

Feast Days in the Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Fri 30 Nov:** FEAST for **St Andrew, apostle**. A fisherman, like his brother St Peter. Born in Bethsaida, a disciple of John the Baptist at first. Mentioned several times in the gospels, he brought the Gentiles to Jesus. Is thought to have preached in Scythia, and to have been martyred at Patras in Achaia. Patron of fishermen.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

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Programme booklet for 2019 has arrived! If you would like to have one sent to you please let the office know.

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!

Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California with BEATE MATTHIES. Fri 7 Dec, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. If you missed this talk in Nov, Beate will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California.

RETREAT: Who are You O God and Who am I? with CHRISTINA CATHRO rmdm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 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. This is a silent morning retreat with input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group.

See our website for more details.

Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

NOTE from St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport — Thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support through weekly donations of food and money. There are a number of families in our community who need support. Remember, even bringing just one item of non-perishable food with you to Mass each week helps enormously, and the white box is there for your cash donations. Thanks again.

Donations to the Parish

These are gratefully received.

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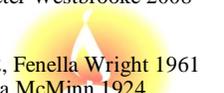
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and a tax receipt will be supplied after 1
April each year.



ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 24: William Walters 1936
Nov 25: Margaret Wren 1938, Peter Westbrooke 2008
Nov 26: Martin Conway 1954
Nov 27: Michael Mahony 1914
Nov 28: William McCarthy 1922, Fenella Wright 1961
Nov 29: Mary Kelly 1914, Helena McMinn 1924
Nov 30: George Sinclair 1962, Justin Farrell 2003
Dec 01: Mario Isidro 1934, Patricia Bolger 1952, Kathleen Dolan 1996, Patrick Baker 2000, Patricia Vieyra 2003



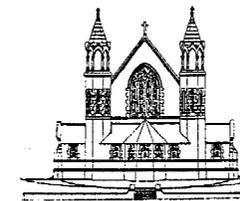
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING : 25 November 2018

In the Gospel Reading, Christ is being held by Pilate, who has him in His power. In the next part of the story, as we know, Christ is on the cross: poor, dishonoured, in pain, and dying.

Christ's willingness to accept these afflictions sets the standard for all Christians, and it turns all worldly standards upside down. What most people reject as the worst things in life turns out in Christ's crucifixion to be the prize-winning goods. On the cross Christ makes manifest that real *winning* is what looks to the world like losing. And vice versa too, of course. There is something small and unworthy about a life lived totally at ease.

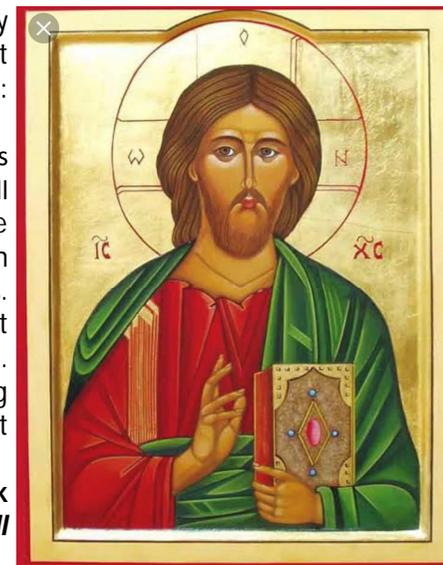
That is why Paul says that all things work together for good for those who love God—all things (Rom.8:28)

Our sins are included in that "all things," not just our suffering. When Paul pleaded with God to take away right then a sin of Paul's that Paul was impatient with, God told him, "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Cor. 12:9)

But now notice in the Second Reading the very different picture of Christ and of the standard of excellence for Christ's people. The Second Reading shows us Christ not as poor, dishonoured, and suffering but as the king of kings, the most powerful and honoured of all rulers. And it shows us, Christ's people, in the same way: not as afflicted with Christ-like suffering, but glorious in Christ's kingdom. In that picture, all Christ's people are honoured priests for God, and they are also freed from their sin— not some of their sins, but *all* of them.

So which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim? **The answer, of course, is "Both of them!"**

There is a time for suffering, when all worldly values and all earthly desires are turned upside down, a time when we struggle with sin and suffering. But there is also a time when things turn right-side up again and then all struggle ends. At that time, each one of Christ's people will say of every affliction, "*That* was then; *this* is now!" Only that *now*, when all sin and suffering falls away, is an everlasting now. And the cross is the way to it.



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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

2 Dec — Louise

Counting Roster

2 Dec — Mary &

Andrew

Flowers: 30 Nov —

Denise

Cleaning: 1 Dec —

Jane Kate, & Annie

Very different from a worldly authority ruling by power or fear, Christ's kingship is one in which love conquers all. As the Preface today declares: "...an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2 Dec

Our Liberation From Fear

Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will make a virtuous branch grow for David.

Ps 25: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1Thess 3:12—4:2 May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Luke 21:25-28;34-36 Your liberation is near at hand.

Lectors:

(25 Nov) Sat K McKellar D Lamont

Sun K Kearins D Williamson

(2 Dec) Sat C Sinclair L McMaster

Sun A Gibson N Gibson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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

(2 Dec) Sat R & L Mannion K Casey **Sun** F Knottenbelt A Steel I Gillies



ROSARY
Every Monday
evening in the
church,
6.00pm

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.

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

The National March for Life on the 8th December has been endorsed by the NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference

Parishes, groups, families and all people of goodwill are invited to

March for Life Saturday 8th December.

Gather at **2pm in Civic Square** (101 Wakefield St) ready to walk to Parliament grounds.

The spirit of the march is one of celebrating the gift of life and helping the vulnerable.

Our message to our community is, you are not alone, there is support, there is healing, there is hope! marchforlife.nz or phone

Michael on 021 825 955.

NZ Rosary Crusade 8th December

The time has come for New Zealanders, Catholics and non-Catholics to pray together for our nation.

On **December 8th**, New Zealanders will march for life in Wellington and others will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. Please consider leading a group in your area. See www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone **Clare on 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087**

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".

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

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.

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/>

NZ Pro-Life Rosary Crusade on 8th December at 3 pm.

For more information on how to join or lead a Rosary group, see www.rosarycrusade.co.nz email clarests4@gmail.com or phone 0221912886



ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Community Meeting

On Wednesday 28 November the school will be hosting a community meeting at 6.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and listen to suggestions from the community about the direction of the school for our internal Catholic Character Review and for strategic planning for the future. Everyone is invited to attend.

Achievement

On Tuesday this week, our Celtics basketball team will be playing off for a chance to win the North Harbour competition. The Legends basketball team is also doing very well and will be playing off in the semi finals. We wish both teams luck. A great achievement from a small school and we are very proud of both teams who compete with great spirit and fair play.

Special Character

On Friday St Catherine and St Dominic celebrated Mass with the Parish. Next Friday St Patrick, Francis and Clare will attend the Midday Mass with the Parish.

God Bless

Maureen Harris

CHRISTMAS CARDS

On Sale Now! At church door after Mass. **\$2.50 pack of five.** Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul Society.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

Invites all men to our November meeting: **Wed 28 Nov. 7.30pm.**

'Preparing our hearts and minds for a Holy and Blessed Christmas'.

St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Dr. Takapuna.
Want to know more? Contact Russell 0220345678. www.joshua.org.nz