08th NOVEMBER 2026
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

"*Be prepared*" the motto of the Boy Scouts Association. Are we prepared? Todays Gospel and that of next week asks the question as we approach the end of the liturgical year.
In our everyday lives we all know how to prepare and get ready. If we have an appointment with the dentist, or an interview, or need to go shopping we get ready appropriately.
We know how to get ready for school or work or go to a wedding a party or a funeral, even how to relax to watch our favourite TV programme.
The gospel this week asks us to get ready and prepare at a much deeper level. We are not waiting for the kettle to boil or a bus to come, we are asked to prepare for Jesus.
To be watching and waiting for Jesus.
The question implied in the parable of the wise and foolish wedding guests, is what we are actually doing *while* we are waiting for Jesus? Are we like the ladies in the Gospel today thinking we have plenty of time to fill our lamps with oil and get them burning again? Are we sitting around with no thought or concern for ourselves and others, or are we actively living our daily lives with meaning and purpose?
How we live our daily lives really matters, it is not about getting up every morning and doing our best to get through the day.
We need to do small, but important things, to bring joy and hope to others not just ourselves. The challenge and invitation of waiting and being prepared is that we try our best to live our daily lives as followers of Jesus. This is seen in how we speak, act and how we treat others.
Waiting is not about some vague and unknown future. Being a Christian and waiting for Jesus is about how we live our daily lives, right here right now.
Being ready and being prepared for Jesus is not about sitting around in silence waiting for something to happen. Waiting is never passive. Being ready and prepared means living out the present moment to the fullest.
We are to live lives worthy of the calling and vocation that God has given to each and everyone of us. So let us get ready and be prepared with all our heart, strength and mind.
extracts from writings of fr Michael Moore OMI

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 it unwrapped. De Paul House will distribute gifts to those in need.



More info.
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz



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

URGENTLY NEEDED

One or two people who regularly attend the 5.00pm Sunday Mass to train as projectionist for this Mass please contact the office office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Next Sunday 15 November, this years theme, "*The Lord is the refuge of the poor*" (Ps.14:6), invites us to stand with those experiencing poverty, exclusion & injustice and to work for a more just world. Caritas works locally and around the world to address poverty and injustice and promote dignity.

MASS INTENTION

Sun. 10.30am in gratitude to parishioners for their help and support from Anne Brigid

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 this 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 ask 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

DE PAUL HOUSE NEEDS HELP!

For many families the cost of living has made things very difficult and at Christmas time the pressure can feel even greater. This year De Paul House will be supporting more than **525 people** over Christmas, **330 children and 195 adults!**

With your support, they can make sure Christmas brings moments of joy rather than added worry. Your donations, via our Angel Tree Appeal, will help families visit their "Santa Shop" and select toys and gifts, along with a bag of sweet treats. A simple way of giving families the dignity of choice while helping create a Christmas filled with happiness and hope.

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.

TURN AWARENESS INTO ACTION STAND WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS THIS NOVEMBER. PRAY SUPPORT ACT! REDNOVEMBER.ORG

ANNIVERSARY MASS TOTARA POINT 2027

Following the success f the last coach trip to Totara Point for the Anniversary Mass in 2024, we are excited to be putting on a coach for this coming 2027 Mass. The Coach will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and return at 6pm on Sunday 10th January 2027. A shared lunch will be provided. Seats are $29 and are limited so be in quick and register at https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/aniversary-mass-2027/

CHURCH CLEANING - 14 Nov. Kimberley G - 21 Nov. Nissa T
ALTAR LiNEN - 08 Nov.Ninette C - 15 Nov. Birgitte R

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 ock-up and drop off zone.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Cash Collection will take place after all Masses this weekend.

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 DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN			
IST READING	EZEKIEL	47: 1- 2,8-9,12	PS. 46
2ND READING	I CORINTHIANS	3: 9-11,16-17	
GOSPEL	JOHN	2:13-22	
TUESDAY ST LEO THE GREAT			
READING	TITUS	2: 1- 8,11-14	PS. 17
GOSPEL	LUKE	17: 7-10	
WEDNESDAY ST MARTIN OF TOURS			
GOSPEL	TITUS	3: 1- 7	PS. 23
READING	LUKE	17:11-19	
THURSDAY ST JOSAPHAT			
READING	PHILEMON	7 -20	PS. 146
GOSPEL	LUKE	17:20-25	
FRIDAY			
READING	II JOHN	4- 9	PS. 119A
GOSPEL	LUKE	17:26-37	
SATURDAY			
READING	II JOHN	5- 8	PS. 112
GOSPEL	LUKE	18: 1- 8	
33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME			
1ST READING	PROVERBS	31:10-13,19-20,30-31	PS. 128
2ND READING	I THESS.	5: 1- 6	
GOSPEL	MATTHEW	25:14-30	

DIOCESAN NEWS

NZ Catholic The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter NZ Catholic is now available on the diocesan website.

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

National Day of Reflection for survivors of abuse The National Day of Reflection on 12 November provides an opportunity to acknowledge and remember survivors of abuse in state and faith based care, honour those who have passed away, and recognise the courage and strength of survivors. Catholic communities are invited to mark this day through prayer, reflection and local gatherings.

Alpha Ignite Registrations now open - Come and hear Clare Bell, Alpha NZ 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

St Joseph's Orakei School & Parish Mass Celebration warmly invite families, parishioners, past pupils, staff and friends to celebrate their special relationship and give thanks for the community's history & legacy Sunday 29th November 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's parish, 16 Brenton Place Orakei. Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea after Mass

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

"But He replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you" Mathew 25: 1-13

How can I deepen my personal relationship with Jesus so that He truly knows me?

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

PROLIFE FACTS

The tiny principality of Liechtenstein has retained some of the strongest legal protections for unborn children after Hereditary Prince Alois refused assent to legislation that would have decriminalised abortion during the first twelve weeks of pregnancy.
He argued that the proposal did not adequately protect unborn life and emphasised support for women and families.
Together with his wife, Hereditary Princess Sophie, he has long advocated for mothers and children. Her foundation assists women facing difficult pregnancies. Their work reflects a commitment to protecting unborn life while providing compassionate support for women in need.
Source Right to Life News, Right to Life UK, October 26, 2026.

for more prolife information, visit:rightforlife.org.nz