22nd NOVEMBER 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
UNIVERSAL KING
REFLECTION

The first reading this Sunday presents God as a Shepherd, reminding us of Christ's claim to be the true Shepherd and the psalm serves as our act of Faith, trusting Love, and grateful thanksgiving offered to Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd. In the second reading St Paul introduces Christ as the all-powerful Ruler who raises the dead and to whom every other power and authority must eventually give way. The Gospel presents Christ the King coming in heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Matthew adds a new dimension to the risen Jesus' presence in the Christian community. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our Good Shepherd, leading, feeding and healing His sheep but also dwelling in those for whom we care. In the parable of the separation of sheep from goats at the last judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves in loving service, *"hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison",* is revealed to us as having been the risen Jesus. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have loved and served this risen Jesus in the needy.

Jesus s a unique King with a unique Kingdom. Jesus Christ still lives as King in thousands of human hearts all over the world. The cross His throne and the Sermon on the Mount is His rule of law. His citizens need obey only one Law *"Love one another as I have loved you"* (Jn.15:12) His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. That is why the Preface in todays Mass describes Jesus' Kingdom as *"a Kingdom of Justice, love and peace.".*

He is a King with a saving liberating mission: to free mankind from all types of bondage, so that we may live peacefully and happily on earth and inherit Eternal Life in Heaven, His rule consist of seeking the lost, offering salvation to those who call out to Him and making friends of enemies.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church Year. It is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great Feast, let us resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives and to obey His commandment of love by sharing our blessings with all God's needy children. Let us conclude the Church Year by asking the Lord to help us to serve the King of Kings as He presents Himself in those reaching out to us. *"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His Blood and made us a Kingdom, priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen*

extracts from writings of Fr Anthony Kadavil

NURTURING OUR FAITH!
Last session for 2026 Monday 23rd November 7pm to 8.30pm venue Foley Centre.
Topic "Why we pray the Rosary"
ALL WELCOME!

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. UP DATES SOON!

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!

MASS INTENTION
Sat. 5.30pm Good Health & Wellbeing of Sophy Dsouza **Sun. 8.30am** Teresita Nicholas RIP, **10.30am** Thomas & Annam Varghese (34th **Wedding Anniv.)**

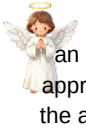
ON SALE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE
Claretian Bible Diaries for 2027
only $20.00 - also
St Columban Art Calendars
only $12.00
both make wonderful gifts!

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

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE CLASSES
10.15 TO 11.30AM - in the Foley Centre
all welcome!

GIRL TIME!
Ladies you are invited to join us for a Girl Time meeting as we explore topics that resonate with our lives and faith. Monday 7th December at 10.15am - A light lunch will be supplied venue the Foley Centre. Come and join us for the last meeting for 2026!
ALL WELCOME

ANGEL TREE


will be up next week, please take an angel and buy a gift or gift card appropriate to the age and gender of the angel. Return it unwrapped to us and we will pass Gifts/gift cards to De Paul House to disribute to those less fortunate than ourselves - PLEASE help bring joy to someone's Christmas!


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.

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.

JOSHUA MENS FELLOWSHIP
25TH Nov. at St Thomas More Glenfield 7pm
Open to all men, final meeting for 2026!
ALL WELCOME

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

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 - 28 Nov. Choy Family 05 Dec. Tofu & Malia O

ALTAR LINEN - 22 Nov. Jan S 29 Nov. Fleur B

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS

This week 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, the kids are invited to dress up in Christmas attire, prizes available! 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

NEW LIFE FOR THE CONSISTENT ETHIC: POPE LEO XIV'S GLOBAL ETHIC OF SOLIDARITY

Mon, 7 Dec. 7pm Te Kupenga, 40 Vermont St. Ponsonby. Lecture with Dr. Millies as he reflects on Vatican II's call to read the sign of the times. register www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lecture-consistent-ethic/

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	14: 1- 5	PS. 24
GOSPEL	LUKE	21: 1- 4	
TUESDAY ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPS.			
READING	APOCALYPSE	14:14-19	PS. 96
GOSPEL	LUKE	21: 5- 1	
WEDNESDAY			
GOSPEL	APOCALYPSE	15: 1- 4	PS. 98
READING	LUKE	19:11-28	
THURSDAY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	18: 1- 2,21-23:18:1-3,9	PS. 100
GOSPEL	LUKE	21:20-28	
FRIDAY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	20: 1- 4,11-21: 2	PS. 84
GOSPEL	LUKE	19:45-48	
SATURDAY			
READING	APOCALYPSE	22: 1- 7	PS. 94
GOSPEL	LUKE	21:34-36	
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
1ST READING	ISAIAH	63:16-17,64: 1,3-8	PS. 23
2ND READING	I COR.	1: 3- 9	
GOSPEL	MARK	13:33-37	

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

Jubilee Bursary for Theological & Religious Education Applications invited for Semester 1 2027. Applications close 11 December. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The Bursary is a contribution towards Tertiary Study for Theology and RE Courses Degree or Post Grad Level. Info and application contact scholarships@cda.org.nz

Advent Wings.Nga Parirau Advent is coming and we are called to prepare 'the way of 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

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

Catholic Education Services is seeking an experienced and enthusiastic *Executive Assistant/Office Administrator* to support the Director and Deputy Director of Education and contribute to the effective operation of Catholic education across the Diocese. more info & to apply visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Mathew 25:31-36

Who around me might need a itttle kindness, compassion or support?

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

PROLIFE FACTS

Rite to Life New Zealand focuses on advocacy, education and public accountability, seeking to protect human life from conception until natural death. The organisation promotes laws that respect human life and challenges legislation it believes threatens vulnerable people.

Through submissions, legal action, engagement with politicians and Official Information Act requests, it seeks to hold governments and public agencies accountable. Rite to Life also educates the public through media releases, publications. advertising campaigns and social media. Working alongside other pro-life groups, it supports women facing unplanned pregnancies and participates in public events, marches and prayer vigils.

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