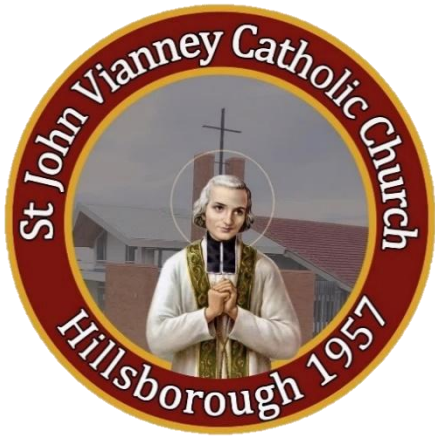




St John Vianney Parish

317 Hillsborough Road,
Auckland 1042



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

Assumption Sunday Year A

15 | 16 August 2026

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10
Psalms 44: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Dear Fathers and parish secretaries,

I am writing to provide some guidance about the upcoming Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With the Solemnity falling on a Saturday this year, the New Zealand bishops approved the transfer the Solemnity to Sunday, August 16. That was outlined in the 2026 national calendar, which was issued last year.

The following liturgical advice is offered from the National Liturgy Office to support preparations for that weekend:

With the Solemnity of the Assumption being transferred to the Sunday, the readings of the Assumption are to be used. The Saturday evening Mass is the Vigil of the Assumption with the proper readings.
Parishes may not celebrate the Solemnity on Saturday, August 15 nor a Vigil Mass on the Friday evening. The Saturday morning Mass is that of Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time.

We hope this information is helpful as you look ahead to the celebration of the patronal feast day of Aotearoa New Zealand.

✠ **Steve Lowe**
Bishop of Auckland



BLESSED IS SHE...

Having completed the course of her earthly life. Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Her assumption reminds us that heavenly glory is our Christian destiny. As we keep the end of life's pilgrim journey before us, we join with Mary in praising the greatness of God.

St Pauls Sunday Missal, Pg.1057

PASTORAL NOTICE – TEMPORARY GATE CLOSURE: Please be advised that from Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August, the main gate at 317 Hillsborough Road will be closed while we carry out concreting work on the driveway. During this time, we kindly ask everyone coming to the church for Mass, prayer, or other parish activities to use the Monte Cecilia School entrance on Whitmore Road. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while this important work is being completed.

Appeal for Support – Entrance Driveway Repairs: Our parish entrance gate and driveway need repair and maintenance. Over the past few months, we have been obtaining quotations to ensure we receive the best value for this important work. The lowest quotation we have received is \$16,500.

We would greatly appreciate any contribution you are able to make towards this project. Every donation, no matter the amount, will help us provide a safer and more welcoming entrance for all who come to our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and care for our parish community. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

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
(Office Admin)

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Website: stjohnvianney.org.nz
Facebook: St John Vianney, Hillsborough

Office Hours: Tue., Wed & Fri 9 am to 2 pm

Parish Collection last Weekend

8 | 9 August 2026

Parish Collection: \$ 1,440.30

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

Saturday 5:30 pm August: 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
01 08	Hector DeSouza, Kylee Lemos Trevor Lee Joe	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	San Pedro Calungsod Choir	Trevor	Tony Clair Hector
08 08	Tina Soares, Alvita Soares Clementine Rodrigues,	Canute D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Alison Lee Joe, Sangeeta Sequiera	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Trevor	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
15 08	Lester D'Souza, Brydon Rosario, Abyrel Rosario	Alison Lee Joe, Hilda Leung, Pinky Lemos, Sangeeta Sequeira	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Marina and Paul	TBA	Tony Clair Hector
22 08	Aidan Community	Canute and Melissa D'Souza, Noela & Savio D'	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Melroy	Aidan	Aidan's Group

Sunday 9 am August: 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
02 08	Parish Feast Day	Cedric Tan Gabriel Tram Melissa Balili	Agnes Cuer, Emalyn Cabuneta, Dimple Espinedo,	Robyn and Paul	Delia Espinedo and her team	Pedro Calungsod Altar Servers	Dale Baracca and Cedric
08 08	Samoan Community	Georgia Cuer Vanessa Togafiti Francis Ekeroma	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Telesia Felipo, John Togafiti	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Fritz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
15 08	Indian and Sri Lankan Community	Simone Pinto Jeremy Ruane Kevin D'Lima	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 08	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Angcar Pale Elizabeth Bourke Alise Sevele	William Naufahu, Olivia Pale, Phong Tran, Dimple Espinedo, Jessica D'lma	Rowena, Eric, Kevin and Simone	Fr Sam	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

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Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Counters	Choir	Sacristans	Flowers
02 08	Catherine Rinda Shyla Pinto Nathan Pinto	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Jhenny Panadero Kenneth Pandero	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	TBA	Westy Choir	Marie Langsiu	Tusi and John Smith
08 08	Janice Cruz Jhing Tan Cedric Tan	Jhenny Panadero Kenneth Pandero Irene Singh,	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	TBA	Musica Sacra	Fr Sam	Tusi and John Smith
15 08	Ashton Soares, Anika Soares, Dena D'Souza	Mary Langton, Zach Pinto, Irene Singh, Marie Langsiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	TBA		Marie Langsiu	Telesia Filipo
22 08	Diana Gomes, Jesty Chettair, Binaz Perera	Sarah McAlpine, Irene Singh,	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres...	TBA	Henrick, Cherry, Robert	Fr Sam	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
the form
or scan the QR code



YOUTH EVENT

ALL IN

What does it truly mean to follow Jesus?

Come along for some fun games & activities, an opportunity to build new friendships and learn how to live out the Gospel in our daily lives!

Sunday, 30th August, 10am to 12pm
St John Vianney Parish Hall

Register here!



ALL YOUTH BETWEEN 12 - 18 YEARS

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hāhi Katorika

JOHN PRIDMORE

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GANGLAND TO
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**FREE ENTRY
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An opportunity not to be missed!

John Pridmore shares his remarkable journey from a life of crime, violence and imprisonment to an encounter with Christ that transformed everything, leading him to a life of faith, purpose, hope and forgiveness.

AUCKLAND MISSION TOUR 2026

NORTH SHORE MISSION	CENTRAL MISSION	SOUTH AUCKLAND MISSION
17 - 19 AUGUST 2026	24 - 26 AUGUST 2026	31 AUGUST - 2 SEPTEMBER 2026
7:00PM NIGHTLY	7:00PM NIGHTLY	7:00PM NIGHTLY
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TAKAPUNA	SACRED HEART CHURCH PONSONBY	ST ANNE'S CHURCH MANUREWA

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WEBINAR SERIES

WITNESSING: A CALL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EVANGELISE
TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 5:00-6:00 PM VIA ONLINE
SPEAKERS: AUCKLAND NET TEAM



WYD 2027 Theme:
"Take courage! I have overcome the world."

www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

Marriage Preparation course

Getting married in early 2027?
Don't leave your marriage preparation too late!

G.I.F.T.
Growth in Faith Together
Special Needs Ministry
**Saints and Angels
DINNER DISCO**

When: Saturday 29th August
Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Where: The Pompallier Centre
30 New St, Ponsonby

Text / Phone Vivienne 021 044 8362

What to wear:
Please come dressed as a Saint or an angel
Everyone is most welcome 🥰

St Lukes Parish, Flatbush

10.00AM - 4.30PM
October 10 & 24
November 14 & 28

St Michaels Parish, Remuera

September 26
October 3, 17 & 31
November 7 & 21
December 5

Office of Marriage & Family Life
Catholic Diocese of Auckland

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/



DE PAUL HOUSE FUNDRAISER 21 AUGUST 2026: "We're so excited to welcome you all to this fundraiser in our 40th year - "Building A Better Future" for all the families and seniors experiencing homelessness, who'll have the opportunity at a fresh new start through the housing and support from DPH. On the night, you'll be greeted with a glass of bubbles or your choice of Toi Toi Wines New Zealand! Enjoy the delicious and lip-smacking nibbles from the one and only, Anita Sherry Kitchen, while you browse the prize tables and bid on the amazing auction items! Our MC for the night is none other than The Resident Builder, Peter Wolfkamp, who'll guide us through the event and live auction. We're honoured to have Judge Tony Fitzgerald as our guest speaker, whose work in Te Kōti o Timatanga Hou ~ The Court of New Beginnings has changed the lives of hundreds of New Zealanders through the motto that, "Everyone deserves a chance". Don't miss out. Purchase a ticket today!!! Details via the link below. We look forward to sharing this evening with you!!

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/

De Paul House Annual Fundraiser

Building A Better Future Together

Bubbles upon arrival. Raffles, Live & Silent Auction on the night!

Master of Ceremony

Guest Speaker

Chef & Catering







Peter Wolfkamp

Judge Tony Fitzgerald

Anita Sherry

Explore life, faith and meaning together.

Alpha

for DATING, ENGAGED, AND MARRIED Couples

This is a free online course for couples interested in deepening their relationship with God and each other.

Alpha

When?

Oct 8,15,22,29
Nov 5.12.19.22.26
Dec 3

Curious? Join us!

Register by scanning the QR Code or visiting our webpage.

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/



Building A Better Future Together

Join us at our annual fundraiser where you will be greeted with bubbles and nibbles.

Hear from Judge Tony Fitzgerald who will share inspiring insights into Te Kōti o Timatanga Hou | The Court of New Beginnings.

AUGUST

FRIDAY 21 AT 6:30PM

2026



Rosmini College Auditorium
36 Dominion Street, Takapuna



Tickets \$110 per person
Early Bird \$100 (ends 7 Aug)



RSVP by 7 August via email:
admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

Raffles, Live & Silent Auction on the night!

De Paul House
Housing and Family Support

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.
- ☐ I wish to use the envelope system.

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Physical Address: _____

Email Address: _____