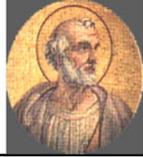


Feast Days in the Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Thu 9 Nov:** FEAST for **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA.** Commemorates the first public site of the Church of Roman Christianity – a large meeting hall on Lateran Hill donated by Emp. Constantine. Dedicated in 324 as “Church of Our Saviour”. Later replaced by a new church dedicated to St John the Baptist. This is the pope’s parish church as bishop of Rome.
- **Sat 10 Nov:** Memorial for **St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.** Elected pope in 440, a time of civil and doctrinal disorder: Attila’s invasion was threatening and monophysite heresy was abroad. Leo persuaded the Huns to withdraw beyond the Danube and negotiated with the Vandals upon their seizure of Rome in 455. In 451 the Council of Chalcedon restated the doctrine of the incarnation and primacy of Peter. A man of keen intellect & faith, Leo died 461.



PROLIFE NEWS

The Law Commission released its long-awaited review of NZ’s abortion law on 26th October and it’s not good news for preborn babies.

The Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice directed the Law Commission to come up with options where abortion would be classed as a health service.

The three options allow abortion up to birth and on demand up to 22 weeks.

TVNZ’s Q&A programme featured Dr Alison Knowles debating with Voice for Life’s media spokeswoman Kate Cormack. Dr Knowles stated that the fetus is not a person until born. That certainly is the legal position, but as a NZ High Court judge admitted, it is there for convenience; to enable abortions to be carried out. He then observed that if moral and ethical considerations were allowed, abortions would not be carried out. He left unspoken that they would then be murder, or medical homicide. www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Pregnancy Help - Auckland

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Email us auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz
www.pregnancyhelp.org.nz

Living Wage Week 4-11 November 2018

We reflect on the fact that for over 125 years the Catholic Church has supported the need for a just wage sufficient to adequately provide for a worker’s family. In July 2016 Bishop Pat gave his support to the Living Wage movement which has been successful in raising the wages of low paid workers. Of the 285,000 children living in poverty in New Zealand, 40% come from families where at least one adult is in full time work or self-employed. As Parishioners, how can we encourage employers to pay their workers the Living Wage which, as Bishop Pat puts so well, is a way of enabling families “to support themselves to live life with a modicum of respectability and not just be on the bread line.”

Message from Justice & Peace Commission, Auckland Diocese

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 3:** Horace Stewart 1937, Joan Goldwater 1992
- Nov 4:** Michael Styick 1934
- Nov 5:** Ronald Hayson 1993, Walter Southeran 1994, Alan Wingrove, 2007
- Nov 6:** William McCarthy 1961, Kathleen Heaton 1994
- Nov 7:** Trilby Carrigan 2014
- Nov 8:** Kathleen Sheehan 1959, Kathleen Switzer 1998, Caoimhe Taylor 2005
- Nov 9:** Frances Manning 1980, Matthew Meehan 1999, Marie Bennett 1999
- Nov 10:** Alfred Glover 1918, James Stitt 1946



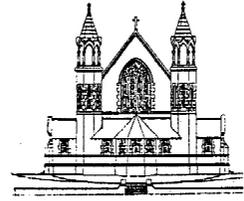
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME : 4 NOVEMBER 2018

In the Gospel Reading, a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

Maybe the point of asking this question is like the point of asking, “what are the most important requirements for this course?” A student who wants that information is trying to figure out what is crucial for passing the course. In his view, if he does the most important thing, maybe he doesn’t have to do everything.

Jesus is the Savior who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments.

In response to the scribe’s question, Jesus tells him not only the commandment that is the first of all but also the one that is second: taken together the two commandments cover the ground.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ... [And] you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

So if the scribe does just the most important things, he will have done pretty close to everything, won’t he? If he was hoping for a way to get through—without doing everything required for the kingdom of heaven—these two commandments will show him that he hasn’t got a chance. If he doesn’t do everything, he will have done virtually nothing, because he will have failed at the most important stuff.

There is something that the scribe likes about the answer of Jesus: it privileges morality above ritual. And so the scribe thinks that he has found *something* that isn’t crucial for getting into heaven. Yes, the scribe says to Jesus affirmingly, *obeying these two commandments is better than sacrifice.*

Jesus doesn’t disagree. But what he says to the scribe is “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Not far?! How can the scribe be distant in *any* way if he understands these commandments and accepts them as most important for the kingdom of heaven?

But here is the thing to see. What person among us loves God with all his heart? Who loves his neighbor as himself? If obeying these commandments is the most important thing for getting into heaven, what hope is there for anybody?

The answer is—Jesus. He is the Savior who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments. All true hope of the kingdom of heaven lies in him.

And so the scribe, who is next to Jesus, is not far from the kingdom of heaven in more than one sense.



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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, phone 358 0825 Ext.1019

Sunday Dishes

11 Nov — Mia

Counting Roster

11 Nov — Denise &

Karl

Flowers

9 Nov —Margaret

The creed which observant Jews recite morning and evening every day of their life is called the SHEMA. The name comes from the first word of the creed in Hebrew: 'Shema' = 'Listen'. The Shema appears in today's first reading as a summary of Hebrew faith. It is quoted by Jesus as a summary of Christian faith.

31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Christ The Priest Of The New Covenant

Deut. 6:2-6 Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Ps 18: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Heb 7:23-28 Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

Mk 12:28-34 This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

11 Nov

God In Whom We Trust

1Kings 17:10-16 The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Ps 145: Praise the Lord, my soul.

Heb 9:24-28 Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Mk 12:38-44 This poor widow has put in more than all.

Lectors:

(4 Nov) Sat S Burke C Sinclair

Sun P Röllin M Felix

(11 Nov) Sat S Erasmuson L McMaster

Sun D Williamson D O'Shaughnesy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(4 Nov) Sat J McFadden K Isidro K Casey Sun B Turner K Rawlinson J McGivern

(11 Nov) Sat E Wingrove J Kellett P McKay Sun I Gillies F Sapa'u F Knottenbelt

Please Note — On Sunday 11 November at 11.00am the St Leo's School Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn.

The parish Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the usual time of 9.00am on that day.

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.

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

Contemplative prayer/ Christian meditation:

Monday evenings 6.30 – 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. All welcome. More info: www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

or call Pippa 0278085308
The Monday afternoon group meets at 3pm—4pm at St Luke's church, Bayswater.

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.

Official **Mass Counts** are recorded each weekend during the month of November. The results assist the diocese with forward planning and are included in the diocese's annual report to Rome.

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

To find out more, or how to lead a group: www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or 022 1912 886

Choral Mass for the Eve of Armistice

Celebrating 100 Years Since the Declaration of Peace. Saturday 10 November at 7.30 pm. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble.
Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2)

Senior Women's COFFEE GROUP

Next Meeting: Thursday, 8th November, 10:00am—12:00pm, at Nola Hendry's, 3B Winscombe St, Belmont. Do please come and join us. Ph 445 8755 for info.

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 4 November at 3.00pm

All parishioners of North Shore are invited to come and pray for their departed loved ones:

North Shore Memorial Park Cemetery, Schnapper Rock Rd, Albany, in the **Ash Memorial** area.

Hosted by local Catholic parishes of North Shore.

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.

OUR LADY'S FUNDRAISING FESTIVAL SUN 11 NOV, 4PM—9PM

in St Joseph's Church Hall, Takapuna.
Tickets \$20 includes 5 traditional food servings and 2 tokens for games.

Free admission for kids under 10 yrs.
Organised by the Bonds of Marian Love, fundraising for Marian consecration classes.

THANKS — For Prayers & Support

The family of Michael Robinson would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and support, which included notes, cards and lovely baking. "We have been overwhelmed by the love of the community. It has been a wind under our wings," says Tiare, happy to report that Mike's recovery is progressing well, albeit slowly.

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St Leo's Fair

Only one week to go. We have some wonderful items at the Fair and it promises to be a lovely day. We warmly welcome Parishioners to

join us. Please note there is no white elephant stall this year.

125th Jubilee

There is still time to book on trybooking.co.nz/LN for the Jubilee next Sunday 11 November. Mass begins at 11am and will be celebrated by Bishop Pat Dunn. We have seven Mercy sisters who will be joining us, one of whom was a past Principal. We are looking forward to meeting past pupils and their families.

Senior Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 students spent 3 days at Ferndale Lodge camp in Henderson. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the variety of activities and challenges the teachers provided for them. A wonderful way to finish the year for these children.

God bless, Maureen Harris, Principal

Youth News — Parish Youth Group: Next meeting Sat 10 November. Info: Felicity 0226352366 www.akyouth.org.nz

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marie Keeling** who died recently, aged 99yrs. Marie had been a regular parishioner at St Luke's in Bayswater. *Requiescat In Pace.*

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

Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California — with BEATE MATTHIES. Thurs 8 Nov, 7-9pm. \$15.

DANCE: Connecting us to Each Other; Connecting us to God — with MARTA CULLEN. Thurs 15 Nov, 7-9pm. \$15. Old and young, experienced dancer or beginner, all are welcome!

Bookings essential. More info:

info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz
www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, 638 6238

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