

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

- **Mon 9 Sep:** Optional for **St Peter Claver, priest**. Born Catalonia 1580. Entered Jesuit Order. Inspired to go to the Indies. Landed 1610 at Cartagena (modern Colombia), principal slave market for the New World, where 1,000 African slaves landed each month. He worked tirelessly for 33yrs to help them both spiritually and physically. Also worked for the abolition of the slave trade.
- **Thu 12 Sep:** Optional memorial for the **Holy Name of Mary**. Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth.
- **Fri 13 Sep:** Memorial for **St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Antioch about 349, where he was ordained. His preaching bore great fruit, and his writings reveal brilliance of intellect and strength of faith. Lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of clergy and people. Made bishop of Constantinople but died in exile, 404.
- **Sat 14 Sep: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.** The cross on which Jesus was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption.

### 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.

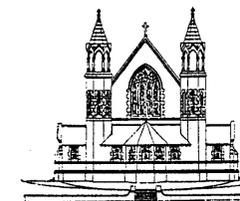
Details on the above reasons, along with a **Submissions Guide**, are available at church door (on table) or at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz). **Submissions close on 19 September 2019.** Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. They will have 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

- Sep 07:** Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955  
**Sep 08:** Sarah Porter 1944  
**Sep 09:** Eileen Mahony 1982, Alphonsus Sheehan 1991  
**Sep 11:** Maria Cunningham 1920  
**Sep 13:** Thomas Evans 1888  
**Sep 14:** Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017



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## 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

### Counting the Cost

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.



Saint Paul Writing His Epistles, attributed to Valentin de Boulogne, c. 1618-1620

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62). Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the

burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

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

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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

### Sunday Dishes

15 September  
 Yem

### Counting Roster

15 September  
 Elizabeth & Alan

### Flower Roster

13 September  
 Leslee

### Cleaning Roster

14 September  
 Dobbs Family

All are called to be disciples of Christ. There is no option to have a rest! Those baptised in Christ are called to a discipleship that is total, unconditional and permanent. It is a way of living our whole life.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake*

**Wisdom 9:13-18** Who can divine the will of the Lord?

**Ps 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**Philemon 9-10,12-17** Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.

**Luke 14:25-33** None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

### 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Christ Who Welcomes Sinners*

15 Sept

**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14** The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Ps 51: I will leave this place and go to my father.**

**Tim 1:12-17** Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**Luke 15:1-32** There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

#### Lectors:

(8 Sep) Sat N Witham-Blackwell A Blackwell Sun L Lampen-Smith

(15 Sep) Sat D Lamont K Petrie Sun A Gibson N Gibson

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(8 Sep) Sat E Wingrove M & H Dennis Sun I Gillies B Turner K Lynch

(15 Sep) Sat R Mannion L Mannion K Casey Sun J McGivern M Lyttleton F Sapa'u

#### CATHEDRAL APPEAL

##### Sunday 8 September

Special Collection: This is the annual appeal for the upkeep of the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. The Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Auckland Diocese — a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. It requires large funds to maintain in good condition for both now and the future.

This collection will take place after Communion. There are some extra envelopes for this on the table at church door.



Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on Monday, 16 September. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Denis Browne.



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

#### NZ Catholic:

Latest Issue,  
8-21 Sept Some  
headlines: Fr Matthew  
Gibson ordained in  
Hamilton. NZ co-hosts  
safeguarding  
conference in Rome.  
Bishops urge  
parishioners to stand  
for life. Visiting Deaf  
priest stresses need for  
sign language training.  
**On Sale Now: \$4**

Family Faith Website:  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/family-faith/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/family-faith/)

#### 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; 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.

#### Season of Creation

We are in the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical initiative dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Copies of the pamphlet "23 green tips – small steps towards a sustainable life" from the Justice and Peace Commission are at the back of the Church or online at

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>

#### TABERNACLE 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**



#### DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our September Meeting:

Topic: **Stewards of God's Grace**

Speaker: **Christine Kornman**

When: **Wednesday 18 SEP 7.30pm – 9.30 pm**

Where: Parish Hall, St. Thomas More Church,  
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

Contact: Sylvia 021 08822990 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

#### TUI MOTU Interislands Magazine

August issue available FREE at the back of the church.

Or subscribe online: [www.tuimotu.org](http://www.tuimotu.org).

The August issue includes an interesting and enlightening contribution by Rowan Light, 'Our Shared History' on the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Captain Cook.

#### Senior Coffee Group

Next Meeting: **10am Thursday, 12th September**  
at the home of Sister Margaret Browne,  
76A Lake Road

#### Pilgrimage for Life

In response to the proposed abortion law legislation, Family Life International, a Pro-Life organisation based has quickly organised a nation-wide Pilgrimage for Life. The pilgrimage started in Cape Regina and Bluff moving from parish to parish, until they eventually meet on Wednesday, 18th September at St. Francis de Sales Island Bay Wellington, for a final 7 pm Mass. This is one day before submissions close. The pilgrimage began last Sunday. Find out more including how you can participate at, <https://fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life/>

#### SACRED HEART SCHOOL, DUNEDIN - 125th CELEBRATIONS, 2020

All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at Labour Weekend 2020, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin. Everyone interested email: [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz)



#### ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parish news: **5 September**  
**Cans for Christmas**

This week St Leo's sent boxes of cans to the St Vincent de Paul as part of their Cans for Christmas drive. It is great for the school to be involved in outreach programmes and for the children to understand the message of the church around Social Justice, which is also one of our school's Mercy Values.

#### Social Justice Week

As next week is Social Justice week, the teachers will also be working with the children around the messages of social justice and why it is important that we care for all people in our world, just as Jesus wants us to.

#### Stardome Trip

St Catherine, St Patrick and St Francis all went on a trip to the Stardome on Tuesday. They had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about the solar system.

#### Cricket Day

On Friday the children will have the opportunity to try out cricket with a group from the local club.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

#### Social Justice Week: 8-14 Sept Fair, You Say? He Tika, Ki Tō Titiro?

*"And what is tenderness? Is it the love that comes close and becomes real. It is a movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears and the hands"*

*Pope Francis, TED talk 2017*

This year's theme is "Fair, you say?" Let us take this time to notice the inequity or injustice in our communities, then discern how to act in fairness. Please collect a "Fair, You Say" pamphlet as you leave Mass today.

#### Youth News

**Parish Youth Group: Meets fortnightly** in St Leo's Hall. Contact Felicity: 0226352366  
**Diocesan Youth Mass: Sunday, 29 September,**  
7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral