

The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

19th | 20th July 2025



1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15 He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha works, Mary listens

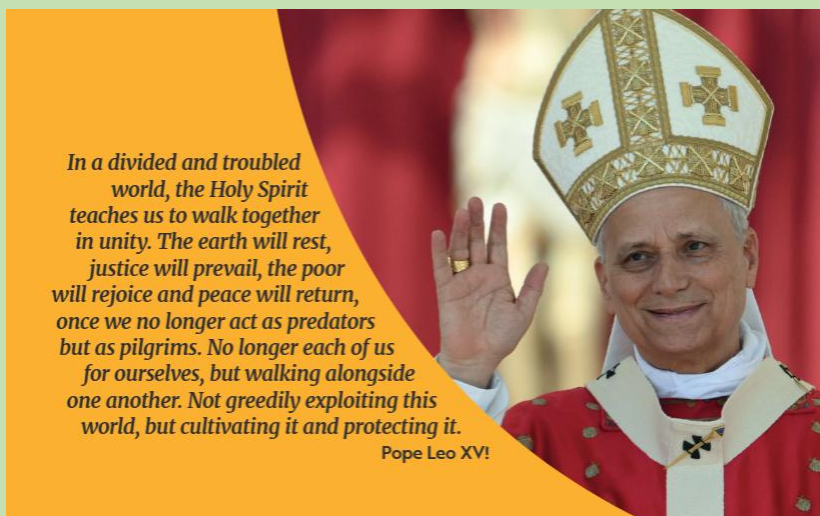
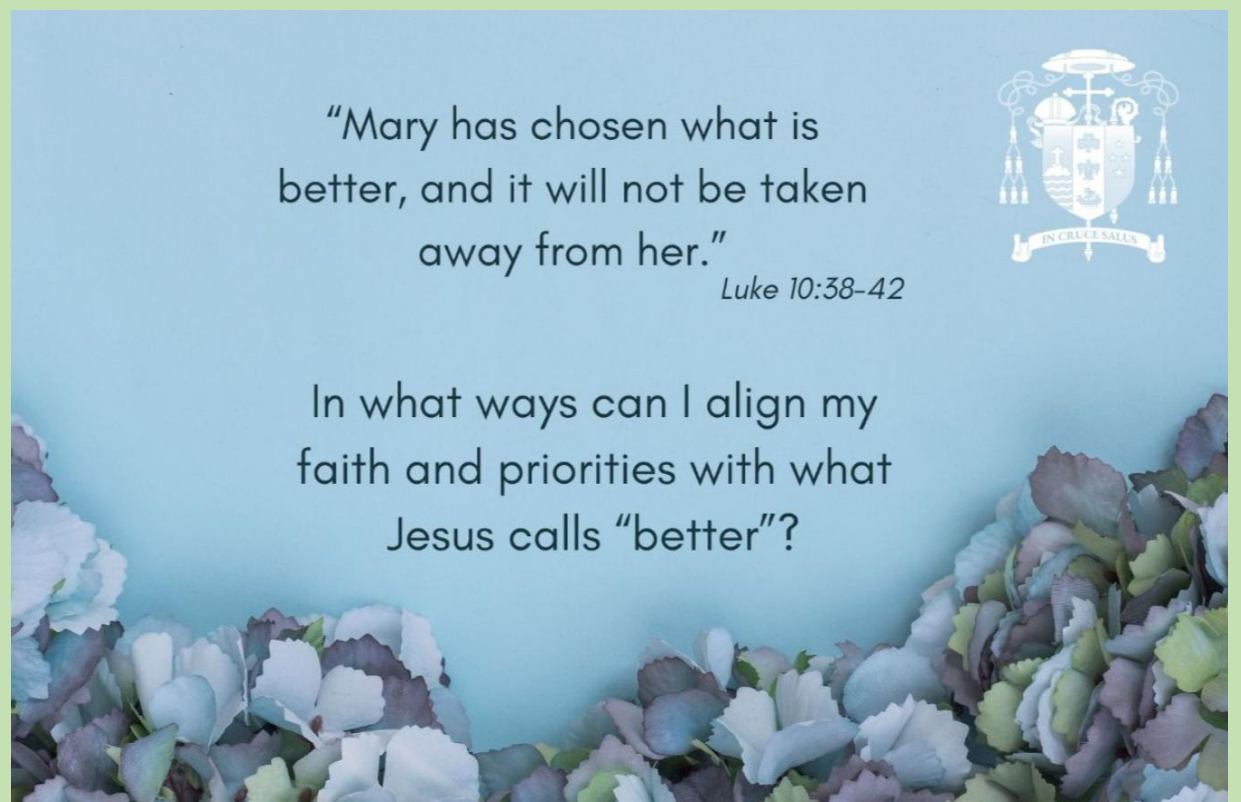
Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



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Am I allowing my tasks and responsibilities to overshadow my relationship with Christ?

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.



Mass Time

Sunday: 9 am & 5:30 pm
 Monday: No Mass
 Tuesday: 7 pm
 Wednesday: 7 pm
(Reconciliation at 6:30 pm - 6:50 pm)
 Thursday: No Mass
 Friday: 10 am
 Saturday: 9 am & 5:30 pm
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession: 8:00 am to 8:50 am)

Office Hours: Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9 am to 2 pm

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Parish Collection last Weekend

12 | 13 July 2025

Parish Collection: \$ 1,226.50

Account Name: **ST JOHN VIANNEY HILLSBOROUGH**
 Account #: **02-0108-0707833-000**
 Code: **Your Name (complete name)**
 Reference: **Offering**
 Particulars: **Donation**

*"No one has ever become poor from giving."
 Anne Frank*

Saturday 5:30 pm Roster July 2025

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Flower Roster
5 7	Maddy & Claudia Cachay, Hector DeSouza	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Gammy	TBA	John & Tusi Smith
12 7	Clementine Rodrigues, Abyeryl &Brydon Dsouza Rozario	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Trevor	TBA	
19 7	Arca Fernandes, Janice Cruz and Julih Tan	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Marina and Paul	TBA	Seti Sevele
26 7	Anaida, Adora & Arlene Sequera	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Melroy	TBA	

Sunday 9 am Mass Roster June 2025

Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
6 7	San Pedro Calungsod Visaya Community	Jeanette and Dexter Dioquino Donna Dioquino	San Pedro Calungsod Visaya Community	Robyn and Paul	San Pedro Calungsod	TBA	Dale and Arlene
13 7	Samoan Community	Cecilia Smith Grace Foloai Faith Foloai	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma,	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Friz	TBA	Ralph Lautua
20 7	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Royston D’Lima Harry Lowe Wilma Pinto	Maureen Lowe, Lukanne Lowe, Anil Mathew, Lucia Saldanha	Pinto Family Choir	Ashley	TBA	Sunil and Royston
27 7	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Jeremy Ruanne Alise Sevele Angscar Palle	Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele	Rowena and Joel	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sunday 5:30 pm Mass June 2025

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Flower Roster
6 7	Holy Angels	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Holy Angels	Tusi & John Smith
12 7	Family Mass (Ash & Abi Suares Family)	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza, Sarah McAlpine, Marie LangSiu	TBA	TBA	Cielo and Abe Group	
20 7	Couple for Christ	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Couples for Christ (June, Aug, Oct, Dec)	Seti Sevele
27 7	Diana Gomes, Leonora Fisk, Jesty Chettair	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Aaron Fisk	



Important Safety Notice: Last Thursday, 26 June, between 11:20 and 11:40 am, a car parked in front of the church was broken into, and valuable belongings were stolen from the vehicle. For your safety and the security of your belongings, please ensure that you lock your car at all times and do not leave any valuable items visible inside your vehicle when you come to pray or attend parish activities. Let us remain vigilant and care for one another by taking these simple precautions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Safeguarding Commitment

The Diocese of Auckland and St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough have a zero tolerance for all the abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk is paramount.





What happened at St Mary's Catholic Church last Tuesday morning is deeply saddening. Many of us have learned about it through the news, and it serves as a powerful reminder to remain vigilant and not grow complacent when it comes to safety.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Fr Andrew Matthew and all the parishioners of St Mary's in Avondale during this difficult time. As a faith community, we stand with them in solidarity and ask God to bring them comfort, healing, and peace.

In light of this event, some parishioners have raised concerns about enhancing our own security—specifically the possibility of installing a gate. I'll be honest: I've been hesitant in the past, mainly because I've always wanted our church to reflect the open, welcoming spirit that defines who we are.

However, the incident at St Mary's has made me reflect more seriously on the safety of our parishioners, our church, and even myself. Our mission to be a welcoming community remains unchanged. Installing a gate will not compromise our identity or our commitment to hospitality—it will simply help ensure that our space remains safe and secure for all.

Together with the Finance Committee, we are now seeking quotes for a gate similar to the one currently in use at the school.

ST JOSEPH'S HĀWERA - 150 YEARS.

St Joseph's Parish & School, Hāwera, will be celebrating 150 years over Labour Weekend, 24–26 October 2025. All past and present members of the parish and school community are invited to participate in the Jubilee celebrations. Registration Forms & Event Calendar are available at www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz. For further details email: stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com. The latest edition of Jubilee Jottings is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/JJ-APRIL-2025.pdf> find ideas for celebrating Jubilee in homes and faith communities as well as information about upcoming Jubilee diocesan events.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Please visit the link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

St Marys College Auckland 175th Jubilee Celebrations Labour Weekend (Friday 24th - Sunday 26th October) 2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ and founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers and friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours and displays, and a family picnic and Mass at the school.

On Saturday 25th October, the Gala Jubilee Dinner will be held at the RNZ Yacht Squadron. For more information about the Jubilee events please contact pastpupilstmarys@gmail.com

Caring Sunday – special collection for the Caring Foundation Sunday the 20th of July

For Caring Sunday, the 20th of July, please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped.

A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

To make your donation, please scan the QR code, use a donation card, donate through their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz, use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname and initials and 'Caring' as references.

You can also donate directly into our parish bank account with your pledge number and 'Caring' as reference.

THE CATHOLIC caring FOUNDATION
Caring for Families, Caring for Communities

Caring Foundation's ANNUAL APPEAL

Donate today!

www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Support our brothers and sisters in need this winter!

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 30 July. Every year, about 50 million people world-wide become victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. This World Day is observed to raise awareness, encourage action, and promote the protection of victims. 'On any given day in NZ, there are 8,000 individuals living in modern slavery.' (Forced labour; forced marriages; sexual exploitation) Global Slavery Index 2023. What can you do a. Write to Members of Parliament and encourage them to support The Modern Reporting Bill which is currently before parliament. b. Share with others your awareness of modern slavery. Google 'Trafficking and Modern Slavery in New Zealand'. Support anti-trafficking organizations such as Caritas NZ; Tearfund; Hagar NZ.

Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 31st October 6pm to Sunday 2nd November 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

PROLIFE FACTS: The Australian Christian news outlet Daily Declaration features a personal story from an American student who, upon finding out she was pregnant, had decided to take the abortion pill. However, she was persuaded to look at Open Adoption and she instead chose life for her baby. She writes: “My daughter will be turning two in August, and while my life doesn’t look how I envisioned it at all, I am so thankful for how the Lord came and got me. He truly turned beauty from ashes. Yet despite the challenges — and yes, there have been hard days — I have never once regretted my decision. Open Adoption is beautiful and courageous choice for mothers facing unexpected pregnancies offering their babies a chance at a full and loving life.” In New Zealand there is the group Open Adoption: The Gift of Love and their website is: OpenAdoption.org.nz For more pro- life information, please visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

A Pilgrimage to Rome with Beate Matthies


Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 7-8.30pm, St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/a-pilgrimage-to-rome-2/>

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2-11 2026! Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.




Martin & Katharina Luther

Luther's Wedding

13 June 1525 marks five hundred years since the marriage of Martin Luther, an Augustinian friar, and Katharina von Bora, a Cistercian nun. Their wedding turned over a millennium of Christian teaching on its head. Before this, Christian thinkers had treated marriage as a commendable but second-rate form of Christian discipleship. For centuries, celibacy had been promoted as the ideal, and for three centuries it had been mandatory for Western Christian clergy. Luther wasn't the first Protestant leader to get married, but his enthusiastic endorsement of marriage moved family life to the centre of Protestant Christianity. At first, Catholics resisted, but over time the Reformation nudged Catholicism towards a new emphasis on marriage and the family.

Dr Nicholas Thompson is a Senior Lecturer for Theological and Religious Studies at the University of Auckland.



Monday, 28 July 2025, 7-8.30pm per ZOOM
Koha / Donation

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope | Saturday 2nd August 10am – 8:30pm

Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)!

Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and a huge celebration of our Catholic faith.

Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

Theology of the Body Courses


Young Adult Book Study on Dr Mary Healy's 'Men and Women are from Eden' - Wed evenings starting 3 September 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz


Catholic Young Adults Ball | Saturday 13 September 7pm-11pm


By popular demand, we are thrilled to bring back The Young Adults Ball 2025! With a dash of Gatsby glamour, the theme for this year is 'THE ROARING TWENTIES'.


- Earlybird tickets: \$110 (until July 20th)
- Standard tickets: \$130 (until August 31st or sold out)
- 18+ event

Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/young-adults-ball>










WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND
2ND OF AUGUST | 10 AM - 8:30PM
VICTORY CONVENTION CENTRE



Parish Roll & Planned Giving Programme

Welcome to our visitors and new parishioners. If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving Programme, please feel free to complete this form and place it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish office.

Any questions or comments please contact the office.

Please indicate:

☐ I wish to be listed on the parish roll.

☐ I wish to contribute to the parish on a one-off donation (please contact the office for the parish account.

☐ I wish to make a bequest to St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough

☐ I wish to use the automatic payment system.

☐ I wish to use the envelope system.

Name: _____

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