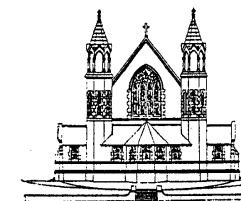


Feast Days in the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 29 July:** Memorial for **St Martha**. The sister of Mary and Lazarus; she appears in the Gospel three times — when she receives the Lord into her house and waits on him; at the resurrection of Lazarus, when she proclaims her faith in Jesus, ‘Son of the living God’; and in John 12:2, at the meal given to Jesus six days before the Passover.
- **Wed 31 July:** Memorial for **St Ignatius of Loyola, priest**. Born 1491 at Loyola in the north of Spain, of a courtly family. Became a soldier, but during convalescence from a wound was converted to a deep love of Christ and a missionary sense. Studied theology in Paris. With companions formed the Society of Jesus to resist the Protestant Reformation, to reform the Church from within, and to educate the young in religion. He died in 1555, at Rome.
- **Thu 1 Aug:** Memorial for **St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born 1696 in Naples. A lawyer who became a priest. Founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists). A fervent preacher and moral theologian of eminence, who opposed the rigours of Jansenism. Much in demand as a confessor. He died in 1787.
- **Fri 2 Aug:** Memorial for **St Peter Faber**, 1506-46. Co-founder of the Society of Jesus.
- **Sat 3 Aug:** Memorial for **St Dominic, priest**. Born at Calaruega, Spain, in 1170. Wanted to go to Russia as a missionary, but the pope sent him to Toulouse, where the Albigensian heresy was strong. He lived and preached the gospel. Men came to follow his way of preaching and poverty, and from these grew the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Dominic died in 1221.



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17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 28 JULY 2019

Asked And Answered

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, cancelled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

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/>



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 under Administration

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jul 27:** Eric Drought 1994, Lilian Cameron 2008
- Jul 28:** Leonard Cameron 1981, Nora Mahony 1981
- Jul 29:** Patricia Reynolds 2001, John Misz 2004
- Jul 30:** John Redmond 1923, Walter Briggs 1947, Kathleen Hendry 2006, Margaret Heenan 2016, Madeleine Feeney 2017
- Jul 31:** Mary Morrissey 1952, Harriett Connor 1956
- Aug 01:** Mildred Gardes 1935, Ada Hempseed 1944, Kevin Feeney, 2017
- Aug 02:** John Gordon 1952, David Caldwell 2001, Theresa English 2011
- Aug 03:** Elizabeth Willott 1939, Margaret Derrick 1990

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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

4 August —
Sasha

Counting Roster

4 August —
Elizabeth & Alan

Flower Roster

2 Aug —
Maria Fleming

Cleaning Roster

3 August —
Anne Feeney

These last three Sundays in Ordinary Time have all provided answers to the question 'What must we do?' — Love God and neighbour; listen to the Word, be in tune with God; try to know God better through prayer. All three are necessary for a disciple who follows Christ on the road to Jerusalem.

17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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.

18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 4 August

Christ Who Is Everything And In Everything

Ecc'es 1:2;2:21-23 What does a man gain for all his toil.

Ps 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Col 3:1-5,9-11 You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Luke 12:13-21 This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

Lectors:

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

(4 Aug) Sat D Lamont S Burke Sun A & N Gibson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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

(4 Aug) Sat H & M Dennis E Wingrove Sun G Kalaugher I Gillies K Lynch


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.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for our Vinnies shops and the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our Glenfield shop is in need of more good quality donations. The revenue generated from the sale of your generously-donated goods goes directly towards providing resources and support for those less fortunate and families in need. Pop by, drop off your donations, pick up a bargain and see what we do at our shop at 8/75 Ellice Road, Glenfield. We are open 9:30am to 4pm M-F and 10am to 2pm on Saturday.

ROSARY
Every
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— CARING SUNDAY —

This Sunday is the Caring Sunday Appeal for Bishop Pat's Catholic Caring Foundation. The Foundation cares for families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Your gift will support families in need of a safe place to live, emergency housing, counselling, nutritious food, youth support, and special needs of our elderly, victims of domestic violence, parenting programmes for struggling families and so much more. If you would like to support the work of the Foundation through a gift, please visit their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz or take home our newsletter (on table at door of church) We will take up a Special Collection at Mass today (after Communion) towards the work of the foundation.

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

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship
North Shore
Invites all men to our July meeting:
Wed 31 July 7.30.
We welcome all men for a time of sharing, praying and praising God. The meeting will end with a cuppa and time for fellowship
Venue: **St Josephs Centre**, 1 Fred Thomas Dr. Takapuna.
Want to know more? Contact Russell 0220345678.
www.joshua.org.nz

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 / 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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Mercy Spirituality Centre - 104 The Drive, Epsom

- **MUFFIN MEETING: Touching the Holy – Pilgrimage** with MARY BARKER. Thurs 8 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea.
- **EVENING TALK: Ecology – The importance of actioning gratitude** with BRIDGET CRISP rsm. Tuesday 13 Aug, 7-9pm. \$15.
- **DREAMWORK 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)** with MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$95
- **RETREAT DAY: Thank you – A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful** with FRAN FRANCIS & KRIS TELFER. Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$65 incl. lunch.

See website www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz for more info, Register: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.


ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Parish news: 25 July

First Communion and Confirmation
On the first Sunday of the holidays, a group of 7 of our children made their first Holy Communion and were confirmed by Bishop Pat. It was a beautiful Mass and celebration afterwards. A special thanks to Stephen Bell for taking the sacramental programme and for all the people involved in making this a memorable occasion for our children.

Catholic Caring Mass
On Wednesday I took 2 children to the Catholic Caring Mass in Owairaka. Katarina Lockyer and Eli Hansen received a special award from Bishop Pat for their outstanding kindness and caring to others. It was a special occasion for them and their family. We are very proud of them.



Welcome to a new pupil
We welcome Yila van Loggerenberg who has joined St Patrick this term. It is wonderful to have her join our St Leo's family.
God Bless
Maureen Harris