

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

- **Mon 28 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.
- **Mon 28 Sep:** Optional for **St Wenceslaus, martyr**. Duke of Bohemia; a good man, murdered by his brother in 929, aged 24. | Optional for **St Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions, martyrs**. First Filipino saint. Born about 1600, Manila. A layman who worked for the Church. Married with two children, forced into exile. Went to Japan where he was imprisoned during a persecution of Christians. Was tortured and killed along with 15 companions in 1637.
- **Tue 29 Sep:** Feast Day for **Sts MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**. *Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice.*
- **Wed 30 Sep:** Memorial for **St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**. Born about 342. Studied and baptised in Rome. Lived for some years as a hermit in Syrian desert. Later ordained a priest. Preached asceticism and studying. Translated Bible into Latin, wrote biblical commentaries, and other works. Fought against heresies of Arianism, Palagianism and Origenism.
- **Thu 1 Oct:** Memorial for **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church**. Born 1873. Entered Carmel at age 15. Achieved perfection through daily renunciation of little things, and through prayer and meditation on the life of Christ. Poor health made missionary work impossible, so offered her daily life for the mission of the Church. Died 1897, aged 24. Patron of the missions. Known by many as 'The Little Flower'.
- **Fri 2 Oct:** Memorial for the **Holy Guardian Angels**. Bless the Lord, all you angels of the Lord. Sing his glory and praise for ever. "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to



### Diocesan Youth Mass on Shine TV/Online 27 September

Join ACYM virtually for the September Diocesan Youth Mass hosted by Vinnies Youth and celebrated by Fr Martin Wu. Tune into Shine TV at 2 pm (Free-to-air TV channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201) or stream Mass via [Auckland Catholic Diocesan website](http://AucklandCatholicDiocesanwebsite)

### We pray for those who have who have died and Anniversaries at this time:

**Sep 26:** Rupert Calvert 2002, Shontelle Marks 2002, Isobel Lamont 2013  
**Sep 27:** Mary Winders 1920, Inez Santo 1985  
**Sep 28:** William Walsh 1960  
**Sep 29:** Magdalena Manzano 1933, Joan Cann 1999, Patricia Reynolds 2001, Anthony Casey 2010  
**Sep 30:** Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000  
**Oct 01:** Catherine Graham 1978  
**Oct 03:** Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003

### Other Rosters:

**Flowers**  
2 Oct:  
Liz

**Counters**  
4 Oct:  
Rosalind & Corenna

**Cleaning**  
10 Oct:  
Moata'ane Family

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**Priest in Residence:** Fr John O'Connor [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz)

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

**St Leo's Catholic School:** 4459339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://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.)

**Sunday Mass Times:** Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9am

**Weekday Times:** Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat, after 9.00am Mass



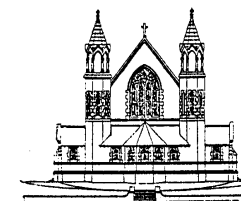
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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 27 SEPTEMBER 2020



### Dear Parishioners

Monday's announcement that Auckland will move to Level 2 today is welcome. It has not been easy to be without many of our family, social, work and study priorities, and for us as Catholics to be deprived of participation in the Mass has been especially difficult.

The move to Level 2 enables us to return to celebration of the Mass for groups of up to 100 people. Therefore Masses at St Francis and All Souls are able to recommence this weekend (26/27 September).

To enable as many people who would like to be at Mass to be present there will be three Masses (rather than the usual two).

**5.30pm Saturday Vigil**  
**7.30am Sunday**  
**9.00am Sunday**

Our largest Mass is the 9.00am, so if you are a regular at this Mass and able to move to the Saturday evening or the 7.30am Mass this would be helpful. (With clocks going forward this weekend the 7.30 will feel especially early!)

Use the QR code or sign in at the door, use the hand sanitiser as you enter, use good social distancing between your group and others when you take your pew in the church, Communion to be received on the hand only and will not be distributed from the chalice. There will also not be singing. The church will be sanitised before and after each Mass.

The usual Monday-Saturday liturgy timetable will resume from next Monday 28 September.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

In Christ. *Fr. John*



*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.*

### 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.

Time and again Paul is inspired by a messy problem to gain fresh insight. In one memorable instance, he is forced to defend himself for not having visited the Christian community at Corinth as promised. He was accused of saying "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time. His rather indignant response leads him to declare: "...the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you ... was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes'. For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'."

## 26<sup>TH</sup> WEEK ORDINARY TIME

*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.

## 27<sup>TH</sup> WEEK ORDINARY TIME

4 Oct

*The Vineyard Of The Lord*

**Isaiah 5:1-7** The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel.

**Ps 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

**Phil 4:6-9** The God of peace will be with you.

**Mt 21:33-43** He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.



**ROSARY**  
Every Monday,  
6pm in the church  
All Welcome

**Contemplative prayer/Christian meditation**  
Monday at 6.30pm  
and Wednesday at  
12.30pm in the  
parish meeting room.  
All welcome  
[www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz](http://www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz)

### Lectors:

(27 Sep) Sat S Burke S Erasmus Sun 7.30am K Kearins Sun 9am D Williamson L Lampen Smith

(4 Oct) Sat J Dobbie N Dobbie Sun 9am B Upton F Knottenbelt

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(27 Sep) Sat K Isidro Sun K Lynch

(4 Oct) Sat R Mannion Sun F Sapa'u

### Special Collection — CATHEDRAL APPEAL

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.

**Please use** your planned giving envelope if you have one, and place in **basket at church door**, or direct credit to the parish account: 020100 0120958 16 Put 'Cathedral' as reference.



As we cannot make a physical sign of Peace during mass under Alert Level 2 please consider using New Zealand Sign Language  
A link to a short video demonstrating this  
<https://youtu.be/4VjC53n3vO0>



### NZ CATHOLIC

The latest version of NZ Catholic, 20 Sep—3 Oct, is available free of charge, please use the link below:  
[NZ Catholic](http://NZCatholic.org)

For some inspiring alternative reading, **Tui Motu Interislands Magazine** has many articles online:  
[www.tuimotu.org](http://www.tuimotu.org)

### Una Bell's Funeral

Una's family would like to offer Parishioners who could not attend her funeral to view on the links below.  
<https://youtu.be/hKwfxOe4l9E>  
<https://youtu.be/qilPrV1AmUI>

### Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naive to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.

- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.

**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](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

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**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**  
Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.  
Topic on Monday, 28 September, 7-8.30pm: **Mary through History: the Changing Face of Mary**  
Online Session (Retreat Day): **Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 24 October, 10.30am-4pm. For more information and registration visit: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### Donations

Thank you for your donations, if wish to make a donation by internet banking or automatic payment 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.



**St Leo's Catholic School**

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

### Parish news: 24 September

Hard to believe we are at the end of another term. What a strange year it has been but I know the teachers and children are looking forward to their holiday break.

### Cans for Christmas

Last week 287 cans were collected for the St Vincent de Paul. We were thrilled to be able to donate that many cans to the needy from a school of 71 students. Such a great effort.

### Enrolments at St Leo's

We would welcome new enrolments for Term 4 or next year and ask Parish members to encourage Catholic families to consider sending their children to our beautiful school. We can take children from out of the Devonport area and currently have students from Northcote and Birkenhead. If we had a few more children from out of the Peninsula area, we could run a minibus to and from Takapuna.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

### New Zealand Bishops' Conference 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti

A commentator noted this week that the 2020 General Election with its accompanying referendum is one of the most interesting and challenging. In order to assist people in their discernment the New Zealand Bishops' Conference has produced their **2020 Election Statement**. This is available digitally [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf). In the next 10 days each parish will also receive a small number for those that require hardcopy.

**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](#)