

Feast Days in the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 21 Sep:** Feast Day for **St MATTHEW, apostle and evangelist**. Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew. Tradition suggests that he preached in the East.
- **Wed 23 Sep:** Memorial for **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest**. Francesco was born to peasant farmers in the Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May, 1887. Devout, even as a child, entered Capuchins 1902, ordained priest 1910. On Sept 20 1918, while kneeling in front of the crucifix he received the physical marks of the crucifixion. Blood from the stigmata was said to have the perfume of flowers. Renowned as a confessor. Died 23 Sept, 1968. His funeral attended by 100,000 people
- **Sat 26 Sep:** Optional for **Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs**. Nothing is known of these two except their names and the fact that memory of them dates to the 5th Century.

Job Vacancy

Northcote Takapuna Methodist Parish are looking for a Community Development Worker. A Position Description is available from takapunamethodist@xtra.co.nz, or speak to Superintendent Rev Peter Norman Tel: 489 4590 Expressions of Interest close 4 October 2020.

Beginning Experience

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood 6-8 November. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The total cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials, plus a follow up event is \$350 with Early Bird cost \$325 if paid by 25 Sept. For further info please phone Kelly 0276864416 or Bev 09 2989943 or 0272481631

www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Liturgy Conference

Although the Liturgy Conference has been postponed until October 2021 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 via <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

We pray for those who have who have died

Recently: Una Bell

And those who have Anniversaries at this time:

Sep 19: James Fagan 1934, Eme Curtayne 1978

Sep 20: Alicia Archer 1950, Marjorie Brunskill 1983, Raewyn Kalaugher, 2008

Sep 21: Denis Foster 1993, Anne-Marie Bluemel 1994

Sep 22: Theresa Oswin 1953

Sep 23: Jessie Franklin 1962, Muriel Pace 1987

Sep 24: Martha Mahoney 1952

Sep 25: Mary Wenzlick 1985, Hilda Nicholson 2001, Peter Oldham 2008

Sep 26: Rupert Calvert 2002, Shontelle Marks 2002, Isobel Lamont 2013

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624 (09) 4450078

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz www.devonportcatholic.org.nz

Facebook: St Francis de Sales & All Souls www.facebook.com/groups/1077078918984007/

Priest in Residence: Fr John O'Connor john@fff.org.nz

Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell **Parish Secretary:** Corenna Rooke

St Leo's Catholic School: 4459339 www.stleos.school.nz

Principal: Maureen Harris **Parish-School Reps:** Steven Albrecht, Karla Welson

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

The Diocese continues to broadcast Mass on Shine TV Sunday 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25 and SKY TV Channel 201.



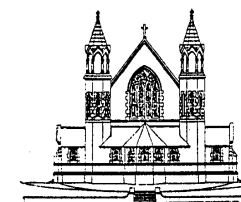
DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

St Francis de Sales & All Souls

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624

(09) 4450078

www.devonportcatholic.org.nz



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 20 SEPTEMBER 2020



The Season of Creation 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: seasonofcreation.org.nz and Environment.org.nz

Loving God,

Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity
as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing
the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and
interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
Amen.

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.

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.

NZ Catholic Bishops Statement



The Bishops' 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti is available on

www.catholic.org.nz

or use the link: [Catholic Bishops Election Statement](http://CatholicBishops.org.nz/ElectionStatement)

Kua ōti katoa tātou te paihere

"He mea paihere ngā mea katoa: Me kawe ngātahi tō tātou aroha ki te aotūroa me tō tātou aroha pūmau ki ō tātou whānau, ki ngā tāngata o te ao, me te aro pūmau anō o te ngākau ki te whakatika i ngā hē o te ao." **Pāpā Werahiko i tana tuhinga Laudato si'**

We are all connected

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Pope Francis in Laudato si'.

God is more loving, generous and forgiving than we human beings could ever imagine. It is folly to think of God in terms of our lesser, human, selves. The goodness of God knows no bounds. The gospel story exposes the calculus we use in our daily lives. We measure out love on the basis of what we judge another to deserve or what we feel we can afford to give. Today we thank God for not being like us!

25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

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.

26TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

27 Sept

Christ Obedient Unto Death

Ezekiel 18:25-28 When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Ps 25: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Phil 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Mt 21:28-32 He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors & prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.



NZ CATHOLIC

The latest version of NZ Catholic, 20 September—3 October, is being made available free of charge, please use the link below:
[NZ Catholic](http://www.nzcatholic.org)

PRAYER @HOME Some Useful Links:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

[Food For Faith](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

Daily Mass Readings:

<https://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/weekday-lectionary>

click on "Daily Readings" (Canadian, same as the Lectionary we use on Sunday)

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm> (Jerusalem Bible version, same as our weekday Lectionary)

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God

– A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br

Kieran Fenn Topic on **Monday, 21 September, 7-**

8.30pm: Marian Dogmas – Do they Speak to Today?

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I ? –

Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon

Butler. **Saturday, 24 October, 10.30am-4pm.**

For more info and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Donations

Thank you for your continued donations during Alert Level 2.5, if you wish to drop your planned giving envelopes to the Parish office it is open 9am to 1pm Weekdays or you could make a donation by internet banking to 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.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

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

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

Live Forum on Euthanasia with Dr John Kleinsman

Learn more about what you are voting on as Dr John Kleinsman, Chair of the Care Alliance, unpacks the End of Life Choice Act.

End of Life Choice Referendum Are You Ready to Vote? Live-streamed presentation: **Tuesday 22**

September – 7.00pm Care Alliance Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/> Authorised by Sinead Donnelly, Care Alliance, 15 Guildford Terrace, Wellington.

North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women



We hope and pray you and your families are keeping well and staying connected in prayer with our loving Father. Our meeting date is changed to **7.30pm**

Wednesday, 23 September provided the

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

Venue: St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall

Speaker: Bev McDonald

Topic: I BELONG TO CHRIST.



St Leo's Catholic School

Nurture, The whole child | Gracious, Mercy Values | Excellence, No compromise

Parish news: 17 September

Speech competition

Lily Sharplin and Chiara Albrecht represented St Leo's at the Peninsula finals. They did very well but it was very odd not having a crowd to speak to. Instead the children presented their speeches to other children competing with them and Principal's from the various schools.

Sir Peter Blake leadership award

At our assembly last Friday, a special award was given to one of our Year 6 pupils. Aidan George was nominated as a leader who is proactive and uses his initiative to contribute to our school. His prize included a medal and a book about Sir Peter Blake to be used as an inspiration to Aidan in the future. It was a well deserved award and we congratulate him.

New World Garden

This week New World Devonport donated a vegetable garden to our school to coincide with their little garden promotion. We set up the garden next to the Junior playground. Tima and St Clare set up the garden ready to plant the seedlings. Many thanks to New World for this opportunity for our children.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

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 12-22 September to fliers could they please contact Catherine on 021-432-020 c.m.gillies@outlook.com or pick up a bundle from the Parish Office. Please contact Catherine for more information. Thank you.

The Nathaniel Report, published by the NZ Catholic bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics is available online at the link below. Articles include scrutiny of the euthanasia and cannabis referendums being held at the same time as the October 17 General Election. [Nathaniel Report 61](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

Our GOD is

kind & merciful

Am I happy that God is compassionate to all beyond human limited notions of justice?

Do I hold on to resentment and a sense that it is not fair?

#OURLOVINGGOD

Una Bell's Funeral

It is with sadness that we lost Una last week, unfortunately because of Alert Level Restrictions only 50 could attend her Funeral Mass. The family would like to offer Parishioners the opportunity to view her funeral at the links below.

<https://youtu.be/hKwfXOe4l9E>

<https://youtu.be/qilPrV1AmUI>