

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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
30<sup>th</sup> | 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027

1st Reading: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29  
Psalm 67 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24  
Gospel: Luke 14: 1,7-14

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’



Reflection:

In what ways can I personally contribute to making my parish or faith community a place where every person—regardless of status, wealth, or background—feels equally valued and welcomed at the Lord’s table?

**Taking the lower place.** In today’s Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord’s Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

Welcome to St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough

Established in 1957, St John Vianney Parish has been a place of spiritual growth and nourishment for generations. Today, we are blessed to enjoy the fruits of the dedication and faith of those who came before us. For many years, our church has stood as a spiritual oasis for the people of the Waikōwhai area.

We are a diverse and vibrant community, united in our worship of God. It is this diversity that brings life and richness to our parish, making it a warm and welcoming home for all.

We warmly encourage every parishioner to take an active part in parish life. Your involvement strengthens our community and helps us grow together in faith. We look forward to walking this journey with you, as one family in Christ.

Fr Sam

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)

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(Parish Admin)

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Parish Collection  
last Weekend

23 | 24 August 2025

Parish Collection: \$ 1,294.30

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 August						
Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Flower Roster
06 9	Maddy & Claudia Cachay, Catherine Rinda	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Gammy	TBA	John & Tusi Smith
13 9	Tina Suares, Alvita Suares, Annika Suares	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Trevor	TBA	
20 9	Clementine Roidrigues, Lester D’Souza, Trevor Lee Joe	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Marina and Paul	TBA	Seti Sevele
27 9	Tanya Rodrigues, Renaldo Menezes and Cassandra Rodrigues	Jenifa D’Souza, Chantel D’Souza, Sangeeta Sequeira , Hilda Leung	TBA	Melroy	TBA	

Sunday 9 am Mass Roster August 2025							
Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
7 9	San Pedro Calungsod Visaya Community	San Pedro Calungsod Visaya Community	San Pedro Calungsod Visaya Community	Robyn and Paul	San Pedro Calungsod	TBA	Dale and Arlene
14 9	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha	Pinto Family Choir	Ashley	TBA	Sunil and Royston
21 9	Samoan Community	Cecilia Smith Francis Ekeroma Grace Poloai	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Dimple	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Friz	TBA	Ralph Lautua
28 9	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Jeremy Ruanne Gabriel Tram, Alise Sevele	Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele Dimple	Rowena and Joel	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sunday 5:30 pm Mass August 2025						
Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Flower Roster
7 9	Holy Angels	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Holy Angels	Tusi & John Smith
14 9	Lydia Quadros, Chantal and Serena George	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza, Sarah McAlpine, Marie LangSiu	TBA	TBA	Cielo and Abe Group	
21 9	Volunteers	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Couples for Christ (June, Aug, Oct, Dec)	Seti Sevele
28 9	Diana Gomes, Leonora Fisk, Jesty Chettair	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	TBA	TBA	Aaron Fisk	

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THE NATIVITY OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saint John Vianney Catholic Church - Hillsborough

JOIN and CELEBRATE with US!

9 DAYS – ROSARY , NOVENA  
and HOLY MASS  
From 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

DAY 1	30 <sup>th</sup> AUG	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
DAY 2	31 <sup>st</sup> AUG	SUNDAY	5:00 PM
DAY 3	1 <sup>st</sup> SEPT	MONDAY	6:30 PM
DAY 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> SEPT	TUESDAY	6:30 PM
DAY 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPT	WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM
DAY 6	4 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	THURSDAY	6:30 PM
DAY 7	5 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	FRIDAY	6:30 PM
DAY 8	6 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
DAY 9	7 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	SUNDAY	5:00 PM
FEAST DAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT	MONDAY	6.30 PM

Please contact Parish Office for more details:  
stjvianney@xtra.co.nz

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.

We warmly invite everyone to join us in the 9-day Novena Prayers in preparation for the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This celebration gathers us around our Blessed Mother — first, to honour her, and second, to thank God for giving us Mary, our Mediatrix, who leads us toward our ultimate destiny in Heaven. It is also a precious time to bring before her all our petitions and personal prayers.

Please invite your family and friends to join us on these special days dedicated to Mother Mary.



Does something need to change in your life? Join us for this special time of FORMATION and ENCOUNTER

## CALLED to LEAD

### A Weekend Retreat for All Men

**Start:** 7pm Fri 10 Oct **Finish:** 3pm Sun 12 Oct

**Venue:** Chosen Valley Chistian Camp, Ararimu, Auckland

**Retreat Director:** Mike Lobo

**Attending Priest:** Fr Carl Telford SM

**Speaker:** Bill McElhinney

**Praise and Worship:** Jeffery Nathan and PWM



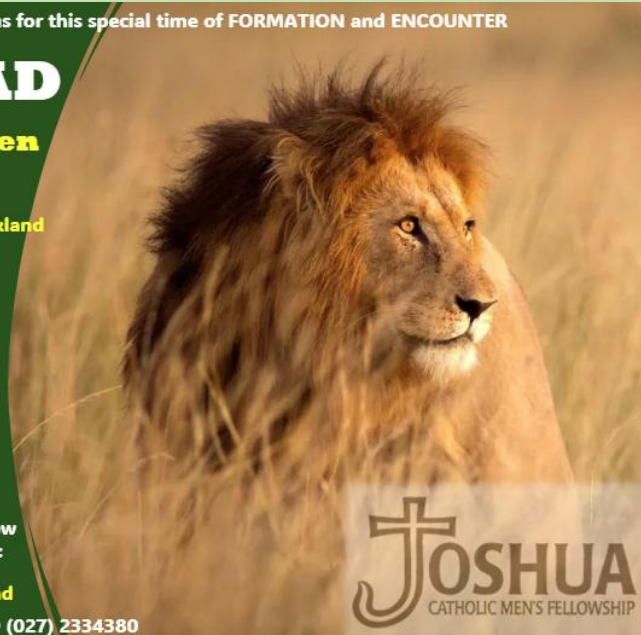
#### GREAT FOOD!!

Cost: \$175 pp

Scan the QR code or click the link below for more information and registration:

<https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead>

Enquiries: Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Jerome Hardy (027) 2334380



## David Wells Pilgrims of Hope in a Synodal Church

Sancta Maria College Auditorium

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2025  
10.00am - 3.00pm

Lunch provided  
Please Register



Scan to  
Register



The Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist are a source of healing for those who have experienced loss through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, prenatal diagnosis or loss of a child at any stage of life

## Mass for Loss Of A Child

A special Mass is offered to provide spiritual support and to honour these precious children

**Where:** St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Rd, Remuera

**When:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm (Vigil)

Reconciliation & Adoration from 4:30pm

*"To you, O God, I lift up my soul. Lord, make your ways known to me, teach me your paths. Guide me in the way of your truth, and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. Relieve the distress of my heart, free me from my sufferings, for I take shelter in you"*

Psalm 25: 1,4,5,17

For more information contact:  
Brenda Brightwell  
St Michael's Catholic Parish  
027 6415615

## The Ecumenical Church Communities of Auckland



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

### Combined Ecumenical Prayer Service Event

Join Bishop Steve as he leads us in celebrating  
The Season Of Creation

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 7:00PM

The Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, Auckland

Scan QR for Registrations



**SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE.** Presider Bishop Steve Loew Wed. 17 Sept 2025 | 7:00PM at the University of Auckland Maclaurin chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland. Light refreshments afterwards. Register by email to [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz). Mainstream Churches are participating, bring your friends along. Visit the following link for registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/karakia-for-creation-2025>

**IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE**, we are delighted to welcome to the diocese David Wells, international speaker and friend of the diocese. The Pastoral Service Group warmly welcomes everyone to join us for a day with David reflecting on A Pilgrims Journey in the Synodal Church. Sancta Maria Auditorium 6th September 2025 10am to 3pm. Lunch provided. FREE Registration is essential on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/hope-in-a-synodal-world-david-wells/> The registration form can be accessed through the QR code. This is for everyone young adults, catechists, those working in ministries such as Proclaimers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA catechists. Anyone with a disciple's heart. For further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser 021439407 or email [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz). Please promote in your communities. All are welcome.



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• KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

2-8pm

St Columba Centre

40 Vermont Street,  
Ponsonby, Auckland

Grab your mates and come hang out for an epic afternoon of **games, good vibes, free food,** and **solid convo** that actually matters. You'll hear from **Fr. Shenan Boquet**, an inspiring speaker from the US who's passionate, down-to-earth, and knows how to keep it real. He'll dive into what it means to be truly human and how your life matters in a world that often says otherwise. Got questions? Want to speak your mind? There's time for that too. Don't miss it. Bring your friends. Come for the food—stay for something deeper.

Let's go!

Amie: 027 350 8227  
werthenextgen@gmail.com

Fr. Shenan Boquet

FREE

Optional \$10 Donation

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a sanctuary of life

FR. SHENAN BOQUET

Human Life International (USA)

SEP 24

WEDNESDAY

6PM - 9PM

6pm Mass  
7pm Presentation and Q&A

FREE - ALL WELCOME

St Patrick's Church  
133 Seddon Street  
PUKEKOHE

Discover why the family is the foundation of a healthy society and how God's beautiful plan for marriage and love can transform our world.

With insight, passion, and clarity, Fr. Boquet will unpack timeless truths that speak directly to the challenges of our time.

You'll gain a clear understanding of the current threats—and the exciting opportunities—facing New Zealand, and the world, and how you can make a real difference right where you are.

Don't miss this important opportunity to be informed, inspired, and encouraged!

For more info scan the code

OR contact Simon Archer

021 400 729 | [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)

FLI.ORG.NZ/PROLIFE-SPEAKING-TOUR-2025

Refreshments served. A collection will be taken to assist with expenses.

**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](mailto:pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com)

Discover why the Family Is the Sanctuary of Life

Join international speaker, Fr. Shenan Boquet for engaging and informative day-long seminar unpacking how God's plan for marriage and life – from conception to natural death - are the foundation of a flourishing society. Come and be inspired to see how living your faith can transform our world. All welcome!

Saturday 20 September 8:00am-3:30pm

St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

For more info contact Simon Archer 021 400 729 [FLI.ORG.NZ/PROLIFE-SPEAKING-TOUR-2025](http://FLI.ORG.NZ/PROLIFE-SPEAKING-TOUR-2025)

**"ALONE AGAIN ?** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 5-7 September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 30 JULY. For further information please phone Karena evenings on 021-802-352. [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

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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](http://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>

**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](http://www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz). For further details email: [stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

# 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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