

Feast Days in the Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 27 Aug:** Memorial for **St Monica**. Born in 332 in North Africa, of a Christian family, married to a pagan, Patricius, whom she brought to the faith. Monica best known as the mother of St Augustine of Hippo. She had four children, but prayed and wept for Augustine, whose conversion filled her with joy.
- **Tue 28 Aug:** Memorial for **St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born at Thagaste, Nth Africa 354, Augustine was a brilliant young man whose early life was wild and unsettled. He was converted by the prayers of his mother, and baptized by St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in 387. Returned to Africa and lived an ascetic life. Became Bishop of Hippo. His many writings present a theology and a spirituality that are exceptional, and have had great influence, even today.
- **Wed 29 Aug:** Memorial for **The Passion of St John the Baptist**. (Thess. 4:13-18, Psalm 71, Mark 6:17-29).

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 for more info.

PROLIFE NEWS

The President of the Law Commission, Sir Douglas White, has advised Right to Life on 14 August, that a total of 3,419 submissions on the review of the abortion laws in New Zealand have been received from the community. Right to Life learned that a total of 73.5 per cent of submissions which addressed the issue opposed the decriminalisation of abortion and only 26.5 per cent of submissions which addressed the issue supported the decriminalisation of abortion. Right to Life earnestly requests that the government recognise and acknowledge that on the basis of the submissions to the Law Commission, the government has no mandate from the people of New Zealand to decriminalise abortion. **For more pro-life info visit** www.righttolife.org

LIFEFEEST 2018: Attention young people and youth groups!

A one day hands-on event providing young people, **13 to 19 years**, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4th October: 9 am to 9 pm.** Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. For more info email: clare.flii@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955

MARRIED COUPLES:

Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** — 15-17 September at Allenby Park Hotel Manukau. — **BOOK NOW!** — 0800 362 686, or Christine & David Sloan, 372-3581 or david.christinesloan@gmail.com

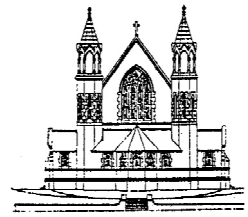


ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 26: Anthony Patel 1948
Aug 27: Catherine Kenny 1938, John Murphy 2003
Aug 28: George Sinclair 1948, Mary Piper 1983
Aug 29: Bernard O'Hara 1959, Kathryn Eddon 1998
Aug 31: Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977
Sep 01: Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 26 AUGUST 2018



1. Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" If you were there at the time would you be one of the many disciples who returned to his/her former way of life or one that stayed with Jesus? Is there any middle ground here?

2. According to Pope Francis how do we become inserted into Christ's immense work of salvation? When and how does Christ sharpen our spiritual vision with his love?

years ago. But we can encounter him in our own time when we listen to his Word and are near to him in a special way in the Eucharist. ... May the Holy Mass never become a superficial routine for us! May we draw more and more from its profundity! It is precisely the Mass that inserts us in Christ's immense work of salvation, to sharpen our spiritual vision by his love: by his "prophecy in act" with which, at the Last Supper, he initiated the gift of self on the cross; by his irrevocable victory over sin and death, which we boldly and festively proclaim. We need to learn how to live the Holy Mass.

From a homily of Pope Francis: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" We too, who belong to the Church today, pose this question. Even if it is more hesitant on our lips than on Peter's, our answer, like that of the Apostle, can only be the person of Jesus. Yes, he lived 2000

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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

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

Sunday Dishes
 2 Sept-Norrene
Counting Roster
 2 Sept-Andrew & Mary
Flowers
 31 Aug-Elizabeth
Cleaning 8 Sept-
 Moata'ane

How can we be truly free? No-one was more obedient than Jesus, and no-one has ever been so free. Dare we believe that by taking the risk of whole-hearted bridge-burning commitment to the Lord we shall find the freedom for which we long?

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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.

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *The Commandments Of Life 2 Sept*

Deut.4:1-2,5-8 Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Ps 15: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

James 1:17-18,21-22,27 You must do what the word tells you.

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Lectors:

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

(2 Sep) Sat K Petrie S Erasmus **Sun** K Kearins D Williamson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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

(2 Sep) Sat J McFadden K Isidro **Sun** G Kalaugher F Sapa'u K Lynch

Sunday 26 August Special

Collection: the annual appeal to support **Maori Pastoral Care** in the Auckland diocese. This collection will take place after Communion. There are some extra envelopes for this on table at church door.

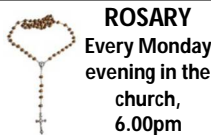
NZ Catholic : Latest Issue, Aug 26—

Sept 8. *Some headlines:* NZ bishops to meet Pope. Celebrity chef priest coming to NZ. New qualification on leadership and Catholic culture. Naming the next generation of Catholics. **On Sale Now: \$4**

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for household furniture especially single and Double/queen beds. Also all practical household furniture.

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reception@depaulhouse.org.nz



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.christianmeditationnz.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



Pope Francis :

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow

and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. (August 20th, 2018)

Parish Fit For Mission Project

For the past three years our parish has hosted a Christmas Party in early December for some disadvantaged children and teenagers from the North Shore region. We would like to do the same again this year but **we need a volunteer to coordinate and lead the preparation** in the weeks leading up to the event. Detailed notes from last year's event are available.

Can you help with this? Please contact the parish: office@devonportcatholic.org.nz, or Stephen Bell stpb@xtra.co.nz

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER SERVICE

A follow up on Fr Jude's Retreat on The Holy Spirit earlier this year. A warm welcome to all! Praise & Worship, Prayer Reflection of The Word of God, and a moment of experiencing the healing touch of Jesus in the Holy Spirit. **Thurs. 30 August from 7-8.30pm** in the Parish Hall of St Mary, 117 Onewa Road.

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The **Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organisation with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. **Friday evening 5-7 Oct Sunday afternoon.** Cost \$295 or early-bird price of \$245 if paid by 2 Sept. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022 0890458 or leave message on (09) 3603054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport If you know of anyone who would like a helping hand Please would you call St Vincent de Paul on **027 222 3367** or contact the Parish.



ST LEO'S SCHOOL

Welcome to our new pupil. Amelia Mena-Levin has joined St Clare's this week. She has already settled in very well.

Sport at St Leo's. Over the past 2 weeks we have had tennis coaching sessions for

each class on a Tuesday. It has been great to see all the children outside enjoying themselves. Last Friday 6 children took part in a squash tournament and represented the school in the usual St Leo's way. We are very proud of them.

Speech Competition. Last week we ran a speech competition and our Term One acting Principal, Maureen Grimes, kindly came and judged the speeches. We were all very impressed with the quality of the finalists. Molly Claxton and Joseph Wolfkamp will represent St Leo's at the Peninsula Schools competition and we wish them all the best.

125th Jubilee. We are very excited to be hosting our school's 125th Jubilee on the weekend of the 10 & 11 November. The School Fair will take place on the Saturday and on Sunday Bishop Pat will celebrate Mass at 11am followed by a catered lunch. The ticket sales website is almost set up and will be available by the end of the week. The link for booking tickets is: trybooking.co.nz/LN.

Catholic Character. On Wednesday Fr Larry

conducted a Reconciliation Service in St Patrick's. Next week Father Larry will be visiting St Dominic's class as part of his regular visits to our classrooms.

Maureen Harris, Principal



Te Ngakau Waiora: Mercy Spirituality Centre

(104 The Drive, Epsom)

Retreat Day with Pip Nicholls: Wisdom needs no scapegoat 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 www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, or ph 638 6238