

Feast Days in the Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 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.
- **Tue 15 Sep: Memorial for Our Lady of Sorrows.** *Simeon said to Mary: 'This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; he is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce'.*
- **Wed 16 Sep:** Memorial for **St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop – martyrs both.** Cyprian was born in Carthage in 210, and became bishop in 249. At a time of fierce persecution, he encouraged the people by his word and example. He was martyred in 258. Cornelius became bishop of Rome in 251, was exiled by Emp. Gallus and died 253.
- **Thu 17 Sep:** Optional for **St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Born Tuscany 1542. Became a Jesuit priest. A vigorous defender of the faith during the Reformation. Made a Cardinal in 1599, but after a disagreement with the pope was sent as bishop to Capua in 1602. Spent much time visiting, preaching, teaching, and giving example of a truly Christian life. Returned to Rome 1605. Died 1621.
- **Sat 19 Sep:** Optional for **St Januarius, bishop & martyr.** Bishop of Benevento, martyred in 305, with six other Christians, during the persecution of Diocletian, at Naples.



No-one should have to choose between food or a facemask.

'Grab a Mask' is a community initiative set up by the parish of St Joseph & St Joachim in Otahuhu with support from The Catholic Caring Foundation.

The primary purpose of www.grabamask.co.nz is to offer access to FREE or LOW-COST masks, or DIY MASK KITS for individuals, families or schools/organisations in need. Visit www.grabamask.co.nz for details of how we can support this initiative.

We pray for those who have who have died

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Una Bell** who died this week.

And for those who have Anniversaries at this time:

- Sep 13:** Thomas Evans 1888
Sep 14: Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017
Sep 15: John Carter 1965
Sep 16: Joe Passi 2002 Patrick Heffernan 2005, Paul McLaughlin 2010
Sep 17: Elizabeth Richards 1946, Edgar Kalaugher 1984
Sep 18: Alwyn Jagusch 1985, Thomas Low 2001, Magdalena Manzano 2010, David Lampen Smith 2019
Sep 19: James Fagan 1934, Eme Curtayne 1978



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

Parish Newsletter: (DEADLINE 9am THURS.)

Please Note under Level 2.5 the Church is open for personal prayer only.

There are No Masses or Parish Gatherings

Any updates will be placed on the website

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Una Bell** who died this week. Pray also for the comfort of her grieving family.
Requiescat in pace



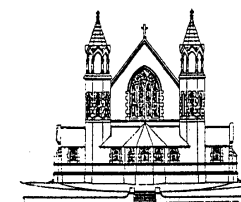
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

Lord, how often must I forgive those who wrong me?

Matthew 18:21



Do I believe that God forgives me, shows mercy to me?

Can I forgive my own failings?

Am I able to forgive wholeheartedly those friend or enemy that have wronged me?

The Lord is kind and merciful slow to anger, rich in compassion

24 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. For more information visit the Diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

A Prayer for our Earth

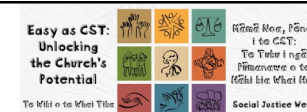
All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen.

Reminder: No Masses This Weekend

While the Auckland region is at Alert Level 2, with extra restrictions on gatherings, the church is open for personal prayer only.

Please use our QR code or sign in on the contract tracing register, use hand sanitiser and observe physical distancing.

Please stay home if you are unwell. Please check the Parish Website or call the Parish Office if Alert Level's change. Thank you.



Visit caritas.org.nz for information and resources on Social Justice Week about how we can help others in need. AS Pope Francis said "We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat...are all of us."

St Vincent de Paul

The Devonport conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to remind everyone we are here and available to help all of those needing extra help in these uncertain times, whether it is food parcels or company or anything else required.

Please contact us on the parish phone number.

Confidentiality is always assured.

The words of the Our Father are so oft-recited and familiar that they're always in danger of becoming no more than a soothing sound. Is it true to say that if any of us prayed this prayer just once with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we'd be ready for heaven? Today's word of God invites us to reflect on just one petition: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". We foolishly dare to ask for divine forgiveness only to the extent that we forgive others. The fact is that the more we resist letting go of resentment and anger from our hearts, the less room there is for us to welcome the gift of God's mercy.

24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Our Forgiving Lord

Ecc'cus 27:30—28:7 Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Ps 103: The Lord is compassion & love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Rom 14:7-9 Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Mt 18:21-35 I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

20 Sept

The Generous Love Of God

Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Ps 145: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Phil 1:20-24,27 Life to me is Christ.

Mt 20:1-16 Why be envious because I am generous.



NZ CATHOLIC

The latest version of NZ Catholic, 6-19 September, is being made available free of charge, please use the link below:

[NZ Catholic](#)

Worshipping Under Southern Skies LITURGY CONFERENCE:

POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 2021

Because there is no certainty that Auckland will be in Level 1 by the 1st October, the conference is **postponed 7th – 9th October 2021**. More information on this will become available over the following months. If you have paid your registration, you will receive a full refund.

DIGITAL SERIES

Starting from Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October we plan to offer a series of digital presentations from Conference presenters. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

Residential Individually Guided Silent Retreat

in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Come and See' 6 Day: October 25 (10am)– 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770. There are still a few places available on this retreat. For more information contact chair@ignatianspirituality.nz.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

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Can You Help?

Catherine Gillies is organising the delivery of educational brochures about the **End of Life Choice Act Referendum** as part of an Auckland Catholic Diocese effort. If anyone has time between the 12th and 22nd September to deliver a bundle (100 fliers) could they please contact Catherine Gillies: c.m.gillies@outlook.com or 021-432-020, or pick up a bundle from the Parish Office. Please contact Catherine for more information. Thank you.

Donations

Thank you for your donations, if you would like to make an online donation or automatic payment while we are not meeting in the church please deposit into the Parish Account: RC Bishop Devonport, Account # 02-0100-0120958-16. Please use your name as a reference. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

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Parish news: 10 September

Welcome to St Leo's

On Monday we will be welcoming another new pupil. Her name is Felicity Kavanagh and she will be joining St Catherine as a Year 5 pupil. Felicity comes to us from Vauxhall School where she has been since arriving from the UK.

Cans for Christmas

Thank you to Parish members who have given the school cans for the St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice Cans for Christmas appeal. The school families have been very generous too for this very worthwhile outreach and we have a great collection to give them.

Speech competition

Congratulations to Lily Sharplin and Chiara Albrecht who were the winners of our speech competition. They will be going on to represent our school at the Peninsula finals. Many thanks to Mary Anne Frazerhurst who acted as the judge for us.

Family Mass

We have decided to cancel the Family Mass planned for 20 September. Even if restrictions are eased early next week, there is still a high chance having the school at Mass will not be possible. Hopefully we can try again next term.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to the September Meeting

Provided the lockdown level is changed and gatherings up to 50 are permitted.


Topic: I Belong to Christ

Speakers: Bev McDonald

When: Wednesday 19 August 7.30pm

Where: St. Thomas More Church,

Contact: Sylvia 021 08822990 www.dove.org.nz



CDA Connect

The latest issue of CDA Connect from the Diocese is available at the link below, if you wish to receive a copy [Sign up here](#)
[Newsletter 7](#)



PRAY MASS

SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201