

## Feast Days in the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 3 Sep:** Memorial for **St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.** Born c540, Gregory was prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople: 580-585. Became pope in 590. This was the time of barbarian attacks on Rome. He cared for the poor and refugees, made contact with the barbarians, sent missionaries to England. He left extensive writings, including commentaries on scripture. His liturgies, collected in the Gregorian Sacramentary have been influential into modern times. He is the patron of teachers.
- **Wed 5 Sep:** Optional for **St Teresa of Calcutta.** Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born 26 August 1910 in Skopje. Died 5 Sept 1997 in Kolkata India. Took the name Teresa after joining the Sisters of Loretto. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity devoted to the care of the poor, destitute and outcast, especially the dying. Canonised 4th Sept 2016.
- **Sat 8 Sep: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** Today we celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the sun of justice, Christ our Lord. Held up by the Church as the greatest of all the saints, Mary's birthday has been celebrated on this date since the seventh century. (Micah 5:1-4 or Roms 8:28-30, Ps 13:6-7, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23).

## PROLIFE NEWS

The Ministry of Health earlier this year made a submission to the Law Commission in Wellington which has been tasked with reviewing abortion law as a "health issue". The submission downplayed the harmful effects abortion could have on the mental health of some women.

The internationally recognised Christchurch School of Medicine's Health & Development Study team carried out two landmark studies in 2005 and 2009. The leader wrote to the Abortion Supervisory Committee in 2004: "It is quite scandalous that a procedure applied to 1 in 10 women before 21 has not been thoroughly evaluated to examine adverse reaction." However, in Nov 2006, the Ministry of Health and the Abortion Supervisory Committee stated that no further research would be commissioned, nor any analysis be undertaken of the Study team's findings.

[www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)

Clevedon Valley Music Foundation Trust presents **Vladimir Romanov's Stabat Mater** – concert to be held on **Sunday 9 September** at St Benedict's Church, Newton, from **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm**. See website for tickets and information: <http://cvmft.org>.  
Check the noticeboard for more details.

**Pregnancy Help**—[www.pregnancyhelp.org.nz](http://www.pregnancyhelp.org.nz)  
or 09 373 2599

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 01:** Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994  
**Sep 02:** William Harris, 1912. John Twomey 2005  
**Sep 03:** Ella Bannon 1907  
**Sep 04:** Margaret Sheffield 1962  
**Sep 05:** Rhoda Fraser 1977, Patricia Baldwin 2005  
**Sep 06:** William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985, Gerald Candy 2014  
**Sep 07:** Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955  
**Sep 08:** Sarah Porter 1944

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

**Sunday Dishes**  
**9 Sept-David**  
**Counting Roster**  
**19 Sept-Shyrelle & Brian**  
**Flowers 7 Sept-Gayle**  
**Cleaning 8 Sept—**  
**Moata'ane**

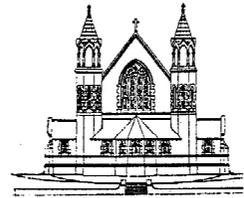
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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

### From your Parish Pastoral Council

Firstly, a very Happy Fathers' Day to all those fathers in the parish. Some may say this is just another commercialisation of family life, but sometimes we need a reminder about thanking people just for doing what needed to be done, even when they didn't feel like it. Come to think of it, isn't that the definition of a saint? May your day leave you feeling loved and cherished.

Thanks too, to all those who came to the Parish AGM on August 19<sup>th</sup>, or who have taken the time to read the reports from the various groups. There were twenty reports, each representing a group of volunteers who give up their time on a regular basis to build community in some way. There was lively discussion about the reports, including

The need to keep renewing membership of the various committees and welcoming new people. The Parish Council, Property and Finance Committee, Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Aged, Choir, St Joseph's Guild (Monday Morning Gardening Team), and Church Cleaning Group are all looking for new members. Volunteering benefits both the community and the individual so please think about where your talents and interests could help. We also need a person to take charge of the Fit for Mission Christmas Party for children in foster care, with support from previous helpers.

Recognition that the Hall Renovation Project has been a uniting influence, both in providing a better venue for social gatherings, and in coming together to raise funds. We can report further that the Movie Night, Dinner Party, and Wine Tasting have together raised \$3700, bringing us closer to

the amount needed to complete the Kitchen Upgrade. The Poster Sales (see sample at church door) and the Repertoire Fashion Evening on October 18<sup>th</sup> are the most recent fundraising ventures. Work on the kitchen will begin mid-September, and if you can help as volunteer labour (handymen or women) we would love to hear from you.

Information about the Walk by Faith formation programme offered by the Diocese.

Participants can enrol for one, two or three years, and work in small groups alongside a tutor. Workbooks and readings are provided. If you are interested in building faith and understanding of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or let Fr Larry know.

Acknowledgement that although we are a small parish, we have many of the same demands on our resources as a larger one. The Finance report shows that our income from donations is in natural decline after a boost 3 years ago and we are just breaking even. The Wish List that is updated at every P and F meeting shows that the church and the presbytery both need some work, although a great deal has already been completed. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church next year, a suggestion has been made about building a new tabernacle as a centenary project. Preliminary cost estimates sit around \$25,000. We would be interested to hear from parishioners about this idea.

Finally, as well as focussing on our own parish, we need to remember we are part of a wider church and a wider society. Please read the notice about the special collections next weekend for Social Justice Week.

**In gratitude, arohanui na Kath Petrie, PPC Chair.**  
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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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**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

Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah to condemn worship that is just outward observance, worship that doesn't arise from true hearts. And the author of the letter of James defines pure religion not in terms of church-going but as "coming to the help of orphans and widows". Worship that does not fire our passion for justice is counterfeit.

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *The Commandments Of Life*

**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.

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *The Lord Who Does All Things Well* 9 Sept

**Is 35:4-7** The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

**Ps 146: Praise the Lord, my soul.**

**James 2:1-5** God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

**Mark 7:31-37** He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

**Lectors:**

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

**(9 Sep) Sat** C Sinclair L McMaster **Sun** A Gibson N Gibson

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

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

**(9 Sep) Sat** R & L Mannion E Wingrove **Sun** F Knottenbelt A Steel I Gillies

**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)

**Life Teen Info Evening:**

Youth leaders, priests, parents and PPC members are invited to the **Life Teen Info Evening on Fri 7 Sept**, 7pm

Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Ponsonby. Randy Raus, CEO of Life Teen USA, will share how their resources and camps lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. **Please RSVP with Rochelle on 022 309 2022**



**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 after-noon 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)

**Special Collection Next Sunday: 9 September CATHEDRAL APPEAL**

This is the annual appeal for the  **upkeep of the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph.**

The Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Auckland Diocese — a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. It requires large funds to maintain in good condition for both now and the future.

**Please use** your planned giving envelope next week, or the special appeal envelopes available at church door, or send direct to:

Freepost 189241, St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation, Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Ak 1034

**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](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz), or Stephen Bell [stpb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stpb@xtra.co.nz)

**Candlelight Rosary Procession**

**& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** Sacred heart College, 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes. **Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited.

**Social Justice Week 9-15 September.**

Next Saturday and Sunday we will be taking up an extra Offertory Collection. We are asking each family who attends Mass to contribute

**A toiletry item – anything for the bathroom or personal use. OR**

**A kitchen item – not food, but pots and pans, kitchen equipment in good condition. OR**  
**A bedding item – blankets, pillowcases, sheets new or used.**

These items will be distributed through De Paul House, which provides emergency housing and ongoing support for families. Everyone has a part to play in making the world a fairer place, so please remember your contribution next weekend.



**ST LEO'S SCHOOL**

**Speech Competition** On Monday, Molly Claxton and Joseph Wolfkamp represented St Leo's at the Peninsula Schools Speech competition. They were both excellent speakers and we were extremely proud of

them. Molly went on to win the competition which was an amazing achievement and well deserved.

**Junior trip** The Year 1 to 3 children went to MOTAT on Thursday to learn about the manufacturing process and recycling. They had a great trip and learnt a lot of new information.

**125th Jubilee** The Jubilee promises to be an exciting weekend, with the Fair on the 10th November. Then following the Mass at 11am Sunday, celebrated by Bishop Pat, we will have a ceremony to mark the occasion followed by an option of beautifully catered lunch put on by the Spit Roast Company. The current pupils will be taking part in entertaining the guests. There will also be plenty of time for mixing and mingling with old school friends.

The booking website has now been reconfigured. As we have a limited amount of space in the church, we need to keep track of the number of people attending Mass, but there will not be any charge for people to attend Mass.

There will be a small registration fee to cover costs for the day. Tickets are available on this website "[trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://trybooking.co.nz/LN)" or you can come and see Renee in the office at school, who will help with your booking.

**Blokes Night Inn** As I was writing this, preparation for this event was taking place in the Hall. I'm sure it was a great night for the men of our community and I'd like to thank all those who have been involved in this fundraising. We really appreciate what they do for our lovely wee school.

*Maureen Harris, Principal*



**Enrolments for 2019**

Enrolments are open for 2019. If you know of any families who would like to join our school family please encourage them to contact Renee in the office. Or If you have a pre-schooler who is not yet enrolled please see Renee. **Phone 445 9339.**

**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 to remain connected with self, family, friends, society?

Bookings: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)  
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