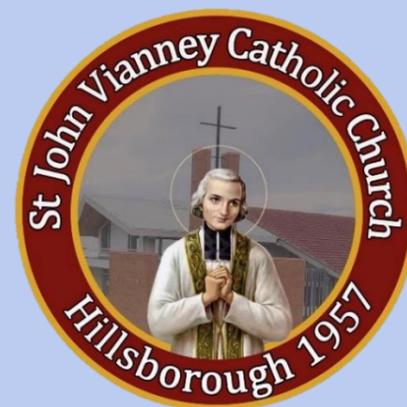


The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042



4th Sunday of Lent 2026 Year A

14th | 15th March 2026

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

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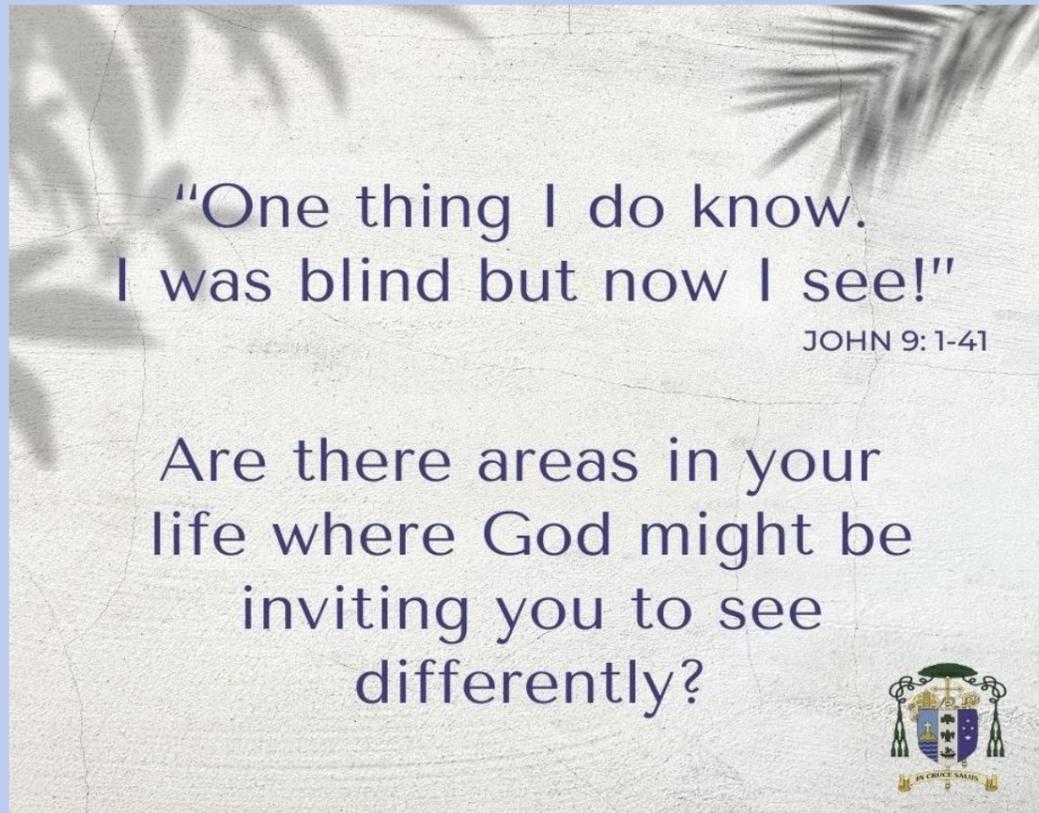
As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'

'As long as the day lasts

I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored...



Now I can see! In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually come to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile, the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, falls steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 208

The celebration of the children's first reconciliation was truly spirit-filled. As with the blind man in this Sunday's Gospel, may they open their hearts and minds to the grace of God, embracing the healing and clarity He offers.

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

7 | 8 March 2026

Parish Collection: \$ 1,123.10

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"No one has ever become poor from giving."
Anne Frank

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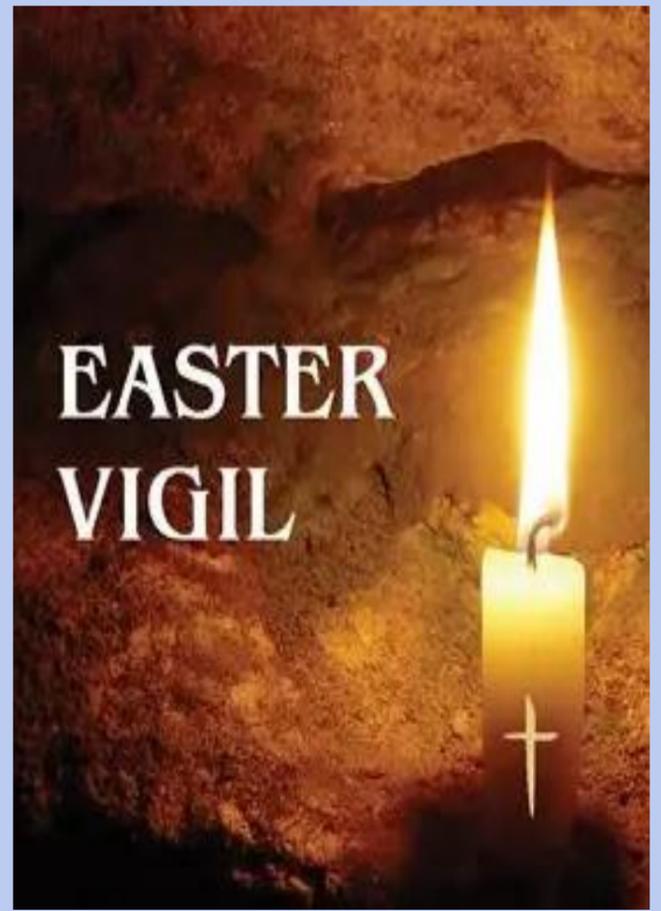
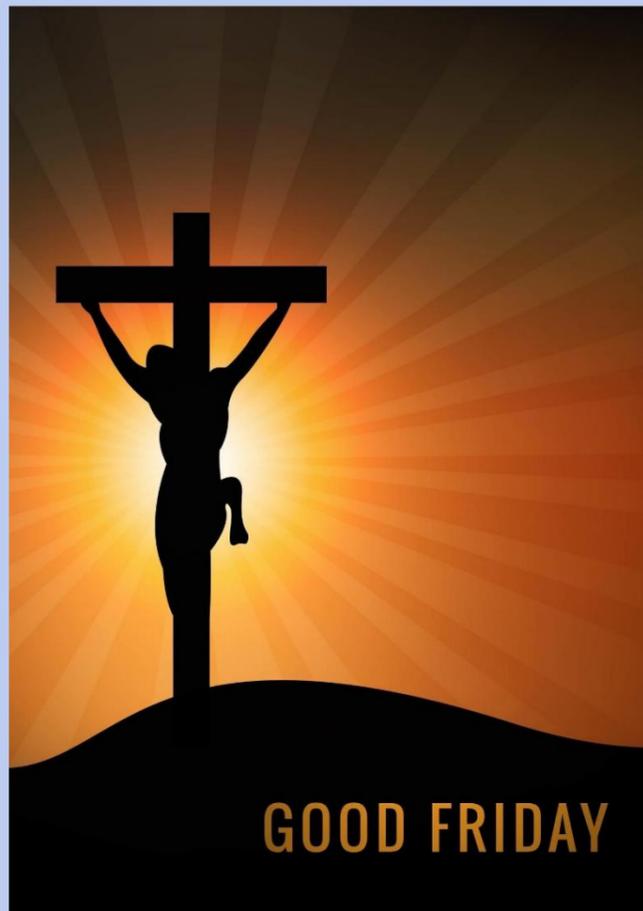
Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Sacristans
07 03	Tina Soares, Alvita Soares, Arca Fernandes	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Hilda Leung, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Gammy	Trevor	Tony Clair Hector
14 03	Clementine Rodriques, Hector De Souza, Fiona Cooke	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

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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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01 03	Holy Angels	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Holy Angels	Diana and Ivan
08 03	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 03	Ashton Soares, Anika Soares, Lydia Quadros	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA		Diana and Ivan
22 03	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



EASTER TRIUUM

Holy Thursday: 7 pm | Good Friday: 10 am & 3 pm | Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

PRAYER RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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



Honour your father and your mother.” Last Friday, the grandparents of our parish led the Stations of the Cross. Let us pray for all our grandparents who, in so many ways, guide the generations to come. We ask for their prayers, their wisdom, and their guidance as we face the new challenges of this new millennium.

May God protect and bless our grandparents, bring comfort to those who suffer, and grant peace to our troubled world.”

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MIGRANT CHAPLAINCIES
Rise Up & Shine Festival
Saturday 30th May 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00 pm
 At Malaola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere
Starts: 10:00am - Thanksgiving Mass
Followed by: Social Entertainments till 3pm.
Music, Zumba, Food Stalls and Cultural Shows

KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.
 CELEBRATE OUR
 ONENESS IN
 CHRIST

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.



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

CALLING ALL TERTIARY STUDENTS!

There is a LARGE, VIBRANT and RAPIDLY growing Catholic STUDENT COMMUNITY present across University of Auckland and AUT campuses. JOIN US in 2026!

To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"

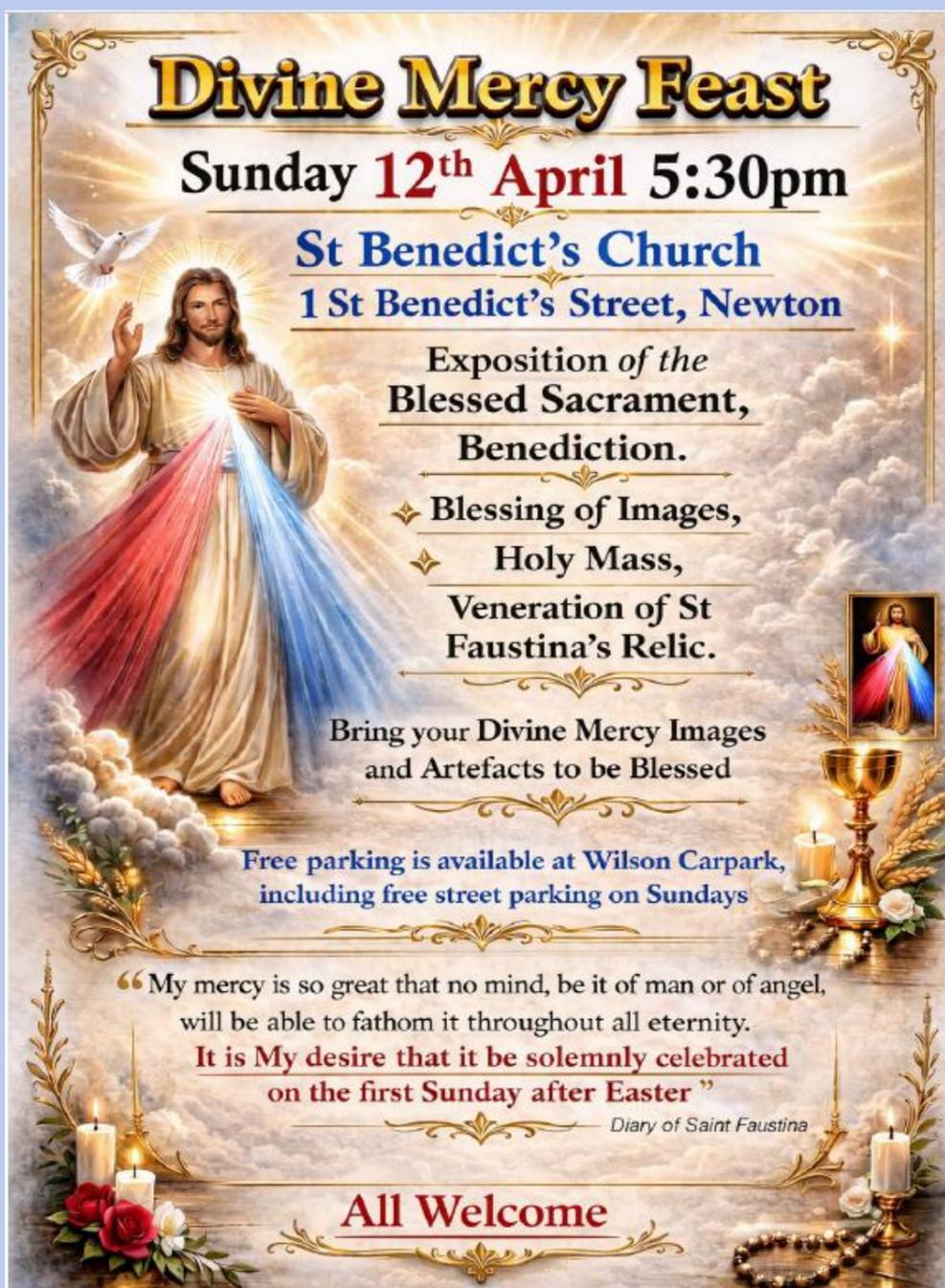


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Divine Mercy Feast
Sunday 12th April 5:30pm
St Benedict's Church
1 St Benedict's Street, Newton

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.

THE GIFT OF DREAMS: On Saturday 28th March, 10am to 2pm at the Orewa Catholic church, the Auckland Christian Meditation Community is hosting a presentation by Tay-Marie Yorston. Dreams tell our stories; they anchor and deepen our faith in seasons of transition, anxiety, stress, grief and loss. BYO lunch, bring a koha and a friend, no need to book. More details on christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats

DIAMOND JUBILEE - THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WELLINGTON SOUTH: All former and current parishioners are invited to a celebration of several historical milestones on Sunday, 19th April 2026. The first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17th April 1966, 60 years ago. The weekend of celebration will also acknowledge 100 years since the opening of the St Madeleine Sophie primary school, the forerunner of the current primary school of St Francis de Sales. A special Mass of remembrance and thanks featuring past and present priests will be followed by a lunch at the Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay. Registrations of interest are welcomed by providing contact details at: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

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).
- I wish to make a bequest to St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough
- I wish to use the automatic payment system.
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