

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

- **Wed 12 Sep:** Optional memorial for the **Holy Name of Mary**. Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth.
- **Thu 13 Sep:** Memorial for **St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Antioch about 349, where he was ordained. His preaching bore great fruit, and his writings reveal brilliance of intellect and strength of faith. Lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of clergy and people. Made bishop of Constantinople but died in exile, 404.
- **Fri 14 Sep: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.** The cross on which Jesus was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption.
- **Sat 15 Sep:** Memorial for **Our Lady of Sorrows**. *Simeon said to Mary: 'This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; he is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce'.*

**'Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference:** Amazing weekend conference — Rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to enlighten and transform our communities. Once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the daughter of St Gianna Beretta Molla – the daughter she gave her life for. Experience beautiful liturgies, pray and learn how we can live of Christ and allow Him to encounter our culture— *a culture that is in desperate need of His Love and Mercy.* **5-7<sup>th</sup> October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School.** *Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018) or ph 09 629 4361.*

### PROLIFE NEWS

The principles of biogenesis state two things: 1) all life comes from pre-existent life; and 2) each being reproduces after its own kind.

The zygote is a complete human being with the potential to grow into an adult. While we may not perceive a zygote as "looking" like a human being, the zygote looks exactly like how a human being should look at that particular stage of development. The same comparison can be made between a newborn and a physically mature adult, who differ significantly in appearance. Changes in appearance come about because of growth and development, not because a zygote or embryo turns into a human. The zygote does not have the potential to become a human, but is a human.

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 08:** Sarah Porter 1944
- Sep 09:** Eileen Mahony 1982, Alphonsus Sheehan 1991
- Sep 11:** Maria Cunningham 1920
- Sep 13:** Thomas Evans 1888
- Sep 14:** Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017
- Sep 15:** John Carter 1965



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

### Sunday Dishes

- 16 Sept-Corenna
- Counting Roster
- 16 Sept-Kate & Catherine
- Flowers 14 Sept-Sue
- Cleaning 21 Sept—Dobbs



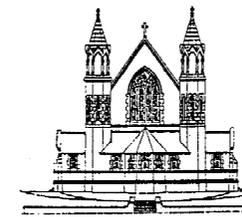
## Devonport Catholic Parish

**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**

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### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 9 SEPTEMBER 2018



In the mentality of the time that Mark wrote his gospel, disabilities like deafness and muteness are among the afflictions viewed as punishments. Those suffering them are seen as sinners, or perhaps, children of sinners. By opening the ears and releasing the tongue of the man brought to him, Jesus brings him back to health and integrates him into society, giving him back his religious rights and the man ceases to be a marginal figure.

Faced with the chosen people who have become deaf to his preaching, Jesus has

gone over to pagan territory. He comes to open eyes that are blind and to unstop ears that were deaf. He challenges the self-sufficient mentality of the rich, the powerful, and the proud. Each time this gospel is proclaimed, Jesus takes issue with our own complacency and egocentricity.

To all of us, he commands: *'Be opened'*.

This theme serves to introduce *Social Justice Week* for us.

**Enabling Communities:  
Everyone Has A Part To Play**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Larry Rustia **Parish Secretary:** Emma Antipuesto-Tomanan

**St Leo's Catholic School:** 4459339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)

**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

When we were baptised, one of the rituals involved the touching of our ears and mouth (drawing directly from today's gospel reading), accompanied by the words: "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father". This is our baptismal calling, to hear the word of God, take it to heart, and speak it forth in all we say and do.

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

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Christ, The Son Of Man* 16 Sept

**Isaiah 50:5-9** I offered my back to those who struck me.

**Ps 115: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**James 2:14-18** If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

**Mark 8:27-35** You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

**Lectors:**

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

**(16 Sep) Sat** D Lamont S Burke **Sun** School/Family Mass

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

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

**(16 Sep) Sat** K Isidro K Isidro M Burke **Sun** K Lynch B Turner A Williams



**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](http://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](http://www.aucklandpriests.co.nz)

**Special Collection TODAY — CATHEDRAL APPEAL**

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 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, Auckland 1034

**Pope Francis : We Are All Missionary Disciples**

How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection or betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom. "But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live out our baptismal calling to become missionary disciples and accept the life-giving words of Christ, even when they are difficult."

(August 2018)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women North Shore — Warmly invites all women to our October Meeting: Wed 19 Sept, 7.30-9.30pm.**

Topic: Gentleness/Humility. Speaker: Sr Alba (Little Sisters of the Poor). Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield **Contact:** Sylvia 09 443 7477, [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)



**Youth News**

**Diocesan Youth Mass — Sunday 30 Sept, 7pm** at St Pat's Cathedral. "Live In Me", hosted by Vinnies [www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz)

**LIFESTEST 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 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: 9 am to 9 pm.** Epsom Girls' Grammar School. For more info email: [clare.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.fli@xtra.co.nz) txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955

**St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport**

Thank you for remembering to bring a food item with you to Mass each week, this helps enormously to keep our food bank stocked up. 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.

**Holy Cross Seminary** invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the **Feast of the Holy Cross Mass**. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00 pm** on **Monday 17 September**. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Cullinane

**CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE**

Please support and pray for the evangelisation work of the Catholic Enquiry Centre in New Zealand. [www.catholicenquiry.nz](http://www.catholicenquiry.nz)

**NZ Catholic** : Latest Issue, Sept 9—22. *Some headlines:*

Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships. **On Sale Now: \$4**

**Social Justice Week 2018: 9—15 Sept.**

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week. This year's Theme:

**"Enabling Communities: Everyone Has A Part To Play"**

This year the focus is on disability and participation. How can we encourage more enabling communities, affirming that everyone has a part to play in our society?

"Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed." (*Jean Vanier, Becoming Human, 1998*)

**Reflection Brochures: "Everyone has a part to play" — reflecting on St Paul's message in 1Cor12:18-27. Copies are available on table at church door.**

Or go to <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

**Senior Women's Coffee Group**

The next meeting will be at Sister Margaret Browne's, 79a Lake Rd (parking in Old Lake Road) on Thursday 13 September at 10am. Please come and join us.

**ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**ERO visit**

Next week the Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting our school to assess how our school is achieving and to provide information to schools,

parents, communities and the government to assist decision making. We will welcome them at a special St Leo's assembly on Monday morning at 9.30am. They will be at the school for 3 days.

**Paralympic fundraiser**

On Friday, the children wore mufti to fundraise for the Paralympics. Renee's niece, Sarah Ellington, is a paralympic cyclist and medal winner. She came to school to speak to the children about her journey to becoming a New Zealand paralympic representative.

**125th Jubilee**

The booking website is now up and running. If you know of past pupils, families or Parishioners who have been involved at St Leo's and would like to attend the Jubilee weekend, please pass on the website address - "trybooking.co.nz/LN" or they can come and see Renee in the office at school, who will help with your booking. We are looking forward to hosting this event, with the current pupils taking part in entertaining the guests. There will be displays of photos from past years and plenty of opportunity for mixing and mingling with old school friends.

**Blokes Night Inn**

This was a successful fundraiser and by all account the men had an enjoyable evening. I wish to publicly thank all those involved in making this event happen. The school really appreciates the voluntary work generous people do. *Maureen Harris, Principal*

**Enrolments 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. If you have a pre-schooler who is not yet enrolled please also see Renee. **Ph 445 9339**



**ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, DEVONPORT**  
**125 YEAR JUBILEE**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**11am: Celebration Mass**  
**12.30pm Luncheon**

To register & information go to: [trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://trybooking.co.nz/LN)  
 Or email [stleos125th@gmail.com](mailto:stleos125th@gmail.com)

**And don't miss the St Leo's School Village Fair on Saturday 10 November 11am to 2pm**