15th NOVEMBER 2026
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

This Sunday is the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, and the readings not only remind us of this but also of the end of all things and the end of the preparations we need to make to reach heaven.

The main theme through all three of today's readings is the invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so at the hour of our death Our Lord will say

"Well done good and faithful servant .... Come now and share the joy of your master"
Matthew 25:20

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We should ask ourselves how are we using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society? Are we willing to share our abilities and gifts with the church and or parish? We all have different gifts and abilities and there are many areas in which we can serve at Mass and within the parish community. Coordinating, proclaiming the Word, operating the computer, being an Altar Server, cleaning, polishing, caring for church linen, floral arrangements, offering to help with church ambience, help with Children's Liturgy, hospitality, help in St Vincent de Paul Shops or at de Paul House, etc. etc.

You can always contact the parish office and see where your parish needs you.

The Gospel tells us of a rich man who entrusts very different large sums of money to three of his servants then goes away. Allowing them to best use their talents to deal with the large sums of money. After a long time he returns to see how the servants have used the money. The two with the largest amounts have done well used their talents and doubled the amounts and were rewarded. The one with the smaller amount was scared he would lose it so buried the money and did not use his talents in any way. The parable illustrates that Jesus expects us to do more than simply cling to safety, encouraging us not to be afraid so that we use our gifts. There is no one, absolutely no one who can say they have been gifted with nothing. We are all asked to make full use of our unique talents for the benefit of the community as a whole. Those who share generously will find themselves immeasurably enriched and will ensure their share in the *"joy of the Lord".*

extracts from writings of Fr Anthony Kadavil

ANGEL TREE!

Christmas is fast approaching, we will need a volunteer or two to assist with making sure that Angels 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

WORKING BEE

To ensure that the church and surrounding areas are all clean and tidy for the soon to be with us Christmas Season. **Friday evening 27th Nov. from 6 to 8pm.** Please bring gardening tools and any long armed brooms/brushes and buckets. Cleaning materials supplied. Even if you can only spend an hour to help, please come along -many hands make light work!

MASS INTENTION

Sun. 8.30am Edward Thomas RIP
Sun. 10.30am Mary Franklin RIP (Anniv.)

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAYS!

Calling all children who would like to take part in our Christmas Plays one at 6pm on Christmas Eve and one just before the 8.30am Mass on Christmas morning. Please email:
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz
with your child's name, gender and age, state which play they are available for and a contact telephone number. There are some 'talking parts' and we need angels, stars, sheep etc - a part for even the smallest actor. costumes supplied.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Our priests will be on Retreat, we welcome Fr David Dowling, from the Seminary who will celebrate the mornig 9.15am Mases for us.

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.

WHEN FAITH IS PERSECUTED, SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION. JOIN THE RED NOVEMBER MOVEMENT AND LET SUFFERING CHRISIANS KNOW THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

ANNIVERSARY MASS TOTARA POINT 2027

Following the success of 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 - 21 Nov. Nissa T - 28 Nov. Choy Family
ALTAR LINEN - 15 Nov. Birgitte R - 22 Nov. Jan S

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS

St Mary's Knights will be hosting the last gathering for the year on Friday 27th November from 6 to 8pm in the parish hall. We will be focusing on the season of Advent and Christmas! Please bring a plate to share if you are able, see you there. RSVP to Youth Leader Frankie 022 059 0852

DATE NOT TO MISS - MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY!

Sunday 21st February 2027 -CULTURAL DAY AT ST. MARY'S

PLEASE PRAY, *for Cath SLYKERMAN , long time parishioner. Her requiem MAss will be at St Mary's 11am on Tuesday 17th November MAY SHE REST IN PEACE*

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, Patrick W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Emily G, June B, John R, Patricia M, Anne J, Patrick C, Mike L, Aria J, Neil M, Ray & Noelene O, Sue M, Celine S, Kathleen F, Dorothy S, Francis, Mary G, Rachel W, Helen S, Janice G

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY			
IREADING	APOCALYPSE	1: 1- 4,2:1-5	PS. 1
GOSPEL	LUKE	18:35-43	
TUESDAY ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGRY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	3: 1- 6,14-22	PS. 15
GOSPEL	LUKE	19: 1-10	
WEDNESDAY			
GOSPEL	APOCALYPSE	4: 1-11	PS. 150
READING	LUKE	19:11-28	
THURSDAY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	5: 1-10	PS. 149
GOSPEL	LUKE	19:41-44	
FRIDAY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	10: 8-11	PS. 119P
GOSPEL	LUKE	19:45-48	
SATURDAY PRESENTATION OF MARY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	11: 4-12	PS. 144
GOSPEL	LUKE	20:27-40	
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING			
1ST READING	EZEKIEL	34:11-12,14-17	PS. 23
2ND READING	I COR.	15:20-26,28	
GOSPEL	MATTHEW	25:31-46	

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

Marist School, Mt. Albert are currently looking for a large statue of Mary to place in the school garden as part of their centenary project next year. If anyone has one and would consider donating it to the school they would be very grateful. email the Principal j.search@marist.school.nz

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/

Advent Wings.Nga Parirau Advent is coming and we are called to prepare 'the way f the Lord' in our lives. Throughout the four weeks leading to Christmas, we will celebrate anew the huge mystery of Jesus, Son of God, coming among us as a vulnerable child, join on ZOOM to meditate in silence each morning, to reflectively red together Pope Leo XIV's encyclical "Magnifice Humanitas", Wednesday evenings and each Saturday evening to prepare for the Sunday Gospels of Advent through Lectio Divina. For link contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz

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.

G.I.F.T. Special Needs Ministry Christmas Mass Sun. 6 Dec. 4pm at Good Shepherd Church = shared meal after Mass

"Master, he said, 'You entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'" Mathew 25:14-30

How can I use my talents to make a positive difference in my family, community & church?

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

PROLIFE FACTS

The pro-life movement is sometimes perceived simply as being "against abortion" or "against euthanasia". In reality, being pro-life is about respecting all human life, and providing care and support for people when life is difficult.

It means supporting women facing unexpected pregnancies, walking alongside those facing terminal illness, and helping those carrying grief after an abortion.

Being pro-life is a commitment to ensuring that every person knows they are valued, supported and never alone. In New Zealand, many individuals and organisations have made that commitment.

For a list of organisations that can help, please visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz/crisis-support

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