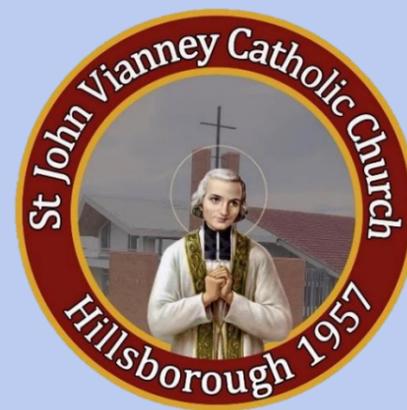


The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042



3rd Sunday of Lent 2026 Year A

7th | 8th March 2026

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 94: If today you hear his voice.
 Harden not our hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew, and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering, and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water, will get thirsty again but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' ...



THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the savior of the world. In today's Gospel He offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 202

Our children in the sacramental program will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Sunday 8th March at 11 am. 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)

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Parish Collection last Weekend

28th Feb 1st March 2026

Parish Collection: \$ 1,799.90

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 Anne Frank*

Saturday 5:30 pm March: 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
07 03	Tina Soares, Alvita Soares, Arca Fernandes	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Hilda Leung, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Gammy	Trevor	Tony Clair Hector
14 03	Clementine Rodrigues, Hector De Souza, Fiona Cooke	Kenneth and Melissa D'Souza, Alison Lee Joe, Hilda Leung	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Trevor	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
21 03	Lester D'Souza, Trevor Lee Joe Kyle Lemos	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Marina and Paul	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
28 03	Aidan Reberio's Team	Kenneth and Melissa D'Souza, Alison Lee Joe, Hilda Leung	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Melroy	Aidan	Aidan's Group

Sunday 9 am March: 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 03	Visaya Community (San Pedro Calungsod)	Cornelis Kok, Gabriel Tran, Paul Familara	Phong Pale, Agnes Cuer Wilma Pinto, Jessica D'lima, Emalyn Cabuneta	Robyn and Paul	Delia Espinedo and her team	Pedro Calungsod Altar Servers	Dale Baracca and Cedric
08 03	Samoan Community	Grace Poloai Cecilia Smith Francis Ekeroma	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Telesia Felipo, John Togafiti	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Friz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
15 03	Indian and Sri Lankan Community	Nathan Pinto Simone Pinto Harry Lowe	Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha, Wilma Pinto	Pinto Family Choir	Ashley	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Sunil Pinto and Royston D'Lima
22 03	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Angcar Pale Elizabeth Bourke Alise Sevele	Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Phong Tran, Dimple Espinedo, Jessica D'lima	Rowena, Eric, Kevin and Simone	TBA	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

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Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Sacristans
01 02	Holy Angels	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Holy Angels	Diana and Ivan
08 02	Cielo Tiongko, Janice Cruz, Melissa Mozo-Balili	Mary Langton, Sarah McAlpine, Irene Singh, Cyrus Tiongko	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Musica Sacra	Marie Langsiu
15 02	Ashton Soares, Anika Soares, Lydia Quadros	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA		Diana and Ivan
22 02	Diana Gomes, Jesty Chettair, Binaz Perera	Sarah McAlpine, Cyrus Tiongko Ivan D'Cruz, Irene Singh,	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Henrick, Cherry, Robert	Marie Langsiu



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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
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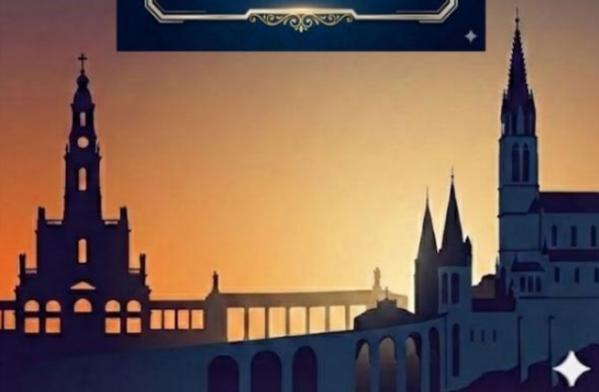
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Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Last Friday, the Stations of the Cross were prayerfully led by the St John Vianney Youth Group. Let us keep our young people in our prayers in a special way, that they may grow strong in faith and one day carry forward the treasured traditions of our Catholic Church.

The intentions for the Stations of the Cross were offered for those affected by the recent war in the Middle East and in other parts of the world, especially the innocent lives caught in the midst of conflict, particularly children.

May God protect the innocent, bring comfort to those who suffer, and grant peace to our troubled world.



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.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Migrant Festival 2026

Rise Up and Shine!

One Faith. Many Food and Culture. One Community

Join us for a day celebrating the many cultures of rich traditions, languages, and stories that shape our Church and community. Sat. 30 May: 10am - 3pm Mass, food stalls, ZUMBA, music and cultural shows All happening at Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere.



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 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

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✳ This Week's Ministry: Initial Youth Gathering at St John Vianney 🌱

On Saturday, St John Vianney held its first Initial Youth Meeting after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Five youth and two parent helpers attended, making it an enjoyable and productive gathering. The evening began with icebreakers, followed by year-group brainstorming activity ideas for the year. Upcoming diocesan events were shared, and the youth expressed interest in leading parts of the Stations of the Cross this Friday. The meeting concluded with a game of "Bang" and snacks. It was exciting to be able to see the seeds of future Youth Ministry at St John Vianney Parish start being sown.

Divine Mercy Feast
Sunday 12th April 5:30pm
St Benedict's Church
1 St Benedict's Street, Newton

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction.
✦ Blessing of Images, ✦ Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's Relic.

Bring your Divine Mercy Images and Artefacts to be Blessed

Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter”
Diary of Saint Faustina

All Welcome

DIVINE MERCY FEAST Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina, "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

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).
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