTIONARY

TUESDAY

READING PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11 PS. 22
GOSPEL LUKE 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY ST CHARLES BORROMEO

GOSPEL PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 PS. 27
READING LUKE 14:25-33

THURSDAY

READING PHILIPPIANS 3: 3- 8 PS. 105
GOSPEL LUKE 15: 1-10

FRIDAY

READING PHILIPPIANS 3:17- 4: 1 PS. 122
GOSPEL LUKE 16: 1- 8

SATURDAY

READING PHILIPPIANS 4:10-19 PS. 112
GOSPEL LUKE 16: 9-15

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING WISDOM 6:12-16 PS. 63
2ND READING I THESS. 4:13-18
GOSPEL MATTHEW 25: 1-13

DIOCESAN NEWS

Mass for Deceased Clergy All parishioners across the Diocese warmly invited to the Annual Mass to remember & pray 3rd Nov. 11am at St Patrick's Panmure.

Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study for those already teaching in a Catholic School doing one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology in 2027. apply scholarships@cda.org.nz closes 27 November

Marriage Preparation Course. Getting married in early 2027? Don't leave it too late! The final Marriage Preparation Courses for 2026 are filling quickly! If you are planning to marry in the first half of 2027 you will need to complete your preparation this year. We encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure a place. Courses are offered at St Michael's Parish, Remuera on Saturdays 9.00am to 1.00pm and at St Luke's 9.00am to 1.30pm. If you are not in the 10.00am to 11.00am to 1.30pm, more info. & register

Alpha Ignite Registrations now open - Come and hear Clare Bell, Alpha NZ's Catholic Engagement Manager speak about how to use Alpha to ignite the parish. If you are interested in hearing more about how Alpha can work building your parish. Sat.28 Nov 11am to 3pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre Lunch provided. register at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha-ignite-2026/

Administration Assistant Wanted: Marriage & Family Life is looking for a highly capable Admin Assistant who combines excellent administrative skills with a genuine pastoral sensitivity & commitment to serving others. Part-time role of 16 Hrs, Mon. Tues. Wed and Friday 10am-2pm (some evening and weekend work) visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

St Patrick's Cathedral School Students & Friends of the Sisters of Mercy Calling all former students. Our school closed in 1979. The historic building remains at 59 Wellington St, beautifully renovated. The school was opened by Bishop Cleary in December 1926. Together with the Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebrations will be held, on site, Fri. 11 December from 5 to 7pm. All invited, please bring any school memorabilia & a plate of finger food to share. Free parking under the building RSVP by 20 Nov. to Therese at turnock@xtra.co.nz or Rosemary on 020 425 8456
Marist School, Mt Albert is celebrating its centenary next year and are looking for past pupils, staff etc to join the planning committee contact Principal at j.search@marist.school.nz

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility See noticeboard for details of the last of this years workshops.

"Blessed are the poor i spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Mathew 5: 1-12

How can I recognise my need for God in my daily life?

**PRAY MASS
SUNDAYS @2PM
SHINE TV
free to air TV Channel 25
SKY TV Channel 201**

PROLIFE FACTS

Voice for Life youth is a network of young New Zealanders passionate about promoting the value of human life and supporting unborn children and their mothers. Through events, camps, discussions, and online gatherings, members learn to connect and encourage one another while developing confidence in discussing pro-life issues.

Young people are actively involved in organising events and encouraging their peers in meaningful conversations. If you are a secondary school student who wants to deepen your understanding of pro-life issues, build leadership skills, and connect with like-minded young people, Voice for Life Youth would love to welcome you. Please go to <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/youth> to find out more.

for more prolife facts visit: rightforlife.org.nz