

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th | 27th July 2025

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138 Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



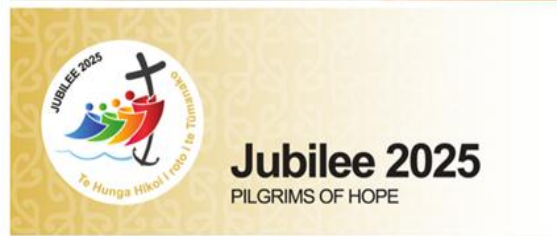
"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

When I pray, do I ask for things that align with God's heart—or just what I think will make me happy?

Am I willing to accept a "no" or a "not yet" from God, trusting that He sees the bigger picture?

How often do I ask God for wisdom, peace, or patience—rather than just a change in my circumstances?

Do my prayers reflect trust in a loving relationship, or are they more like a transaction?



YOU ANSWERED ME. From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn much about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants Us to be.

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it.

Pope Leo XVI



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

19 | 20 July 2025

Parish Collection: \$ 1,194.20

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 Suarez 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	

Celebrating the Feast of St. John Vianney – August 3rd; Honouring Our Beloved Former Parish Priest

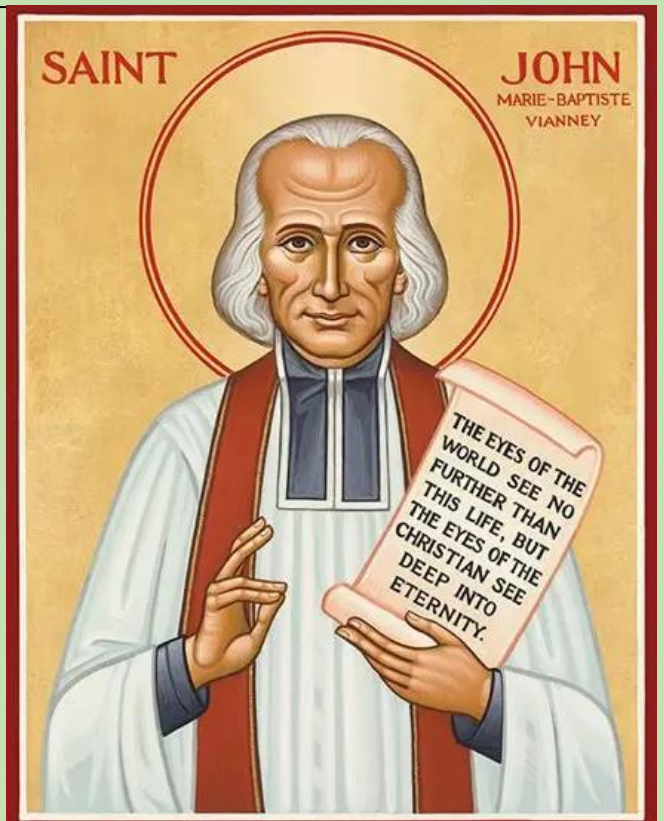
Next week, on August 3rd, we joyfully celebrate the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. On this special occasion, we take a moment to honour and express our heartfelt gratitude to FR. James Mulligan, our former parish priest, who faithfully served the St. John Vianney Parish community with dedication, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Through his ministry, he mirrored the spirit of St. John Vianney—guiding us in faith, strengthening our community, and touching lives with pastoral care and prayerful leadership. We are thankful for the many ways he helped deepen our connection to Christ and one another.

Let us continue to keep him in our prayers and ask for the intercession of St. John Vianney to bless all parish priests with wisdom, courage, and joy in their vocation. Let us come together as a community to mark this special occasion with a shared meal and fellowship after Mass. We invite everyone to bring along food and drinks to share with fellow parishioners.

- 📍 Where: Parish Hall
- 🕒 When: After Mass on the Feast Day
- 🍽️ What to bring: A dish, snack, or drink to contribute

Let's celebrate our parish feast with gratitude, unity, and joy!



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.





This week I had the opportunity to meet with the Finance Committee regarding the proposed installation of a gate for our parish property. I would like to sincerely thank all those who have shared their concerns and suggestions regarding the safety and security of our grounds.

Unfortunately, during the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, July 19, 2025, there were two car break-ins reported. While the incidents were reported to the police, there has been no investigation so far. This reminds us that we need to take responsibility for our own safety and security. One suggestion was to keep reporting all incidents and maintain a log for future reference.

Several parishioners have also recommended the installation of additional security cameras around the property, which we are seriously considering.

While we come to Mass to pray and offer our sacrifices and thanksgiving, we are not immune to the unfortunate reality of crime. Let us pray for those who commit these acts, that their hearts may be changed. To help with security during Mass, I would like to invite volunteers to help patrol the area in pairs during Mass times. A roster will be placed in the foyer—please write your name and indicate which part of the Mass you are available to help with. Kindly arrive 10 minutes before Mass for a quick briefing.

Regarding the gate: While it may not fully prevent break-ins, we hope it will deter arson and possibly reduce the risk of burglaries. We are currently waiting for quotes from several suppliers.

The Finance Committee is carefully considering where best to install the gate, and we believe the most effective location is near the main entrance on the street side for better visibility. There will be two gates: one for pedestrian access and another for vehicles. We would appreciate it if you could email us your suggestions for appropriate opening and closing times.

Lastly, we would love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, and any feedback on how we can improve the safety of our parish community. Please let us know if you feel we are heading in the right direction.

Thank you very much for your continued support and care for our parish.

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.

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 pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com

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: ON July 15th, the annual report on Assisted Dying by the Ministry of Health Registrar was released. The results show that while there has been a 27.8 percent increase in applications for the “service”, the workforce overseeing its outworking is diminishing. There was a 14.86% decrease in healthcare practitioners involved in assisted dying, from 148 last year, to 126 this year. “It’s not a surprise that healthcare professionals are pulling away from the hideous act of killing patients they have sworn to protect, ” says Voice for Life National President Lydia Posthuma. “The vast majority of healthcare professionals, in particular those in palliative care, believe whole - heartedly that euthanasia is a horrific act that goes against the very foundation of their caring vocation and to their credit refuse to participate,” Posthuma is referring to the thousands of health professionals who signed petitions and submitted feedback resisting the End-of-Life Choice legislation as it was pushed through Parliament in 2021.

For more pro - life information, please visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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>




Maisie Angela’s Baptism,
26th July 2025. "May God’s light shine down upon you and guide you throughout your life. Blessings on your baptism day!"




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>




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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: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Physical Address: _____

Email Address: _____