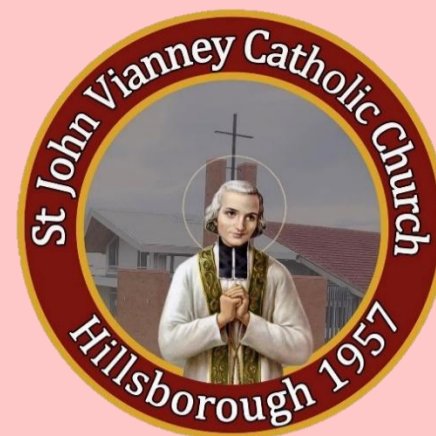


The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042



Palm Sunday 2026 Year A

28th | 29th March 2026

- 1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm 21:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me
- 2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11
- Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'



THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David one day and Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 220

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: \$ 1,194.80

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*"No one has ever become poor from giving."
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 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

Sunday 9 am March: A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.

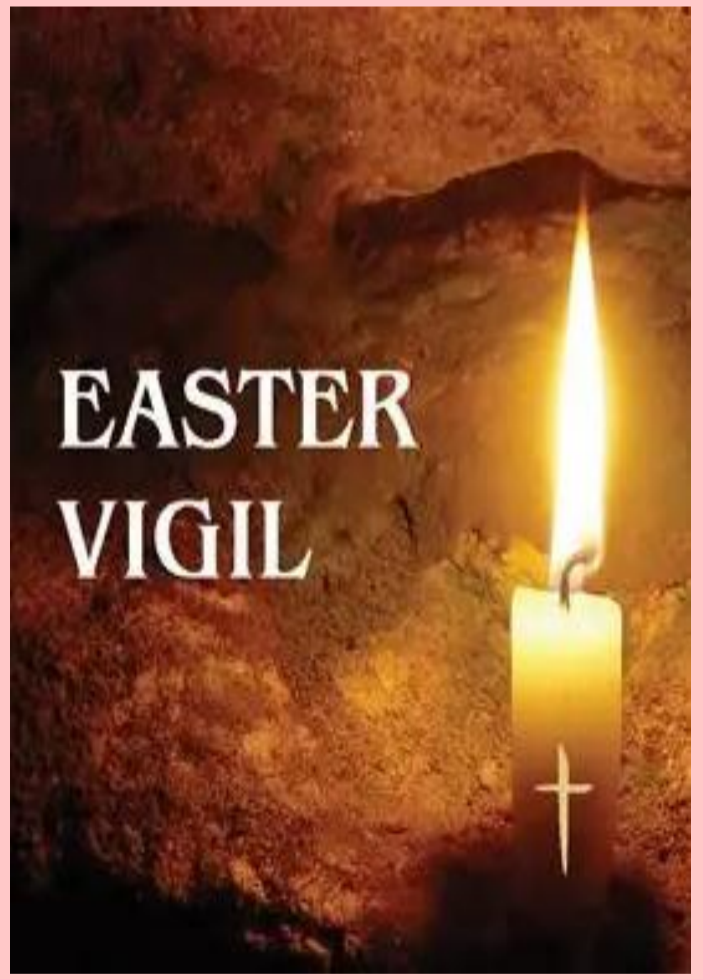
Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
01 03	Visaya Community (San Pedro Calungsod)	Cornelis Kok, Gabriel Tran, Paul Familara	Phong Pale, Agnes Cuer Wilma Pinto, Jessica D'lima, Emalyn Cabuneta	Robyn and Paul	Delia Espinedo and her team	Pedro Calungsod 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		Cecilia and Friz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
15 03	Indian and Sri Lankan Community	Nathan Pinto Simone Pinto Harry Lowe	Maureen J... Anil M...		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	Rowena, Eric, Kevin and Simone		TBA	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

5th Sunday Volunteers
A new roster will be shared in next week's newsletter.

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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, Ivan D'Cruz, Irene Singh	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Henrick, Cherry, Robert	Marie Langsiu

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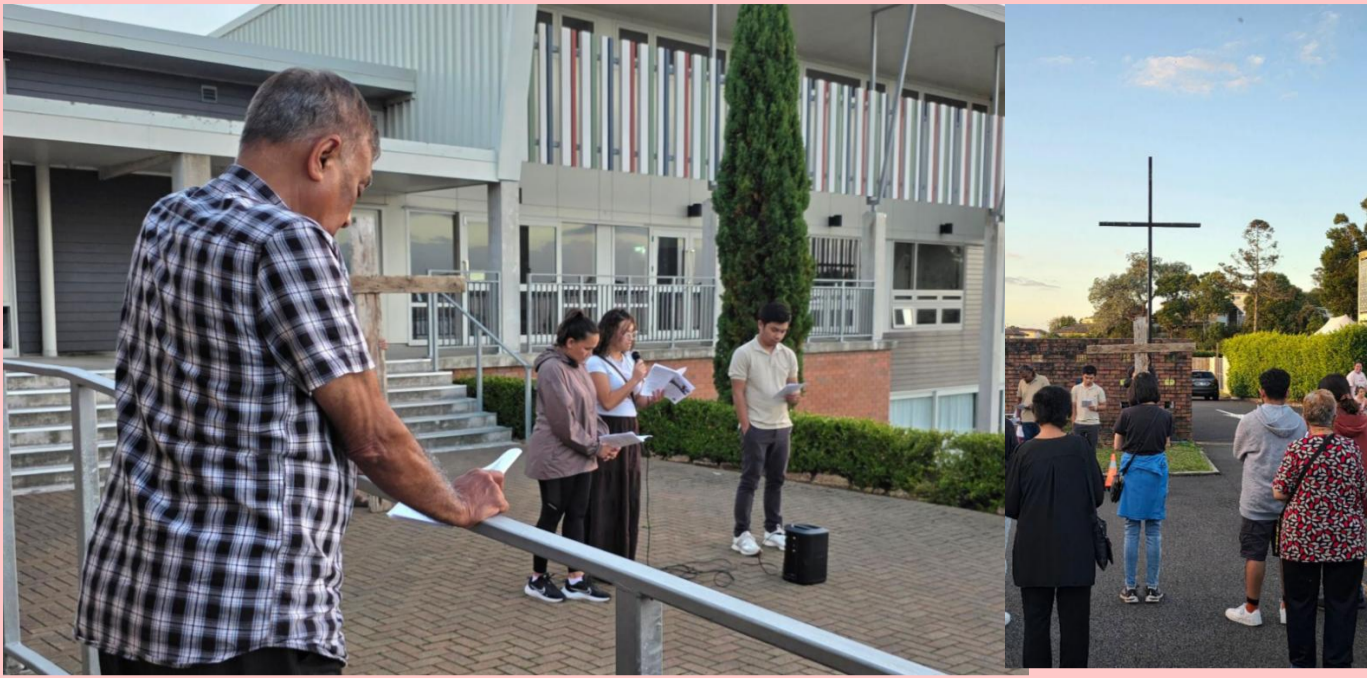


EASTER TRIUUM

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

There are 68 Catholic parishes in Auckland, and the majority of them hold the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. In the Central Deanery, all the parishes come together every Friday at 7 p.m. to reflect on and pray the Stations of the Cross. This Catholic tradition holds deep significance, as it helps the faithful remember and contemplate God's profound love and compassion for humanity.



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!

ST JOHN VIANNEY YOUTH: ATTENTION!

Game On! Youth event @ St John Vianney 🚀

On 12th April, St John Vianney will be having their next youth event called 'Game on!' after the 9:00am Sunday Mass. This will be a fun event involving games, pizza and drinks for youth between the ages of 12 - 18 years of age. Please pray for the volunteers and me who will be planning for this event, and for a good response from all the youth in the parish.

Meeting with St John Vianney Volunteers 🙌

This weekend, I will be meeting with two volunteers, Tina and Rinda, this weekend to plan for the upcoming youth event at the Parish. Please pray for us as we meet and prepare for this event, that it may be fruitful, and meet the needs of the youth attending.

That is all from me! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Please continue to pray for all the youth at St John Vianney and Good Shepherd Parish.

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"

REBUILD MY CHURCH

From Stones to Souls with Dr. Mary Healy

Christ's call to St Francis — "Go and rebuild my house"
— was a call to renew hearts, not just walls.

Before heading to the Australian CHARIS Conference, Dr Mary Healy comes to Hamilton to help us listen more attentively to God's voice and our role in building a living Church.



THREE EVENINGS | 9, 10, 11 June | 7pm

- The Power of God's Word
- The Holy Spirit Brings Life
- For Such a Time as This

CLERGY WORKSHOP | 10 June | 10.30am - 2.30pm

- Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful

LEADERS WORKSHOP | 11 June | 9am - 3pm

- Whole-Hearted Leadership
- Leading in the Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- Empowering Others

Dr Mary Healy

Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

9, 10, 11 JUNE 2026

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HAMILTON

www.cdh.org.nz/events

Scan to register:



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).
- 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: _____