

Feast Days in the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 21 Nov:** Memorial for **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This celebration commemorates the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple of Jerusalem, when she was three. The feast was first kept in the 8th century. It symbolizes the consecration of her life to the Lord.
- **Thu 22 Nov:** Memorial for **St Cecilia, virgin and martyr**. A martyr of the second or third century. She is thought to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity, and they were martyred before her. Patron saint of musicians.
- **Fri 23 Nov:** Optional for **St Columban, abbot**. Born Ireland mid-6th century, Columban went with a group of monks to Gaul, where he established monasteries whose rule was particularly austere. Many were attracted to this way of life, but conflict with the local Church in Gaul arose and he had to leave there. He settled in Northern Italy at Bobbio, where the house he established became a centre of learning. He died there in 615.
- **Sat 24 Nov:** Memorial for **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs**. Through the missionary efforts of various religious families, beginning in the 16th C until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. In 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 persons martyred in the 18th Century.

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

Advent Series: Encountering the Holy Spirit in Advent — with HELEN BERGIN op. Tues 27 Nov, 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm. \$15 each or \$40 for all three sessions. Advent is alive with the Holy Spirit's presence. In Advent 2018 (Year C), the Spirit is not always named 'Holy Spirit' so we will explore Sunday readings for signs of the Spirit!

RETREAT: Who are You O God and Who am I? — with CHRISTINA CATHRO rmdm. Tues, Wed, Thus 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm. \$65 per 3-day Retreat. We fall into a particular way of seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil.

Booking essential: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, or ph 638 6238

PROLIFE NEWS

The Law Commission's review of NZ abortion law was released on 26th October. The Law Commission consulted with medical professional bodies, abortion providers, NZ Nurses Organisation and a wide range of women's groups. All favoured Model A, which allows for abortion up to birth for any reason.

For more info: www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 17:** Esmond Cooper 1999
- Nov 18:** Ian Haines 1988, Peter Galligan 2004, Molly Hickey 2009
- Nov 19:** Harold Brock 2001
- Nov 20:** Percy Withers 1961, Peter Casey 1976, Ada Calvert 1988
- Nov 21:** Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995
- Nov 22:** Elizabeth Graham 1959, Dervan Goldwater 1979, Rae O'Brien 2008
- Nov 23:** Elizabeth Robinson 1934, Marion Newcombe 2003
- Nov 24:** William Walters 1936



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

Sunday Dishes

25 Nov — Yem

Counting Roster

25 Nov — Elizabeth

& Alan

Flowers

23 Nov — Sue

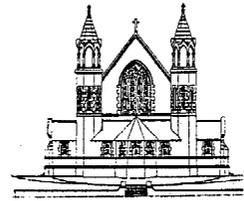
Devonport Catholic Parish

St Francis de Sales & All Souls

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624

(09) 4450078

www.devonportcatholic.org.nz



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME : 18 NOVEMBER 2018

Notes from your Parish Pastoral Council. November 2018

Firstly, let me add another shout-out of "Congratulations!" to all those involved in planning and delivering a wonderful weekend of celebrations for the 125th Anniversary of St Leo's School. Events such as those do not come together without a great deal of hard work behind the scenes, by a great many people – too many to name individually. Some worked as part of the Fair Committee and the Jubilee Committee, some as smaller groups or even individuals but the effect of all their efforts was stunning, from the beginning on Saturday at 11 when the initial crowds swarmed into the festive Fair setting, to the last notes of performance and conversation on Sunday afternoon. The sun shone when it mattered and the students did themselves proud. The mingling of old, middle-aged and young students, parents, teachers, and friends of the school showed a vibrant community that has lasted for more than a century and is ready to keep going strongly. I was reminded forcefully that the word Eucharist means Thanksgiving, and we have a great deal to be thankful for. Sarah's photos on the parish Facebook page bring those memories alive, so do have a look if you haven't already. The Heart of Mercy, shown in the statuettes presented by St Teresa Anderson on behalf of Nga Whaea Atawhai, is alive and well in our parish school, and this is confirmed by the very positive Education Review Office report which the school has just received.

It is heartening to see past pupils of St Leo's (and others) getting involved in the Youth Group, run by Felicity Meijer. They went as a group to the Glow Festival, in Devonport, and continue to meet regularly. A new group, Theology on Tap, has been started for 18-30 year-olds; its first meeting in October went well, so please encourage this age group to come along, as they are fast becoming the missing generation in our church. Contact felicity.meijer95@gmail.com for more information, and Felicity is always glad of help. Olivia Webb has been a blessing too for our parish. Choir practices has been ongoing, with a great number of people attending, every Tuesday night at 7.

As a PPC, we have been looking again at our commitment to Fit for Mission projects. The scope of the Oranga Tamariki Children's Christmas Party grew earlier this year to the point where it was beyond our resources, especially given the fact that we had not been able to recruit people to take charge. A suggestion has been made that we investigate forming a relationship with the Wilson Home, which is geographically close to our parish, and we are looking at practical ideas of advancing that for next year. In the meantime, outreach continues in one-off events such as the collection of bedding and toiletries for De Paul House, and the Takuranga mountain clean-up. Suggestions from the wider parish are always welcome.

Fundraising for the Hall Renovation Project continues apace. It was fantastic to have the kitchen fit-out finished in time for last weekend (and a huge thank-you to Peter Wolfkamp and his merry men – and women – for this!) and ongoing fundraising activities include the framed poster raffle and sales. Watch out for details of the Christmas floral art workshop, and further activities next year. And keep an eye on the fundraising thermometer, which shows how well we've done, and how much further we have to go.

Hoping to see some of you at the Advent Group starting on November 28th. Arohanui na, Kath

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624 (09) 4450078

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz www.devonportcatholic.org.nz

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

St Leo's Catholic School: 4459339 www.stleos.school.nz

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

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

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz Facebook:

St Francis de Sales & All Souls 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

As the end of the liturgical year approaches, the Church considers what the scriptures mean by the 'end of the present age'. All of us face the end of things at times; new things cannot begin unless something ends first.

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Christ The Priest Of The New Covenant

Daniel 12:1-13 When that time comes, your own people will be spared

Ps 16: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Heb 10:11-14,18 By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying

Mk 13:24-32 He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 25 Nov

Christ, The King

Daniel 7:13-14 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Ps 93: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

Apoc 1:5-8 Ruler of the kings of the earth ... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

John 18-33-37 It is you who say that I am a king.

Lectors:

(18 Nov) Sat S Burke K Petrie

Sun P Simmonds Y Braid

(25 Nov) Sat K McKellar D Lamont

Sun K Kearins D Williamson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(18 Nov) Sat R & L Mannion N Calvert **Sun** K Law M Lyttelton M Steel

(25 Nov) Sat P McKay M Burke E Wingrove **Sun** A Williams G Kalaugher S Gillies

NZ Catholic: Latest Issue, Nov 18—Dec 1 *Some headlines:* Armistice Day centenary marked by Hamilton Mass for Peace. Pro-life rosary crusade for NZ. Faith-based institutions in NZ abuse royal commission. \$12.6m development to help homeless families. **On Sale Now: \$4**

"SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING" (1 Samuel 3:9)

Praise and Worship Prayer Service led by Fr Jude Algama,

Friday 23rd November 2018 7 to 8.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Scripture Reflection - Praise and Worship
Praying for the Sick - Laying on of Hands
Experience the Healing Love of Jesus.

FIVE WEEK ADVENT REFLECTION

Thurs 15, 22, 29 Nov. 6 & 13 Dec. 7-8.30pm in St Mary's Church, Northcote

Pope Francis "On the Call to Holiness in Today's World" led by Fr Lio Rotor. Please register with the parish office info@northcotecatholic.org.nz or ph.480 7357. Participate encouraged to start reading the document, "Gaudete et Exsultate".



ROSARY
Every Monday evening in the church, 6.00pm

Nation-wide Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) on 8th December at 3 pm.

To find out more information, or how to lead a group, please go to www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone 022 1912 886

2019 Columban Calendars \$12 each.

To order your copy, please add your name and details to the form at church door. These are good value and make excellent gifts.

How do you prepare for Christmas? What's the meaning of Advent?

It's a hectic time of year, and can be quite stressful. If you would like to spend one relaxing evening in each of the 4 weeks of Advent focussing on the real meaning of the season, you can join a small home-based group of fellow parishioners, to participate in liturgy, prayer and scripture.

Each session will only take one hour, commencing at **7.30**. Starting on **Wednesday, November 28th**, with sessions on Thursday evenings in subsequent weeks (**6, 13 and 20 December**).

Session 1 is at **37A Williamson Avenue, Belmont**. For more details, or to register interest, phone **Kath** on 021 620805 or email kathleenpetrie6@gmail.com.

Parish Planned Giving Review

Please remember fill in the yellow "Pledge Form" and put it in the box provided. If you didn't get a form last week there are more at the church door along with an information sheet. Information that you supply will remain strictly confidential, but it will help the parish with budget planning.
Thank you.

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday has been designated by Pope Francis as the

2nd World Day of the Poor:

'God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible.

The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need, and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister.'

Children's Nativity Play

We are looking for children who are interested to join our Parish Christmas presentation. Naomi Wallis Sanandres will be our director. Naomi is a local dance and ballet teacher at Devonport School of Dance and has worked professionally in the performing arts doing a lot of teaching and children's theatre in and around London/UK wide.

If interested, please email her at thesanandresfamily@gmail.com or send her a TXT at 02102670039. Also register at the back of our church.

NATIVITY PLAY—1ST PRACTISE

25TH November—AFTER MASS

CHRISTMAS CARDS

On Sale Now! At church door after Mass.
\$3.00 pack of five.
Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul Society.

DOVE Catholic Fellowship For Women

North Shore — Warmly invites all women to our **November Meeting**. Topic: Strengthened By The Spirit (Eph 3:16-17). Speaker: Rita Peterson. **Wed. 21 November, 7.30pm—9.30pm**, at, **St Thomas More Parish Hall**, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact Sylvia 09 443 7477 www.dove.org.nz



ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Thank you

I would like to thank all Parishioners who attended our school Fair and Jubilee celebrations last weekend. It was a wonderful weekend and it made me realise what great School and Parish community spirit we have here at Devonport. Feedback about both events has been very positive and I would like to acknowledge everyone who had a part in making the weekend such a success.

Athletics

On Thursday we ran the school athletic sports. The children had a wonderful time and competed with friendly rivalry. Thanks to Stephen Rae who spent so much time organising the day and ensuring it ran so smoothly.

Travelwise

A small group of our travelwise leaders accompanied by Julie Lattimer, attended an Auckland Transport fun thank you day in the city last Friday. Julie is keen to see the profile of Travelwise increase at our school and she and her Year 5 leaders have new ways of making this possible in 2019.

Special Character

Next Friday we will be having the first of our buddy Masses this term with St Catherine and St Dominic attending Midday Mass on Friday.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

St Mother Teresa Interfaith Meeting

Saturday 24 November at 2.00 pm
at Christ the King Church,
260 Richardson Road, Mount Roskill.
Free entry. Guest speaker Hon Todd McClay MP.
See noticeboard for further details.

De Paul House 2018 Christmas Market

We welcome your donation of quality household items suitable for sale at our Christmas Market.

Market Day:

Sat 8th Dec 9am-1pm
92 Onewa Road, Northcote

To donate, please phone: 480 5959
or David: 021 148 0550

You can also visit our website:
<https://depaulhouse.org.nz/>