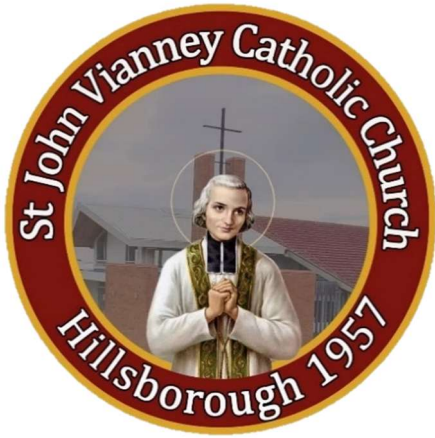




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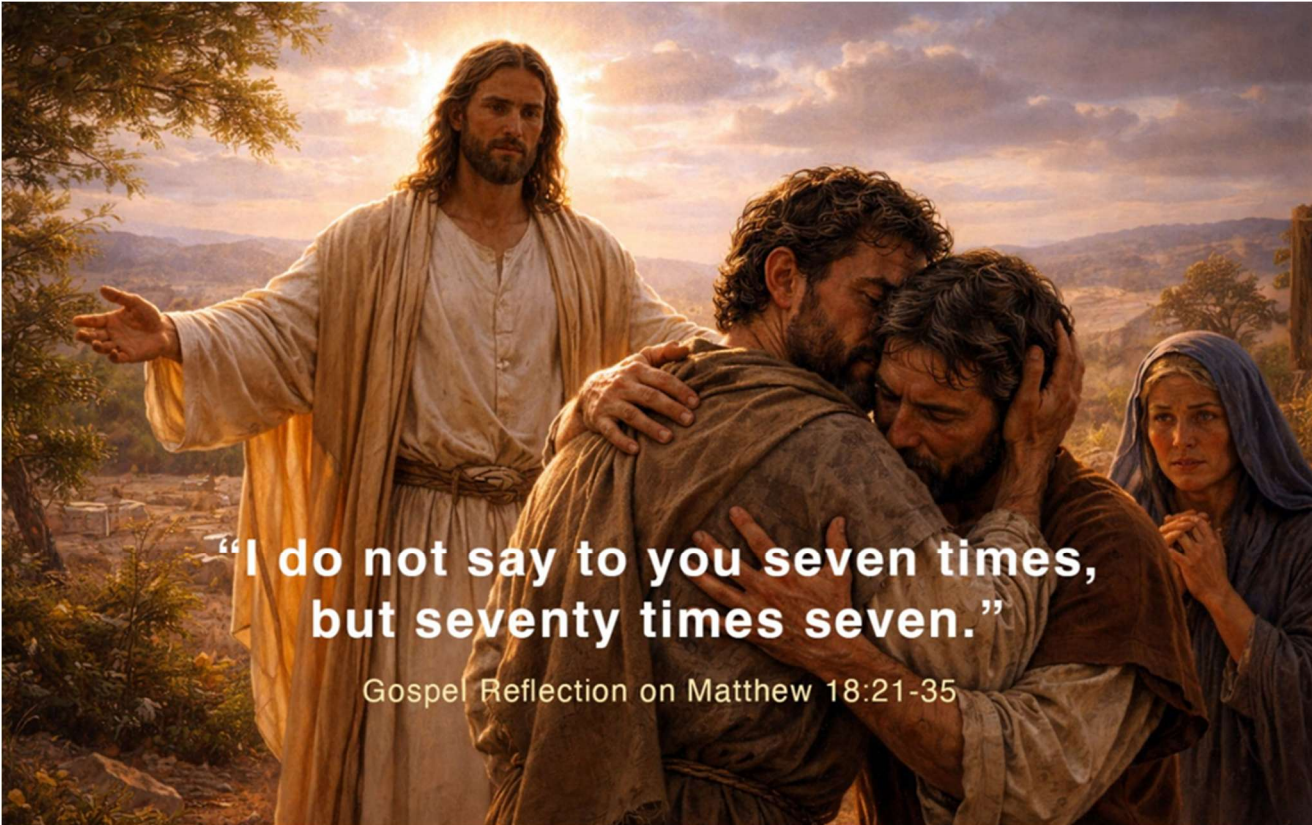


There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A, 12|13 September 2026

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7
Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”



“I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”

Gospel Reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE? There is much truth in the proverb, **to err is human, to forgive divine.* We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ's love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness

St Pauls Sunday Missal, Pg.484

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE gratitude to our Indian Community here at St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough, for leading the Novena and prayers in preparation for the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Your deep faith, dedication, and devotion to Our Blessed Mother have been a beautiful blessing to our parish community. Through your prayer and example, you have helped us come together in faith and encouraged many to bring their own personal prayers, intentions, and hopes before Mary.

Thank you for sharing your faith and devotion with us and for helping to enrich the spiritual life of our parish. May the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for you, your families, and our whole parish community.

Thank you, and God bless you all.



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

5|6 September 2026

Parish Collection: \$ 1,494.30

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“No one has ever become poor from giving.”
Anne Frank

Saturday 5:30 pm September: 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	Sacristans
05 09	Novena Group Leaders	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Liam, Joanna, Ayo, Kiara, Camerron	San Pedro Calungsod Choir	Trevor	Tony Clair Hector
12 09	Lester D'Souza, Brydon Rosario, Abyrel Rosario	Canute D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Alison Lee Joe, Sangeeta Sequiera	Liam, Joanna, Ayo, Kiara, Camerron	Trevor	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
19 09	Hector DeSouza, Lydia Quadros, Fiona Cooke	Alison Lee Joe, Hilda Leung, Pinky Lemos, Sangeeta Sequeira	Liam, Joanna, Ayo, Kiara, Camerron	Marina and Paul	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
26 09	Aidan Community	Canute and Melissa D'Souza, Noela & Savio D'	Liam, Joanna, Ayo, Kiara, Camerron	Melroy	Aidan	Aidan's Group

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Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
06 09	Visayan Group (San Pedro Calungsod)	Addrian, Emily, Dale	Agnes Cuer, Dimple Espinedo,	Robyn and Paul	Delia Espinedo and her team	Pedro Calungsod Altar Servers	Dale Baracca and Cedric
13 09	Indian and Sri Lankan Community	Novena Group Leaders	Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha, Wilma Pinto	Pinto Family Choir	Cecilia and Fritz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
20 09	Samoan Community	Grace Poloai Cecilia Smith Francis Ekeroma	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Telesia Felipo, John Togafiti	Samoan Community	Ashley	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Sunil Pinto and Royston D'Lima
27 09	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Angcar Pale Elizabeth Bourke Alise Sevele	William Naufahu, Olivia Pale, Phong Tran, Dimple Espinedo, Jessica D'lima	Rowena, Eric, Kevin and Simone	Ashley	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

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Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Sacristans	Flowers
06 09	Novena Group Leaders	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Jhenny Panadero Kenneth Pandero	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	Marie, Jestry, Mathia,	Westy Choir	Marie, Greta	Tusi and John Smith
13 09	Janice Cruz Jhing Tan Cedric Tan	Jhenny Panadero Kenneth Pandero Irene Singh,	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	Marie, Jestry, Mathia,	Musica Sacra	Marie, Greta	Tusi and John Smith
20 08	Ashton Suares, Anika Suares, Dena D'Souza	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	Marie, Jestry, Mathia,		Marie, Greta	Telesia Filipo
27 08	Diana Gomes, Jesty Chettair, Binaz Perera	Sarah McAlpine, Irene Singh,	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	Marie, Jestry, Mathia,	Henrick, Cherry, Robert	Marie, Greta	Telesia Felipo

ST JOHN VIANNEY SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

As Catholics, we uphold the sacred truth that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. Guided by this belief, we recognise our solemn responsibility to ensure that our parish remains a place of safety, dignity, and respect for all who gather here.

Each member of our parish community shares in the duty to protect the wellbeing of others by fostering an environment that is both welcoming and secure — a place where harm and abuse have no place, and where every individual is treated with honour and care.

Should any concerns or complaints arise, please bring them to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, or the Parish Office, who are available to assist and respond appropriately.

You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards at 0800 114 622, or the Police at 111.



St John Vianney
Community
Activities
suggestion form

Have your say, please fill in
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THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In our Catholic tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured with many beautiful titles and devotions. Throughout the Christian world, different cultures have developed their own special ways of expressing their love and devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ—the Theotokos, the Mother of God.

Here at St John Vianney, we are blessed by the beautiful devotion of our Indian Community. Each year, during the month of September, they lovingly prepare for the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary through a Novena, the praying of the Rosary, and the celebration of Holy Mass.

One of the most beautiful and distinctive features of this devotion is the tradition of dressing Mother Mary in a different *saree* each day of the Novena. Each sari becomes a visible expression of love, honour, and devotion to Mary. Through this beautiful cultural tradition, our Indian mothers share their faith with the whole parish community and remind us that our love for Mary can be expressed in many different cultures and traditions.

As we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may her example of faith, humility, and loving obedience to God inspire us to draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. May Mary, our Mother, continue to pray for our parish community and lead us always closer to God.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Richard Laurenson will be the principal celebrant. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

CATHERINE MCAULEY SYMPOSIUM

Join leading thinkers from the UK, USA and Aotearoa at the Catherine McAuley Symposium in Wellington, 13–15 December. Explore what it means to be a faith-based organisation in a changing global environment, with high-quality speakers exploring leadership, identity, mission and the challenges facing religious organisations today. Earlybird registrations close 24 September. Catherine McAuley Symposium - Whanau Mercy Ministries

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PRAYER RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th October 6pm to Sunday 11th October 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Register: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Marriage & Family Life - Alpha for Couples; Whether you're married, engaged, or dating, Alpha for Couples is a welcoming and practical course designed to help strengthen your faith and relationship. Through engaging videos and guided conversations, you'll explore topics such as communication, resolving conflict, understanding each other's needs, building deeper connection, and creating a healthier future together. Register today and invest in your relationship. We'd love to have you join us! Oct 8,15, 22, 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3. https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/

ST MARY'S COLLEGE AUCKLAND PAST PUPILS
High Afternoon Tea for Scholarship Fund, \$60. 2pm Sunday 20 September 2026. To register please contact Pat 021 622 044 or (09) 846 0230

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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.

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☐ I wish to be listed on the parish roll.

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