

### Feast Days in the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 22 July:** Feast day for **St Mary Magdalene**. Mark 16:9 tells us that Mary was the first to whom the risen Christ appeared. She was one of his disciples, accompanied him on his journeys through the villages preaching (Luke 8:3), and stood by the cross at Christ's crucifixion.
- **Tue 23 July:** Optional for **St Bridget, religious**. Born Sweden 1303, of high society. Married at 13yrs and had eight children. She and her husband lived devout lives. After his death in 1344, Bridget lived with even greater asceticism, receiving revelations and appealing to kings of Europe and the Pope for peace and the restoration of the papacy to Rome. Went to Rome for the Holy Year in 1350, and lived there the rest of her life in poverty. Sought approval for foundation of a religious community (now known as the Bridgetines), approved after her death in 1373.
- **Wed 24 July:** Optional for **St Sharbel Makhlof, priest**. A Lebanese monk, born in a small mountain village and ordained in 1858. Devoted to the BVM, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice, and prayer by the way he lived. Died 1898.
- **Thu 25 July:** **FEAST OF ST JAMES, APOSTLE**. James was the brother of John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the bringing to life of Jairus' daughter, and at the Transfiguration. Beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about 42 AD.
- **Fri 26 July:** Memorial for **Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM**. These names are given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin by a tradition dating back to the second century. As St John Damascene wrote: 'O blessed couple. All creation is in your debt. For through you is presented the noblest of gifts to the creator, namely a spotless mother who alone was worthy for the creator'.

### Diocesan Job Vacancies

#### Parish Education in Faith Coordinator

The Pastoral Services Group is seeking an additional full time member for its Faith Formation team to renew and promote programs for Education in Faith (EIF) and Catholic formation of older children at parish level.

To view the full advertisements and this and other position descriptions, visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Jul 20:** John Woods 1955, James Sheehan 1980
- Jul 21:** Violet Hyde 1986, Michael Pullin 1992, Ivy Papa 2003
- Jul 22:** Leonora Brock 1953, Eileen Whittaker 1982
- Jul 23:** John Dykes 1978, Lilian Vieyra 1980
- Jul 24:** Ellen Sheahan 1890, Alice Bowden 1955, Raymond Van Anwerker 1959, Archibald (Lofty) Vieyra 1990, Christopher Martin 2012
- Jul 25:** Julia Armiger 1944, Leo Brady 1999
- Jul 26:** John Considine 1913, Ivy Smith 2000
- Jul 27:** Eric Drought 1994, Lilian Cameron 2008

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**Parish Priest:** Fr John Tollan **Parish Secretary:** Hannah Moore

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

**Principal:** Maureen Harris **Parish-School Reps:** Fr John Tollan, Peter Wolfkamp, Karla Welson

**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/)

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon—9:00am to 12:30pm ; Tues to Fri—9:00am to 1:00pm

**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

### Sunday Dishes

28 July —  
Francisca

### Counting Roster

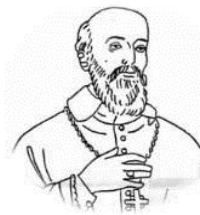
28 July —  
Maria & Jeremy

### Flower Roster

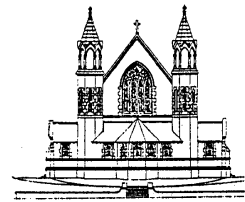
26 July —  
Anne Gibson

### Cleaning Roster

3 August —  
Anne Feeny



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## 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 21 JULY 2019

### Waiting On The Lord

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—"Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself? . . . Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part," which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time, made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Mary, and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

Sunday Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn. St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections/>



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary,  
Johannes Vermeer, 1655

Before we can offer hospitality we must be open to being surprised. Before we can welcome God into our lives we must be convinced of the possibility that God acts in strange ways and can come to us under the most unlikely guises.

### **16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus Our Friend*

**Gen 18:1-10** Lord, do not pass your servant by.

**Ps 15: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Col 1:24-28** A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.

**Luke 10:38-42** Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

### **17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** 28 July

*Our Father In Heaven*

**Gen 18:20-32** I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak

**Ps 138: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

**Col 2:12-14** He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

**Luke 11:1-13** Ask, and it will be given to you.

#### **Lectors:**

(21 Jul) Sat S Erasmuson K McKellar Sun M Lyttleton D Williamson

(21 Jul) Sat K Petrie L McMaster Sun L & D Lampen Smith

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

(21 Jul) Sat L & R Mannion P McKay Sun F Knottenbelt B Turner A Williams

(21 Jul) Sat J McFadden K Isidro K Isidro Sun S Gillies F Sapa'u J McGivern

### **MASSIVE BOOK SALE – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** – 9am – 5pm, Holy Trinity Hall 20 Church St, Devonport.

*Thousands of books of all genres sorted ready for you to enjoy. Come and grab yourself a bargain. Large number of fiction, non fiction, children, young adult and NCEA Study guides as well. We are pleased to have a large number of books by best-selling authors. This is an annual Devonport recycling event.*

**Walk by Faith** – the journey of faith is a continuing one! Walk By Faith is a programme of adult faith formation for anyone seeking to continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in their knowledge and understanding of their Catholic faith. The introduction for 2019: Sunday 21st July, 1-3pm Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby, Auckland. Come and See!  
[diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)



**ROSARY**  
Every  
**Monday**  
evening in  
the church,  
6.00pm

#### **NZ Catholic:**

Latest Issue,  
July 14-27  
*Some headlines:*  
Catholic reaction to euthanasia bill second reading. Southern college ownership change after 90 years. Giving hope to pregnant students. Vatican document on confession secrecy.

**On Sale Now: \$4**

### **Next Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> July** — Caring Sunday —

The **Catholic Caring Foundation** assists children and families who face poverty and hardship by providing grants to community agencies which assist in a variety of ways: eg food parcels, emergency housing, budget advice, teenage pregnancy help, women's refuge help and much more.

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

**Please support** the foundation **next Sunday** when there will be a Special Collection. Envelopes and information available on the table at church door.

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport**

Winter is upon us and while most of us are tucked up warm and dry there are others who are in need of warmth and help.

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.

### **STAR LIGHT SHOWCASE - CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!**

If you are interested in singing, dancing, music or just have an awesome talent you want to share, why not sign up and represent your parish in the annual Star Light Talent Showcase. There will be prizes up for grabs and a trophy for the winning Parish or School entry.

**Saturday, July 27, Rosmini College Auditorium**

For more details and to register email Manu Bennett - [nscatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:nscatholicyouth@gmail.com)

#### **Cancellation and apologies.**

The Parish Pastoral Council regretfully has decided to cancel the Courageous Conversation event which was to have been held on July 30th. This decision has been taken in the light of illness and other commitments by guest speakers. We will revisit the event in the future. Sincere apologies for this change of plans. Meanwhile we continue to gather stories to be told in the month of October, leading up to the Centenary of this church on November 2nd. Please contact Kath Petrie if you would like to be part of "Telling Our Stories". [kathleenpetrie6@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenpetrie6@gmail.com) / 021620805

#### **TABERNACLE PROJECT**



The proposed tabernacle design is displayed at the rear of the church. Please contact Alan Light with any comments or queries or if you would like to support this project in any way.

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**09 4460052 or [aelight@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aelight@xtra.co.nz)**

#### **Mercy Spirituality Centre - 104 The Drive, Epsom**

- **DREAMWORK 101:** Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 26 July 6-9pm & Sat 27 July 9.30am-4pm. \$130 incl. manual.

- **ECUMENICAL DAY: Gifts of Gratitude and Grace** Sat 27 Jul, 10am-1pm St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. \$30 incl. morning tea.

- **MUFFIN MEETING: Touching the Holy – Pilgrimage** with MARY BARKER. Thurs 8 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea.

See website [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) for more info, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register

### **Youth News**

**Parish Youth Group: Meets fortnightly** in St Leo's Hall. Contact Felicity for more info 0226352366

**Diocesan Youth Mass - Sunday 28 July 7pm** at ST Patrick's Cathedral. "Freedom in the Following", hosted by Central Region. [www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz) for more info.

#### **Beyond Conflict : Evolution., Science and God.**

A two day conference at Otago University Business school. 30/31 August. All Welcome. Scholarships available to students for subsidised travel, accommodation and/or registration through Nicola Hoggard [hoggard.n@gmail.com](mailto:hoggard.n@gmail.com). For more information and to register

#### **Contemplative prayer/Christian meditation**

Monday evenings 6.30 – 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. All welcome. More info: [www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz](http://www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz) or call Pippa 0278085308

### **PROLIFE FACTS**

While Voice for Life (VFL) is not affiliated with any pregnancy support or counselling organisations, it acknowledges the contribution of such organisations as they provide support to women who are unsure whether to have their baby or seek an abortion. Although the choice is theirs to make, the opportunity to work through a range of solutions and options, and the availability of practical support and help, often ongoing, can make a real difference and open up more options for expectant mothers (and their partners) to consider. VFL also recognises the important service offered by organisations offering post-abortion counselling, as they support women and men suffering from grief and loss after an abortion.

*For details of organisations that can help during a troubling pregnancy or after abortion, please visit Voice For Life's website: [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).*