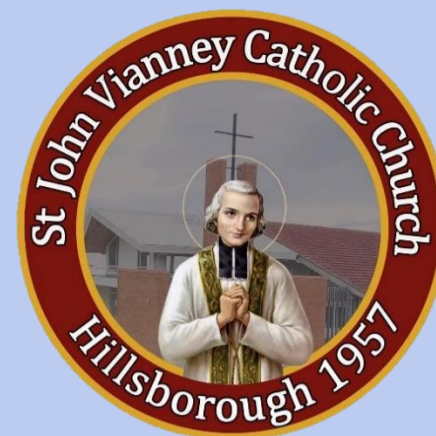


The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042



5th Sunday of Lent 2026 Year A

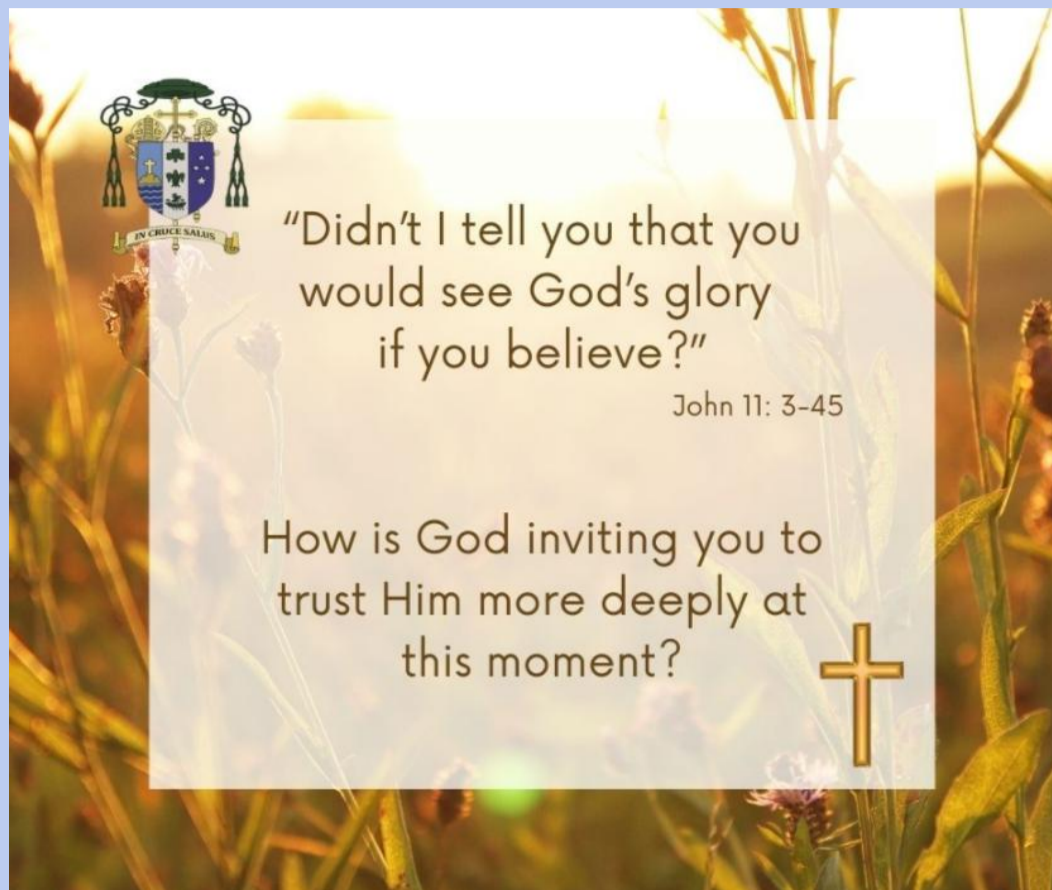
21st | 22nd March 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 129: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'...



THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptized this Easter.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 214

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: \$ 1,326.20

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

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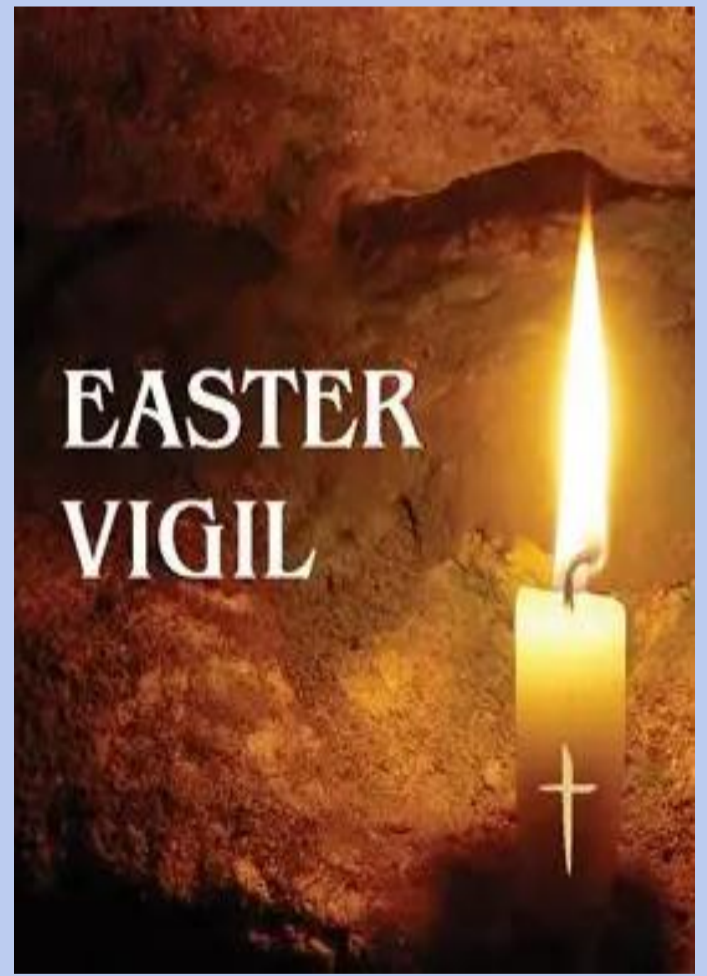
Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Sacristans
07 03	Tina Soares, Alvita Soares, Arca Fernandes	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Hilda Leung, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Gammy	Trevor	Tony Clair Hector
14 03	Clementine Rodriques, Hector De Souza, Fiona Cooke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



Taizé Prayer Evening



Taizé prayer is a wonderful way to become more peaceful and centred in the midst of our busy lives. We are called to dwell deeply in Christ's presence around and within us through prayer, silence and searching

WHEN: Friday April 10th

WHERE: Mary MacKillop Chapel
56 Selwyn Ave
Mission Bay

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Light refreshments will be served after this time of prayer.

"Prayer expressed in song remains one of the most essential expressions of our search for God. Short chants repeated over and over, emphasise the meditative quality of prayer. They express in a few words a basic truth which is quickly grasped by the mind and gradually penetrates into one's whole being."
Br Roger (founder of Taizé)

The Mary MacKillop Centre
Te Punanga o Maria MacKillop

Card-crafting Workshop of Fun, Fellowship & Creativity

The workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design and create a variety of handcrafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied.



Date: Saturday 11 April: 9.30am – 3pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre Meeting Room
30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama.
Facilitator: Meg Hills rsj
Cost: \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged

A maximum of 8 people can attend this workshop.
Registrations to Jill McLoughlin rsj by 7th April
MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Ph: 021 0710277

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch

Many families of St John Vianney prayerfully prayed the Stations of the Cross on Friday. As we continue to observe the season of Lent, may we always remember those who are suffering because of war. May God bless, guide, and inspire our government leaders, that they may always remain conscious that their authority and leadership come from God.



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.

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



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!



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"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL NZ

Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

This Palm Sunday, we invite you to join us for a powerful and moving candlelight vigil to pray for the precious preborn children lost to the tragedy of abortion.

Join us for this stirring candlelight vigil, a profound opportunity to witness the precious gift of life and the dignity of every human being from the first moment of existence at conception.

Bring along your friends and family. Candles provided. The vigil is a family-friendly event.

SUNDAY

MAR 29

7:30 PM

Potter's Park
Corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral
Opposite KFC

For more info contact:
Simon: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz | FLI.ORG.NZ

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.

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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.

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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