

Feast Days in the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 8 Sep: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** Today we celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the sun of justice, Christ our Lord. Held up by the Church as the greatest of all the saints, Mary's birthday has been celebrated on this date since the seventh century. (Micah 5:1-4 or Roms 8:28-30, Ps 13:6-7, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23).
- **Wed 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.
- **Sat 12 Sep:** Optional memorial for the **Holy Name of Mary.** Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth.

PROLIFE NEWS

Many of us have watched loved ones die. But the upcoming binding referendum isn't on whether people should suffer and it isn't on whether euthanasia should be legal. We are voting on the specific details of the End of Life Choice Act. Even people who support euthanasia need to decide whether this Act would protect vulnerable Kiwis from pressure and wrongful deaths. Only one doctor in the process would need to "do their best to ensure the person expresses their wish free from pressure", and only by speaking to health professionals and to family members approved by the person. But many Kiwis don't live with family, and relationship abuse can easily remain hidden. For more information visit euthanasiadebate.org.nz

Donations

If you would like to make a donation by internet banking please deposit into the Parish Account:
RC Bishop Devonport, Account # 02-0100-0120958-16 Please use your name as a reference.
Thank you.

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

Sep 05: Rhoda Fraser 1977, Patricia Baldwin 2005
Sep 06: William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985, Gerald Candy 2014
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

Job opportunity

Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer kdsdtan@gmail.com.

For some inspiring alternative reading, **Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine** has many articles online: www.tuimotu.org

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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.)

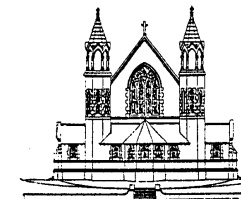
Please Note under Level 2.5 the Church is open for personal prayer only.

There are No Masses or Parish Gatherings

Any updates will be placed on the website



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 6 SEPTEMBER



*If today you would listen to God's voice!
Harden not your heart.*

God speaks to me in many ways.
Do I have a genuine desire to listen?
What is God saying to me in my discomfort?



Happy Fathers' Day

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.

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Te Kiri e te Kiri Tika



Kōwhiri Kōwhiri
i te CST:
Te Tūhū i ngā
Pūmanawa o te
Māhi hia Whai Hira

Social Justice Week

Social Justice Week 2020: 6—12 Sept.

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week. This year's Theme:

"Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential"

focusing on Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

Resources and information are available in the church, or on-line at Caritas website:

<http://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

From the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference Statement on Catholic Social Teaching:

"When Pope Francis gave his Urbi et Orbi blessing on 27 March 2020 he 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." This imagery of solidarity and working for the common good is valuable to keep in mind with the election imminent, but also from our shared experience of the New Zealand COVID-19 lockdown. We remember what we have collectively experienced and learned, we reflect on those experiences in the light of Catholic social teaching, and we move forward in love and justice to care for each other, for our neighbours, and for our world."

The full statement is available at this [Link](#)

Chapter 18 of Matthew's gospel, called the 'Sermon on the Church', collects Jesus' teachings on life of the Christian community. There are words on who is the greatest, on scandal and on how the shepherd should treat lost sheep; followed by today's gospel on fraternal correction and prayer in common; next week forgiveness.

23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Christ Who Paid The Debt Of Love

Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Ps 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Rom 13:8-10 Love is the answer to every one of the commandments

Mt 18:15-20 If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

13 Sept

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.

NZCatholic



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](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz)

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

PRAYER @HOME Some Useful Links:

Breaking Open the Gospel: For a daily reflection by a member of the Diocesan Team website visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz or [Bishops Pat's Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/bishopspat)

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/ liturgy links to help you pray at home

Prayers of the Faithful : suggestions for you to use at home.

For the Family : Great family and child resources on diocese site.

Food For Faith : A good resource which includes daily reflections.

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)



Weaving Together Liturgy & Life

Uniendo la Liturgia y la Vida

Liturgy Conference
1-3 October 2020

Worshipping Under Southern Skies is a project of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Worshipping Under Southern Skies LITURGY CONFERENCE:

1st – 3 rd October

All members of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland community are warmly invited to the Liturgy Conference, Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy and Life, to be held at Baradene College from 1st – 3rd October. Excellent keynote speakers, a mouth-watering variety of Breakout Sessions. www.wuss.org.nz This will be a time to grow deeper in faith, to grow stronger in community, richer in love, more vibrant in our communal prayer and celebration of the liturgy. REGISTER Online : For a discount, register before 18th September, \$150. The Parish is happy to subsidise this cost so we can have a number of people attending. Please contact Corenna at the Parish Office.



www.foodforfaith.org.nz



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. A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

May God who loves us conditionally:

In our struggle support us
In our loneliness befriend us
In our emptiness fill us
In our friendships confirm us
With intimacy grace us
With lavish love bless us

Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics

A free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY. **Monday 12 October**, Registration is essential for this free public lecture by **7 October**.

www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton
The Zoom link will be provided on 9 October 2020 to those who have registered.



St Leo's Catholic School

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

Parish news: 3 September

Welcome to St Leo's

On Monday we will be welcoming a very special new pupil to St Leo's. Ethan De Boorder 's family have a long history at the school with Ethan's mother and grandmother being past pupils and Ethan's great grandmother, Nola Hendry, a long time Parishioner of St Francis and All Souls Parish. I had the pleasure of teaching Ethan during his visit to school last week and I know he will settle in well. Welcome Ethan.

Cans for Christmas

St Leo's will once again be taking part in the Cans for Christmas drive for St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice. We know how important it is to care for more vulnerable families especially with so many people struggling with job uncertainty during the Covid pandemic. If anyone would like to contribute, cans can be dropped off to the school office before 18 September.

Activities

Being back at school again has meant that we are able to host small activities again. Neala, our dance/drama tutor is back taking lessons, Dominic is back taking our choir, ukulele lessons and music lessons, and we have had a tennis tutor in this week. The tiles the children painted before lockdown have also arrived and will go up on the wall soon.

Cross country

Just before lockdown we managed to run the senior cross country. The children all competed well and a small group will hopefully represent the school at the Peninsula Cross Country on 21 September if it goes ahead.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

Parish Emails

Do you know anyone not receiving Parish Emails? Please contact the Parish to change your email address or to be put on the Email List.
Thank You