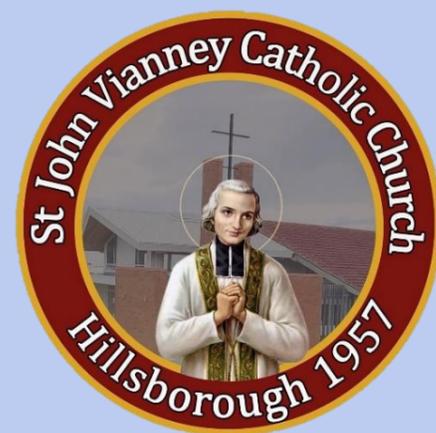


The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

# St John Vianney

## 317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042



### 1st Sunday of Lent 2026 Year A

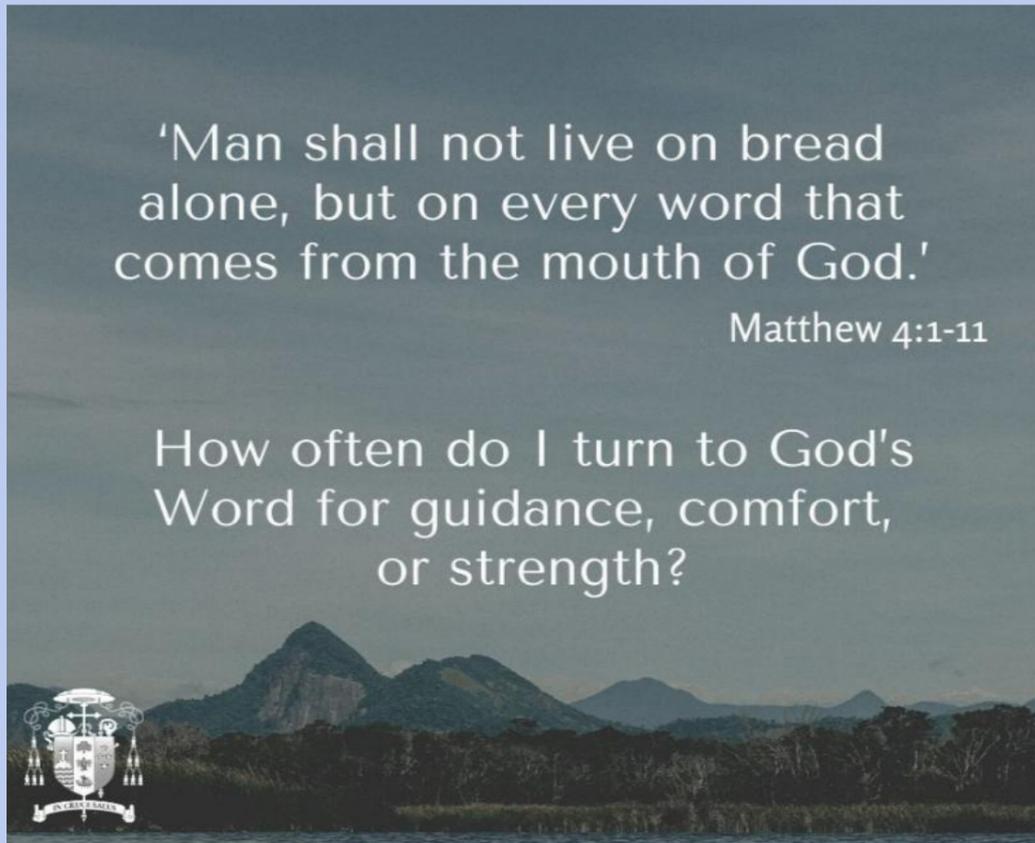
21<sup>st</sup> | 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7  
**Psalm 102:** Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:12-19  
**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.



**A TIME OF PREPARATION.** The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 409

We have 27 candidates officially enrolled in our Year Sacramental Program this year 2026. We ask that you keep them, their families, and their catechists in your prayers.

JACOB CODDINGTON-ROBERTS, JONNA MAE S. JAMISOLA, FAITH PRISCILLA BLAKE, MARKO BLAKE, RAMJ GODFREY ROMA, ORIEL JR. A. CAMORO, KIARA ANN RODRIGUES, MOETU NEHEMIAH, TU'INIUA FUSITU'A, SUZY PARK, ISABELLA MARINO-LEVRAT, SEUNG YEON KIM, YUHAN REPUELA, CANDICE ANIKA CADORNA MANDECOTE, CARTER VINCENT ERIC BULLEN, SASIKHA ANNE, CAMERON PETER FAIR, LOUIE ROOKE, ALYSSA KAYE UROT, SCARLETT HAILEY ALEJANDRO, GABRIELLE LARRABASTER BALLOUZ, JOREL FERNS, DAVID ROMI DAMIAN, MIYA & AYVA ANDERSON, LEO ISAIAH SIO-GO, JAMES CLYDE BARRACA, LIAM ANDRE MALAMUG

### 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

### Fr. Samuel Pulanco

(Parish Priest)

### Rey Grafia

(Office Admin)

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### Parish Collection last Weekend

14 | 15 February 2026

Parish Collection: \$ 1,456.30

Account Name: **ST JOHN VIANNEY HILLSBOROUGH**  
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*"No one has ever become poor from giving."  
Anne Frank*

**Saturday 5:30 pm February: A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.**

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Flower Roster
07 02	Catherine Rinda, Palmera Fonseca and Tina Soares	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Gammy	Trevor	
14 02	Abyrel, Brydon and Kylee	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Trevor	TBA	
21 02	Clementine Roidrigues, Lester D'Souza, Trevor Lee Joe	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira ,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Marina and Paul	TBA	
28 02	Arlene, Neil and Cassandra	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira ,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Melroy	Aidan	

**Sunday 9 am February: A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.**

Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
01 02							
08 02	Visayan Community	Georgia Cuer Francis Ekeroma Vanessa Togafiti	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Telesia	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Friz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
15 02	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Simone Harry Lowe Royston Plinia	Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha	Pinto Family Choir	Ashley	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Sunil and Royston
22 02	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Jeremy Ruanne Gabriel Tran Alise Sevele	Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Phong Tran Dimple	Rowena, Eric, Kevin and Simone	TBA	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

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Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Flower Roster
01 02						
08 02	Cielo Tiongko, Denna D'Souza,	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza, Sarah McAlpine, Marie LangSiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Musica Sacra	
15 02	Couples for Christ	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Couples for Christ	
22 02	Diana Gomes, Lydia Quadros Jesty Chettair	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	TBA	



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Enrolments for 2027 are now OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels  
St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions  
We invite you to submit an online application



### 2026 OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 March 2026  
Two sessions available, commencing 2.00pm & 6.00pm  
Both sessions deliver the same information  
No need to RSVP - just come along to your preferred session

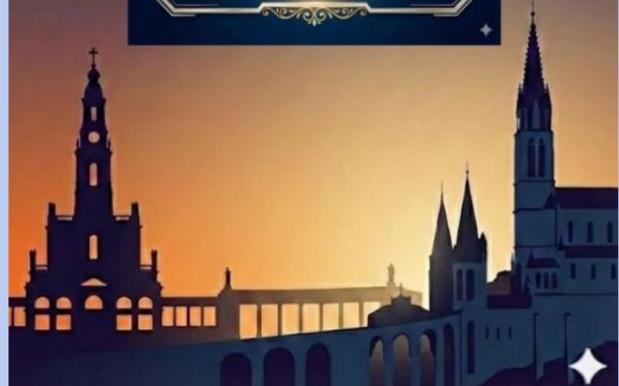
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**AUCKLAND PRISON (PAREMOREMO) - CATHOLIC PRISON CHAPLAINCY:** We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as members of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Auckland Prison (Paremoremo). This is a part-time position of 24 hours per week - days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close on 6 March 2026.

### SJV Youth Meeting Tonight

**We invite all youth ages 12-18 to join us tonight at 6:45 PM in the hall. We also welcome and encourage parents to come and help support the meeting.**

**WYD 2027 Webinars:** In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

Lent Appeal 2026  
**HEAR THE VOICE,  
 ANSWER THE CALL**  
**WHAKARONGO KI TE REO,  
 WHAKAHOKIA TE KARANGA**

**Caritas**  
 AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
 The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

**Lent Reflection Programme**



**As we begin this holy season of Lent**, and as the Stations of the Cross last Friday were led by the couples of our parish, let us offer our prayers in a special way for all married couples.

May God bless them abundantly as they walk together in faith and love. May He grant them wisdom and patience, deepen their commitment, and help them always to remember their sacred vocation to one another and to their families. May their homes be places of forgiveness, understanding, and enduring love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF LENT:**  
 Please remember that there are families in our community who are struggling financially. Almsgiving is one of the works of mercy we are called to practice as Catholics.

When you go shopping for your household needs, please consider adding a little extra for those in need. You may place your donations in the food bank corner, and they will be delivered to the Catholic agencies that assist our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

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 CENTRAL AUCKLAND CHAPTER  
*warmly invites you to our*  
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*What we have seen and heard we announce to you and also, so that you will join with us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. We write this in order that our joy may be complete.*  
 1 John 1:3-4

*from 21 March 2026, 1pm*  
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 Jon Velasco - 021 195 5097  
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**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE** you to join our monthly church cleaning roster. The cleaning includes vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning the toilets.

We gather in the afternoon from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If you are able to help, please bring your vacuum cleaner. If you would like to assist, please email us at [stjvianney@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjvianney@xtra.co.nz) so we can add you to the roster. Your time and generosity help keep our church clean and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your support!

### NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NZCMA) RETREAT AND SEMINAR

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

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**LIFE TEEN AOTEAROA LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** | 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland: THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Expect incredible keynotes from the Catholic speakers, practical breakout sessions, and in addition to practical, comprehensive training, you will experience community and personal spiritual renewal. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve and train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa's 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

### 🌸 This Week's Ministry:

#### 🌞 Planning with Parish Priests:

This week has been a busy week of planning! I have met up with both Fr Sam and Fr Martin, to plan initial youth events in our respective Parishes. Fr Sam and I are planning an 'Initial Youth Gathering' after the 5:30pm Mass on this Saturday evening at St John Vianney. As for Good Shepherd, Fr Martin and I discussed similarly holding an 'Initial Youth Event' on the 7th of March, after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. We are very excited about these upcoming events - more on what they will involve below! 🙌

#### Future Ministry events to please pray for:

† Masterclass & Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass: This weekend, on Sunday, an event called 'Masterclass' is happening for youth ministry and young adult ministry leaders at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre in Ponsonby. This event is a series of workshops, which will provide new and seasoned leaders alike, with the practical tools to thrive in their ministry, as well as spiritual nourishment and a supportive community. Following the workshops, leaders, including their whanau, friends and people from their community, are invited to a Commissioning Mass, where they will be prayed over as they begin their year of ministry!

#### 👥 Initial Youth Gathering at St John Vianney:

As mentioned above, the Initial Youth Gathering at St John Vianney is happening this Saturday after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Youth between the ages of 12-18 years are invited along with their parents, where they will provide suggestions of activities they would like to see happen this year for the youth. This will also be a great opportunity for the youth to meet other youth and their families and connect and form friendships with each other. Please pray for the youth and their families who will attend!

#### 🔥 "Well of Life, Water Battle" at Good Shepherd:

In a recent meeting with Fr Martin, we discussed having an initial fun event for the youth in the Parish to get involved in. This event will be called the "Well of Life, Water Battle" and will involve water guns, hotdogs and ice cream for the youth to enjoy after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 7th March. There will be an event flyer printed and distributed to the parishioners this weekend, so that they can scan the QR code or click on the link to register. Spots will be limited, so they will have to get in quick! 💧  
That's all for now! I sincerely appreciate all your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our youth in the Good Shepherd and St John Vianney Parishes 😊

God bless you all,

Chrystelle D'Souza  
(Local Youth Minister)

## Parish Roll & Planned Giving Programme

**W**elcome 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.

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Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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