

## Feast Days in the Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 27 Aug:** Memorial for **St Monica**. Born in 332 in North Africa, of a Christian family, married to a pagan, Patricius, whom she brought to the faith. Monica best known as the mother of St Augustine of Hippo. She had four children, but prayed and wept for Augustine, whose conversion filled her with joy.
- **Wed 28 Aug:** Memorial for **St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born at Thagaste, Nth Africa 354, Augustine was a brilliant young man whose early life was wild and unsettled. He was converted by the prayers of his mother, and baptized by St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in 387. Returned to Africa and lived an ascetic life. Became Bishop of Hippo. His many writings present a theology and a spirituality that are exceptional, and have had great influence, even today.
- **Thu 29 Aug:** Memorial for **The Passion of St John the Baptist**. (Thess. 4:13-18, Psalm 71, Mark 6:17-29).

### Abortion Bill Update

The Abortion Bill was given its First Reading on 8 August:

- liberalises late-term abortion.
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand without any safeguards.
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced into abortions.
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Details on the above reasons, along with a **Submissions Guide**, are available at church door (on table) or at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz). **Submissions close on 19 September 2019**. Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. They will have to either be posted in or sent via the Parliamentary website: [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 24:** Edna Wilkinson 1997
- Aug 26:** Anthony Patel 1948
- Aug 27:** Catherine Kenny 1938, John Murphy 2003
- Aug 28:** George Sinclair 1948, Mary Piper 1983
- Aug 29:** Bernard O'Hara 1959, Kathryn Eddon 1998, Frances Slater 2018
- Aug 31:** Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977

The first educators of faith are parents/whānau. <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a wonderful depository of family-friendly material for the domestic Church. It comes from the Bishops' Conference *National Centre for Religious Studies*. New materials are continually being uploaded. Explore!

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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

1 September

Jody

### Counting Roster

1 September

Kate & Catherine

### Flower Roster

30 August

Elizabeth Light

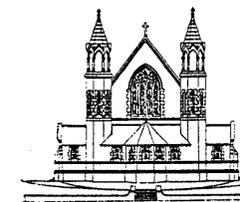
### Cleaning Roster

31 August

Emma



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## 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 25 AUGUST 2019

### Gateway To Life

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm. In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25–26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5–6; Psalm 107:2–3). Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15–16).



"The Importunate Neighbour (detail)",  
W H Hunt, 1895

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

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/>

Today's gospel concludes Jesus' instructions to his disciples on the road to Jerusalem with the promise that people from all over will eat in the kingdom of God; but, the door is narrow and will not be open indefinitely. Some who thought they had a right to be there will be left out.

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*The Lord Gathers A People To Himself*

**Isaiah 66:18-21** They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

**Ps 116: Go out to all the world and tell the good news.**

**Heb 12:5-7,11-13** The Lord trains the one that he loves.

**Luke 13:22-30** People from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** 1 Sept

*Jesus, The Mediator Of A New Covenant*

**Ecc'c'us 3:17-20,28-29** Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord

**Ps 68: God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor.**

**Heb 12:18-19,22-24** You have come to Mt Zion and to the city of the living God.

**Luke 14:1,7-14** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

**Lectors:**

**(25 Aug) Sat** N & J Dobbie **Sun** Y Braid D Williamson

**(1 Sep) Sat** S Burke L McMaster **Sun** K Kearins B Upton

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**(25 Aug) Sat** K Casey K Isidro K Isidro **Sun** J McGivern A Williams K Rawlinson

**(1 Sep) Sat** J McFadden P McKay M Burke **Sun** G Kalaugher S Gillies F Sapa'u

**Holy Communion to the Sick or Homebound**

This ministry is available for anyone who is not able to attend Mass for reasons of infirmity or illness. If you know of anyone in this situation who would like Communion brought to them, please contact the parish office: (09)4450078,

[office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**Ministers for Holy Communion to the Sick**

The parish is in urgent need of parishioners willing to help distribute Communion to the sick and elderly on Monday mornings. At the present time we have a small number who generously give their time to those souls who are unable or too sick to get to Sunday Mass. This is a vital and rewarding ministry to our parish community; it takes an hour or two and there would be guidance and training. Please consider if you could help and if you can, contact Fr. John.



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

**NZ Catholic:**

Latest Issue,  
Aug 25– Sept 7  
*Some headlines:*  
Revitalising  
parishes Monday to  
Saturday. Fr Martin  
Wu ordained in  
Auckland. Bishop  
Stuart O'Connell  
was approachable  
and encouraging.  
Soup for southern  
souls – and bodies.  
**On Sale Now: \$4**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Special Collection:** the annual appeal to support  
**Maori Pastoral Care** in the Auckland diocese.  
This collection will take place after Communion.  
There are some extra envelopes for this on the  
table at church door.

**Refugees and Migrants – Untold stories of Hope.**

All welcome to come and listen to these inspiring  
stories. Wed 28 August at 7pm at St Thomas More  
Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

**Youth News**

**Parish Youth Group: Meets fortnightly** in St Leo's  
Hall. Contact Felicity for more info 0226352366  
**Diocesan Youth Mass - Sunday 25 August** 7pm at St  
Patrick's Cathedral. "All nations and tongues united  
as one", hosted by Eastern Region.  
[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://www.akyouth.org.nz) for more info.



**Joshua Catholic Men's  
Fellowship North Shore**

Invites all men to our August  
meeting: **Wed 28 August 7pm.** Focus is **'REFUGEES &  
MIGRATION - THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE'**

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 Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield.  
Want to know more? Contact Russell 0220345678.

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

**TABERNAACLE PROJECT**



Thank you for the many supporters to  
this project and the feedback. The  
Tabernacle design has been approved  
and work commissioned, Installation is  
planned for centennial in November.

Donations are still welcome.

Please contact: **Alan Light 0211589306,**  
**09 4460052 or [aelight@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aelight@xtra.co.nz)**

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library**

All parishioners are welcome to avail themselves of  
the facilities at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Library. Based at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New  
Street, Saint Marys Bay, parking is available on the  
grounds and the hours of operation are: **Tuesday to  
Thursday, 9:30am to 2:30pm,** or by appointment if  
these times are not suitable. CDA Library has a range  
of resources for anyone seeking to explore their faith  
development, as well as resources for those wishing to  
undertake research or who are studying religion and  
theology. Our collection can be browsed online at:  
<http://aucklandcatholiclibrary.org.nz>. For further  
information call Lynette Harris (09) 360 3050 or email  
[library@cda.org.nz](mailto:library@cda.org.nz).

**Diocesan Job Vacancies**

**Parish Education in Faith Coordinator**

The Pastoral Services Group is seeking an additional  
full time member for its Faith Formation team. For  
further Information visit: our website  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration  
and staff vacancies.

**Catholic Tribunal Administrator/Case Instructor**

Applications are being sought for this part-time  
(approx. 28 hours per week) permanent role based at  
the Pompallier Centre. For more information please  
contact [tribunal.auckland@catholic-tribunal.org.nz](mailto:tribunal.auckland@catholic-tribunal.org.nz)



**ST. LEO'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Parish news: 22 August

**John Burland**

On Monday we had a wonderful concert with  
John Burland. The children sang enthusiastically  
and happily joined in with the actions. It was  
great for them to learn hymns that were  
liturgically correct and upbeat and child  
friendly. The school will enjoy using his hymns  
in liturgical celebrations.

**Peninsula Speech competition**

Gigi Albrecht represented the school very well  
at the recent competition. The speeches were  
all of very high calibre and it was a great  
opportunity for Gigi to learn. We were very  
proud of her.

**Mrs Lattimer**

St Dominic teacher, Julie Lattimer, underwent  
surgery to her leg last Friday and will be off  
school for 3 weeks. Geri Anderson will be taking  
her place while she is away. We wish her a  
speedy recovery and will keep her in our  
prayers.

**Buddy Mass**

On Friday, St Patrick, St Dominic and St Clare  
joined the parish for their buddy Mass. The  
other 2 classes will be joining the Parish in 2  
weeks time on the 6 Sept.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

**Come and Explore your vocation...**

[www.aucklandpriests.co.nz](http://www.aucklandpriests.co.nz)

**Holy Land pilgrimage:**

Pat and Suzie McCarthy are taking a 21-day  
pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 24 to  
May 14, 2020, in association with the Equestrian  
Order of the Holy Sepulchre, with Fr Chris  
Denham as chaplain. For further information  
contact Pat at [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) or on  
480-4463