

### Feast Days in the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 20 Aug:** Memorial for **St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church.** Born near Dijon in France in 1090. Entered Cistercian Order at the age of 22; became the abbot of Clairvaux. Despite his longing for the contemplative life, he travelled a great deal in France, Germany et Italy, trying to reconcile divisions in the Church. He wrote many works on the spiritual life and theology.
- **Tue 21 Aug:** Memorial for **St Pius X, pope.** Joseph Sarto was born in 1835, at Riese in the province of Venice. Became Patriarch of Venice in 1893, and pope in 1903. The aim of his life was to 'restore all things to Christ'. He defended the deposit of faith, exhorted the people to take part in the liturgy, encouraged frequent communion — his motivation always pastoral. Died 1914.
- **Wed 22 Aug:** Memorial celebrating **The Queenship of Mary.**
- **Thu 23 Aug:** Optional for **St Rose of Lima, virgin.** Born of a Spanish family at Lima in Peru, 1586, Rose entered the Third Order of St Dominic, living a life of penance and contemplation, offering herself for the salvation of the Indian people. She died in 1617.
- **Fri 24 Aug:** FEAST OF **ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE.** Born in Galilee, one of the twelve apostles. Probably identified with Nathaniel, whom Philip called to follow Jesus. Tradition says that he preached the gospel in India and was martyred there.
- **Sat 25 Aug:** Optional for **St Louis.** Born 1214, King of France at 12. Third Order of St Francis, his life governed by penance, prayer, love and service of the poor. He had 11 children and was a good father, a just and considerate ruler. Died on crusade to Holy Land in 1270.

### PROLIFE NEWS

As Northern Ireland comes under pressure to allow abortion on demand as in the rest of Ireland, a new pro-life group, Both Lives Matter, has emerged. Both Lives Matter offers a network of pregnancy support centres and challenges the accusations that abortion-rights advocates make about the pro-life movement. According to founder, Dawn McAvoy: "Too many people have been silenced by the false accusation that they are forcing their views on others." Advocating for the life and dignity of both lives women and children, is not offensive, it's about standing for human equality. How can this be offensive? It is compassion and justice in action." Visit the website of Both Lives Matter at: [www.bothlivesmatter.org](http://www.bothlivesmatter.org).

**For more pro-life information :**  
[www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)

### Youth News

**Diocesan Youth Mass:** Sunday 26 August 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. "I Choose God Always", hosted by West Region.  
[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz) for more info.

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 18:** Katherine Wright 1941, Beryl Grant 1999, John Franklin 2009
- Aug 19:** Adolf Court 1928, Anne Ross 2011, Ella Maher 2014
- Aug 20:** Nicholas Casey 1913, Margaret Heffernan 2002, Philippa Gerrard 2007
- Aug 21:** Thomas Bayot 1911, Joan Cummings 2005
- Aug 22:** Cedric Courtney 1984, Vincent Morrell 1985
- Aug 23:** John Walsh 1951, Yvonne Straznik 1999
- Aug 24:** Edna Wilkinson 1997

For a Catholic Chaplain to visit a patient at North Shore Hospital, ph 358 0825 Ext. 1019

### Sunday Dishes

- 26 Aug-Mia
- Counting Roster
- 26 Aug-Elizabeth & Alan
- Flowers 24 Aug-Anne
- Cleaning 25 Aug-Fleming



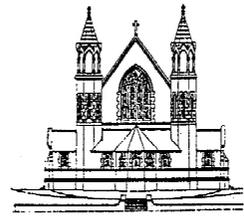
## Devonport Catholic Parish

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### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 19 AUGUST 2018

Do you remember the last time you were thirsty? How your mouth felt dry and brittle and ready to cry out? If you were near to a stream, maybe you buried your face in it and drank to your heart's desire.

And give a thought to hunger. Most people reading this will never have experienced true wrenching hunger, common in parts of Africa and Asia. We all know that our stomach cannot remain empty forever—our bodies demand energy. And guess what. They can go on just a short, short time before thirst must be assuaged.

Underneath all these hopes and wants and desires, mingling with them and undergirding all of them, there silently nestles the desire for God.

Every human being is blest with this longing. God is the only one who can quench our deepest thirst, the only one whose love can create us and keep us. We want the beloved one, whose arms hold us gently in safety throughout the dangers. We yearn for this as we trace our way through time.

Sometimes you and I employ substitutes as an escape from that desire. Fast living. Fast food, fast cars, convenience, comfort, unrestricted sexual fulfillment (without responsibility), and the "right" of complete freedom to do whatever we want to do, whenever we want to do it. If we can remember what it was we wanted.

Wisdom says in the first reading "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live." Stop thinking that your life will ever make sense if you fill it with piles of stuff and forget the one thing you need the most:



closeness to God and closeness through God to everyone and everything else.

In the Gospel Jesus gives us ultimate food and drink. It is actually the most simple gift of all: bread that is his body and drink that is his blood, poured out for us.

We need to calm down and receive peacefully this body and blood of Christ into our own fleshly selves. That way we can allow our realest hunger and thirst at Sunday Mass—not instead of the other needs, but undergirding them. We eat the bread which Christ calls "true food," the blood which he makes "true drink."

These nourish the moment-by-moment course of our lives.

If we let them.

### Parish AGM

10.30am Sunday 19 August in St Leo's Hall.

Please bring a morning tea plate to share.

All welcome.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Larry Rustia **Coordinator:** Stephen Bell 021 060 8561

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**Principal:** Maureen Harris **Parish-School Reps:** Fr Larry Rustia, Peter Wolfkamp

**Parish Newsletter:** (DEADLINE 9am THURS.) Ph: Presbytery 4450078

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St Francis de Sales & All Souls [www.facebook.com/groups/1077078918984007/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1077078918984007/)

**Sunday Mass Times:** Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.00am

**Weekday Times:** Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat, after 9.00am Mass

Eating & drinking are basic human activities, but with a broad significance. Family meals are often centres of communication & bonding in the home. To be invited to a meal is to be invited into people's lives. Life-giving and love-sharing moments. Hardly surprising then, that the central Christian sacrament is in the form of a shared meal, with the life-giving food being Christ himself.

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*The Father Who Draws Us To Himself*

**Prov 9:1-6** Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you

**Ps 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Eph 5:15-20** Recognise what is the will of God.

**John 6:51-58** My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** 26 August

*The Holy One Of God*

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18** We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

**Ps 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Eph 5:21-32** This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

**John 6:60-69** Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

**Lectors:**

**(19 Aug) Sat** K Petrie S Erasmussen **Sun** M Lawlor-Bartlett P Bartlett

**(26 Aug) Sat** S Burke L McMaster **Sun** D Williamson K Kearins

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**(19 Aug) Sat** M & H Dennis P McKay **Sun** A Williams G Kalaugher S Gillies

**(26 Aug) Sat** K Isidro M Burke K Casey **Sun** A Steel F Sapa'u K Lynch

**Parish Flower Ministry**

The Flower Ministry is looking for volunteers who are passionate about flowers, to join our enthusiastic and fun team. No experience is required. Training can be arranged. Coming events to look forward to are 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Leo's School and Christmas! So if you'd like to give it a go, please contact Margaret Pereira at [pereiramargaret@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pereiramargaret@xtra.co.nz)

**HEATH AND SAFETY NOTICE**

The Parish is required to keep a register of "First-Aiders" on hand at each Mass in case of emergency. Our current register is out of date. Do you have a First Aid Certificate or are you a Doctor or Nurse etc. Would you be willing to train in First Aid?

**We need you.**

Please contact **Stephen on 021 060 8561** or parish office email: [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz) to volunteer or for more information.



**ROSARY**  
Every Monday evening in the church, 6.00pm

**Contemplative Prayer/Christian Meditation:**  
Monday evenings 6.30 – 7.15pm in parish meeting room. All welcome. Pippa 0278085308 Info: [www.christianmeditation.org.nz](http://www.christianmeditation.org.nz)

The Monday afternoon group meets at 3pm-4pm at St Luke's church, Bayswater.

**Come and Explore your vocation...**  
[www.aucklandpriests.co.nz](http://www.aucklandpriests.co.nz)

**Fundraising Activities**

(For new kitchen for parish hall)

- **Wine-Tasting & Matching Food**, sponsored by Glengarry Wines Devonport: **Friday 24 August 7.00pm**, at Glengarry's 11 Clarence St. Contact Kim 021473262. Tickets \$30. Payment: 02-0100-0120958-16
- **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, Saturday 15th September**. \$40 each. Signup form on table in church. 20 person max for this event.

**Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to Play**

A Social Justice Week workshop providing an opportunity to listen to the stories and challenges of people with disabilities.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm at St Columba Centre** 40 Vermont St Ponsonby. Come and see how you can help your Parish become an even more welcoming and caring community. All welcome.

**Auckland Diocesan Peace & International Justice Committee** are looking for people with a strong interest in global issues to join us. Send an expression of interest to: [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz)  
See [www.catholicjusticeauckland.org.nz](http://www.catholicjusticeauckland.org.nz)



**Pope Francis :**  
In carrying Jesus, Mary brings us a new joy, filled with meaning," Pope Francis said, "she brings a new ability to overcome with faith the most painful and difficult moments; she brings the ability of mercy, to forgive each other, understand each other, support one another."

**How do we exercise these qualities of Mary? Mercy, forgiveness, understanding and support for those in painful or difficult situations.**

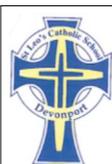
**Church Life Survey 2018 TODAY!**  
Bishop Pat, with his Council of Priests, has asked that all parishes in Auckland participate in the Church Life Survey today. This is a national survey organised by the Christian Research Association.

Apart from demographic questions, the rest of the survey is an attitudinal one. The questions ask you how you feel about belonging to your church and your parish, what you most value; and ask the same questions about your faith. Questions are asked about outreach into the community and your involvement. All of this data leads to great tools for parishes and for the Pastoral Planning Team to plan and to meet the expressed needs of our parishioners.

You can either do it online by going to <https://www.clsnz.com/> using the code **KHDXHGF**,

Or you can fill in the survey with the congregation during the Mass. (If doing it online, it is the Full Survey NOT the Lite one) There are forms and pencils at the ends of pews. Forms will be collected after completion at each Mass.

**Employment Opportunity** —The parish is offering a paid position for a part-time secretary. This position requires a background in office and accounts administration, proficiency in Microsoft office and good communication skills. The office work is (flexible) Monday-Friday, 10 hours per week. Please send an expression of interest, or request job description to: [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)



**ST LEO'S SCHOOL**

**Whole School Mass**  
We celebrated a lovely Mass together as a school on Friday to remember the Feast of the Assumption. The children drew images of Mary and these were displayed in posters at the front of the church and they also brought up flowers at the offertory to lay in front of the statue of Our Lady.

**Kapa Haka**  
The St Leo's Kapa Haka group led the singing of the Maori hymns sung during the whole school Mass. It is great having these children as leaders in the school.



**Squash**  
A group of students represented St Leo's at a squash tournament on Friday. I had feedback from the organisers of the tournament during their training sessions, that our students were very well behaved and had a great attitude. They showed they live by the Mercy values we instil in our children. We are very proud of them.

**Maureen Harris, Principal**

**Te Ngakau Waiora: Mercy Spirituality Centre**  
(104 The Drive, Epsom)

**Introduction to DREAMWORK 101** — with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 24 Aug, 6-9pm & Sat 25 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$130

**Retreat Day with Pip Nicholls: Wisdom needs no scapegoat** with PIP NICHOLLS. Sun 9 Sept, 10am-4pm. \$60

**Desire for CONNECTEDNESS** — with LAITITIA PUTHENPADATH. Tues 11 Sept, 10am-12noon. \$15 incl. morning tea. How can we remain connected with ourselves, our family, our friends and society?  
Booking essential: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz), or ph 638 6238

**Liturgy Centre Workshop "Full, Conscious and Active"**  
To be held on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7—9pm at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mairangi Bay. The workshop will explore the Liturgy as a means of our transformation, participation and what it requires of us, and unity within the backdrop of an individualistic culture. To register, email [tinac@cda.org.nz](mailto:tinac@cda.org.nz) or phone 093603061