

#### Thu 10 July - Arrival and Community Service Day

**7.30 am** approx. Welcome and collected by host families at church hall. Taken home to freshen up.

**11am Community service project** arranged by The Kaipatiki Project. [www.kaipatiki.org.nz](http://www.kaipatiki.org.nz).

Your hosts will take you to Birkenhead Domain for a planting project. Planting will last for around an hour or so. Helpful - but not essential - hosts are welcome to supply any gumboots, spades or gardening gloves. Also a few pilgrims who have previously indicated will be able to spend time at their nursery nearby instead.

The rest of your afternoon is free. We recommend you have a small (not large) rest so you can join us for the optional evening programme.

**7pm** The St Thomas More Sydney pilgrims will lead a special prayer and singing reflection during Adoration. Reconciliation is available at this time

**7.30pm** Regular parish Mass. Celebrant Archbishop Terry Prendergast from Ottawa.

**8pm Kiwi Dessert and social gathering** in the church hall. You will enjoy some typical NZ fare. Pavlova (meringue cake), MILO (a popular hot chocolate drink) and L&P (Lemon & Paeroa) a uniquely NZ soda drink.

**9.15pm** Social ends so you can have an early night !!

#### Friday 11 July - Auckland Diocesan Day

**8.15am** - Dropped at church. Bring a packed lunch, flag if you have one and a compact umbrella if possible. You may not be able to take a regular sized umbrella into the auditorium for the opening ceremony. One 66 seater double decker bus is booked. The balance of pilgrims will be transported by hosts. Participation in the official **Auckland Diocese WYD Days in the Diocese events**. There is a separate detailed programme and map in your folder. You will be joining in the services for **North Shore** pilgrims. There will be a lot of walking! The city is hilly. Wear good walking shoes. You will need to make your own way from one venue to another. In between the above services you can attend any workshops or other events you can fit in. There are facilities to eat your lunch at St Benedicts.

**10am Formal Civic Welcome** at the Beaumont Centre, city

**12 noon Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction** at St Benedict's Church

**2pm Mass** - St Patrick's Cathedral

**3.30pm** Bus departs from near the Cathedral

**4.15pm** Approx - arrive back at St Thomas More. Collected by hosts. Evening free.

#### Saturday 12 July - Sightseeing Day

**9.00am** - Pilgrims dropped at church by host families. Bring a packed lunch. Today you will not feel like tourists - you will experience some unique aspects of Auckland. Two buses.

**10am approx** Visit St John the Evangelist parish in Otara, South Auckland. The parishioners have invited you all to visit their **Maori Marae** next door. This is a special opportunity to learn a little of the Maori culture and customs. There will be a brief welcome and you will have the opportunity to wander around the marae. The parishes' own visiting pilgrims will be staying on the marae. A marae is not a public building - please respect the sacredness of the area. After a short tour you can walk the short distance to the colourful Otara market. You will be supplied a map. This is an important market for the residents of South Auckland.

<http://www.totaltravel.co.nz/travel/north-island/auckland/auckland-surrounds/events/markets/10544238>

**12 noon** Depart St Johns church. We will travel north to the Eastern Beaches and the waterfront area of Mission Bay & Kohimarama. Here you will be hosted by the Sisters of St Joseph at the Mary McKillop Centre.

**1pm Mass** in the St Joseph's Chapel

**1.30pm** Lunch. If the weather is good you will be able to enjoy some of the best views in Auckland. After lunch an opportunity for a group photo and a chance to view the history display the Sisters have prepared for you. (up the grand staircase at the main entrance). The Sisters of St Joseph is an Australian Order. Learn about Mary MacKillop their founder. Mary MacKillop will feature predominantly at WYD in Sydney.

[www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)

Brief sightseeing enroute back to the church

**3.30pm** Pilgrims collected from St Thomas More. Say good bye to our Atlanta pilgrims.

**5.30pm Atlanta pilgrims only** (11) attend the Vigil Mass with their hosts.

**Neighbourhood shared meal** with other local hosting families and their pilgrims. This is a time to discuss, as a group, what the visiting pilgrims would *most* like to do, or go to on Sunday afternoon. It may be possible to swap pilgrims around within the groups so as many people can be transported to the activity of their choice. Tonight be prepared for a dose of NZ's most famous national sport - rugby - especially if your hosts are Sth Africans! There is a test match on this evening between the NZ All Blacks & the South African Springboks.

#### Sun 13 July - Parish Day

Ask your host to allow you to do your last minute laundry. You may not see a washing machine for some time! Maybe help your host to prepare lunch for today.

**9.45am** Arrive for 10 am Mass at St Thomas More. All pilgrims assemble in the church hall for a procession at the beginning of Mass. Reserved seating in the front pews.

**After Mass:** Finger food brunch/lunch in adjoining church hall for our visiting pilgrims, Sydney pilgrims and host families only.

**Afternoon:** Opportunity for individual host families to take their guests out for the afternoon. Somewhere the pilgrims would *really* like to see that was not included on the Saturday sightseeing day. (as per discussion on Saturday evening) Or maybe something quite different like a bush walk, coast/beach walk, sports event. **Pilgrims are to pay their own entrance fees.**

Early evening meal with family. Packing and last shower in NZ for the Canadians!

Canadians bring luggage in the car to the concert.

**6.45pm** Arrive for 7pm **St Thomas More Showcase**

Pilgrims join their host families at Rosmini College Auditorium in Takapuna, for this popular annual parish youth event.

After the concert the Canadians are dropped at the church hall with their luggage.

**Evening** The Canadian group will sleep over in the church hall.

**3.45am** Transfer to the airport. 1 x 75 seater coach. A small breakfast pack will be provided.

#### Monday 14 July

**7.40am** - Ottawa group (73) flight departure for Melbourne

**1.00pm** - Swede's flight departure for Sydney

**6.00pm** - St Thomas More pilgrim's flight departure for Sydney.