

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

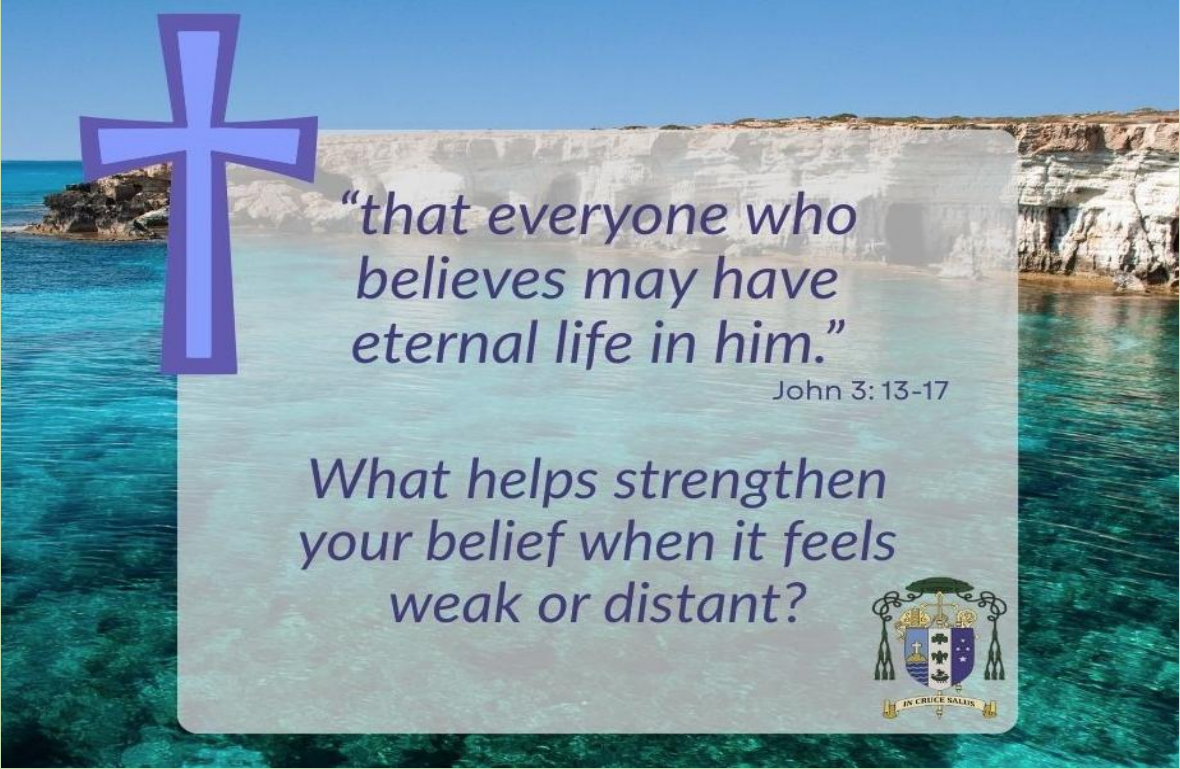
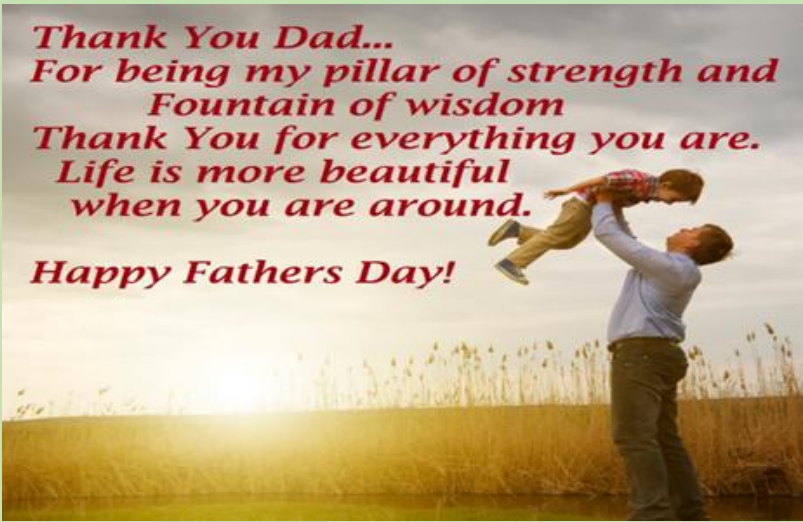
317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
6<sup>th</sup> | 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

1st Reading: Psalm 90  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way, and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’



**Put Jesus First.** It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say ‘Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciples.’ Jesus using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If it is put us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us we don’t face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today’s reading.

**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.

**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**

(Parish Admin)

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Website: [stjohnvianney.org.nz](http://stjohnvianney.org.nz)  
Facebook: St John Vianney, Hillsborough  
Office Hours: Tue., Wed & Fri 9 am to 2 pm

**Parish Collection  
last Weekend**

30 | 31 August 2025

Parish Collection: \$ 1,344.60

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



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

**Sunday 5:30 pm September:** A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred

# NOVENA

## THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saint John Vianney Catholic Church - Hillsborough

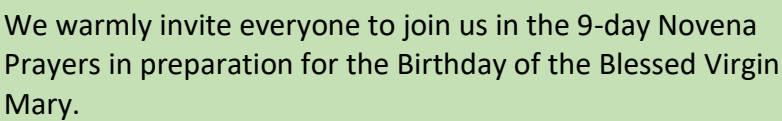
JOIN and CELEBRATE with US!

<b>9 DAYS – ROSARY , NOVENA and HOLY MASS From 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025</b>			
<b>DAY 1</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> AUG	<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM
<b>DAY 2</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> AUG	<b>SUNDAY</b>	5:00 PM
<b>DAY 3</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEPT	<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 PM
<b>DAY 4</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> SEPT	<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 PM
<b>DAY 5</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPT	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 PM
<b>DAY 6</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30 PM
<b>DAY 7</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:30 PM
<b>DAY 8</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM
<b>DAY 9</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	<b>SUNDAY</b>	5:00 PM
<b>FEAST DAY</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6.30 PM</b>



Please contact Parish Office for more details:  
[stjvianney@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjvianney@xtra.co.nz)

**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.**



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



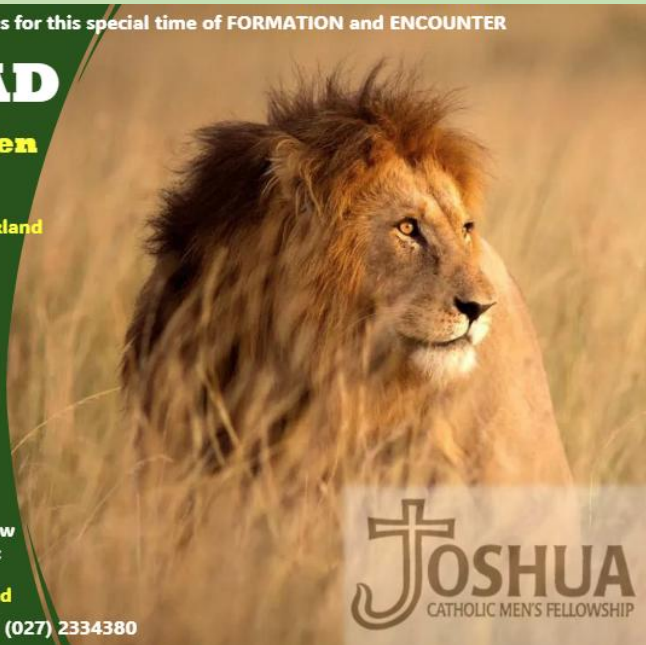
#### GREAT FOOD!!

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



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MIGRANT CHAPLAINCIES

## Rise Up & Shine Festival

### DAY 1 - Saturday 20 September 2025

Music, Zumba, Food Stalls and Cultural Shows

Sancta Maria College, 319 Te Irirangi Drive, Flat Bush, Auckland.

Starts 9:00am - with Food Stalls, then Cultural Show 1:30pm - 3:00pm

### DAY 2 - Sunday 21 September 2025

#### THANKSGIVING MASS

1:00pm - St Lukes Church,

260 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, Auckland

KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.  
CELEBRATE OUR  
ONENESS IN  
CHRIST



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**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)

**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)

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 Lowe 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>

## PRAYER 28 - 30 NOVEMBER



### TIME TO FOCUS: A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN 18-30

Friendship. Sharing. Silence. Prayer & Discernment Practices Toolkit. Music. Adoration. Reconciliation. Mass. Spiritual Direction

🕒 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 4pm.

📍 Franciscan Friary, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland.

💰 Waged: \$270. Unwaged - Student: \$200

✉️ Fr Frank Bird. [vocations@smnz.org.nz](mailto:vocations@smnz.org.nz) 021 597080

This retreat will be led by Fr Frank Bird, Fr Phil Bennenbroek and Fr Chris Skinner from Marist Vocations Ministry

Register  
your interest  
Limited to 15  
participants



### 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://729.FLI.ORG.NZ/PROLIFE-SPEAKING-TOUR-2025)



**PRESENTATION**

the *family*  
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](http://FLI.ORG.NZ/PROLIFE-SPEAKING-TOUR-2025)

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

**Embracing Human Dignity**  
CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

NEXT generation  
moving the living love



**FUN, FOOD & PRAYER**

- FREE FOOD
- GAMES
- FELLOWSHIP
- ADORATION
- PRAYER
- Q&A
- DISCUSSIONS
- 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  
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**FREE**  
Optional \$10 Donation

**AGES 13 - 18**





**PAINT AND PLATE FESTIVAL**

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
4:30 - 7:00PM

From our student Art Exhibition to delicious treats for dinner, there's something for everyone!

**Monte Cecilia Catholic School**




**September 8th marks the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Community and all other communities of St. John Vianney Catholic Parish, Hillsborough, for organizing and spearheading the Novena in honour of Our Lady's birthday.

Your dedication and service are deeply appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.



## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_