

Feast Days in the Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 2 Nov: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)** — Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all people die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- **Tue 3 Nov:** Optional for **St Martin de Porres, religious**. Born at Lima, Peru, in 1579 of a native mother and a Spanish father. Entered Dominican Order where he continued as a medical assistant. Lived a life of fasting and prayer. Died in 1639.
- **Wed 4 Nov** Memorial for **St Charles Borromeo, bishop**. Born Italy in 1538. Prominent defender of the faith at time of the Counter-Reformation. Ordained young, he studied canon & civil law; made cardinal and Archbishop of Milan by his uncle, Pope Pius IV in 1559. Involved in Council of Trent and drafted the Catechism. Concerned with the administration and moral life of the clergy. Established seminaries, and organisations for the religious education of children. Cared for sick during plague of 1576. Died 1584. He is the patron of learning and the arts.

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.

Joseph Pham, the seminarian at Takapuna provides home services including haircut and IT support as his summer job. Please contact him at josepham298@gmail.com or 0221993298 for more information

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

- Oct 31:** James Boylan 1922, Andrea Hendry 1961
Nov 1: Desmond Butler 1991, Terence Fagan 2005
Nov 2: Agnes Reid 1941, Jessie Anderson 1944
Nov 3: Horace Stewart 1937, Joan Goldwater 1992
Nov 4: Michael Styick 1934
Nov 5: Ronald Hayson 1993, Walter Southeran 1994 Alan Wingrove, 2007
Nov 6: William McCarthy 1961, Kathleen Heaton 1994
Nov 7: Trilby Carrigan 2014



Quo Vadis

An invitation to young men who feel like God might be calling them to serve his Church as a priest. You are invited to a prayer breakfast at **St. Mark's Pakuranga** on the 7th November at 9am for Mass with breakfast to follow. For more Information, please contact Fr. Tony King-Archer at tony@stpatricks.org.nz

Do all the good you can, to as many people as you can, as often as you can. Are you keen to be part of a friendly team? St Vincent de Paul needs more volunteers – please come and see how you can help us to help others at either of our two Vinnies Op Shops – 106 Beach Haven Road or 75 Ellice Road, Glenfield. Ph: 443-5274.

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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.)

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

Other Rosters:

Children's Liturgy

Shelley

Morning Tea

8 Nov:

Kate Casey

Flowers

6 Nov

Annie Gray

Counters

8 Nov:

Shyrelle & Brian

Cleaning

7 Nov:

Dobbs Family



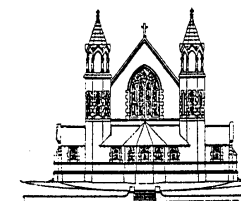
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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: 1 NOVEMBER 2020

A note from Fr. John for this week's feasts of All Saints & All Souls

*"The only real sadness,
the only real failure,
the only great tragedy in life,
is not to become a saint."*

Leon Bloy

I had a couple of conversations this past week with people who are growing to appreciate what it means to live as a Catholic Christian. They were wondering, how are we Christians different from any other group of people in society?

I suggested that while all good people were concerned with finding happiness and health for the years we spend on earth, a Christian is concerned even more with where and how we will be living in 100 years. Good citizens are concerned with making a good life on this earth, but Christians also know that we have the ability to live fully here on earth only when we are also focused on eternal life.

You might recall me mentioning a few weeks ago in a homily that when I am feeling a bit burdened or stressed, one of my coping methods is to ask myself: will the matter that burdens me today be an issue for me in a century? At that point I usually have to laugh, at myself, and admit that today's anxiety will probably have well passed by the time this week is up!

On the feast of All Saints, in the year, 1541, Michaelangelo's Last Judgement was unveiled on the rear wall of the Sistine Chapel.

While Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling tells the story of our salvation history with all its communal and personal ups and downs, the rear wall looks forward to the future eternal reality, to those souls who are

embracing eternal life and love with God, and to those who are rejecting the eternal fullness of life.

The deepest desire of the human person is not to be free of grief and anxiety but to know, love and to serve God, and to be happy with Him forever. Our human purpose is found when we know and live our desire for God above all else. When we rest with this desire, especially in the midst of struggle, suffering, temptation and even sin we experience God's presence and peace.

This life is the life of the saint.

With today's feast we celebrate those who have followed this path on earth, and who now share the eternal fullness of God's life in the Communion of the Saints.

*To pray for the dead
is a gesture of love and hope,
in which we commend to God's kind keeping
those who have died.*

On Monday 2 November, the day on which we celebrate All Souls, a major feast day for the church and of our parish of St. Francis & All Souls, we gather to pray for those who have died, family, friends, neighbours and parishioners.

Mass of All Souls:

Monday 2 November 2020 6.00pm

Names of those who have died, who you wish parishioners to unite in prayer for throughout this November month of All Souls, can be placed in the "All Souls" box at the church entrance. These will then be placed at the altar for the month of November.

Have a blessed week,
John

The feast of All Saints originated in the East in the 5th century as a commemoration of all martyrs. It appeared in Rome two centuries later but only became established on this date sometime in the papacy of Gregory III (731-741).

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

God's Message Of Eternal Life

Rev 7:2-4,9-14 I saw a large number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Ps 24: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1John 3:1-3 We shall see God as he really is.

Mt 5:1-12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8 Nov

The Bridegroom Is Here!

Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Ps 62: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1Thess. 4:13-18 God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Mt 25:1-13 The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Lectors:

(1 Nov) **Sat** C Sinclair K Petrie **Sun** First Communion Readers

(8 Nov) **Sat** A Blackwell N Witham Blackwell **Sun** K Kearins G Dobbs

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(1 Nov) **Sat** K Isidro K Isidro J Pereira **Sun** F Sapa'u I Gillies S Gillies

(8 Nov) **Sat** K Isidro K Isidro J Pereira **Sun** K Rawlinson F Knottenbelt B Turner



ROSARY
Every Monday,
6pm in the
church

Come & join in, reciting
this beautiful prayer.

All Welcome

Contemplative prayer/ Christian meditation

Monday at 6.30pm and
Wednesday at 12.30pm
in the parish meeting
room.

All Welcome

NZ Catholic

1-14 Nov issue out
now. Some headlines:

Call for cross-party
accord on
homelessness. New
parish formally starts
in east Auckland.

On Sale Now \$4

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday 2nd November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed : Evening Mass @ 6.00pm

Parishioners are invited to write the names of
departed loved ones on the paper provided in
church — these will be placed at the altar
during the month of November.

Official **Mass Counts** are recorded each
weekend during the month of November.
The results assist the diocese with forward
planning and are included in the diocese's
annual report to Rome.

Lay Leaders Of Liturgical Prayer

Like many parishes today, our parish offers a
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at
times when a priest is not available for a
weekday Mass.

We need people who are willing to offer this
ministry and become a liturgy leader. Training
will be provided. If you are interested in
finding out more about this please contact
Stephen 0210608561

Pope Francis reflects on the Feast of All Saints

"The saints of all times, which we all celebrate together
today, are not simply symbols, distant human beings,
unreachable. On the contrary, they are people who
have lived with their feet on the ground. They have
experienced the daily toil of existence with its successes
and its failures, finding in the Lord the strength to
always get up and continue the journey."

Pope Francis 1 November 2019

Meet with Fr. John this week:

I have appreciated the opportunity to meet many
parishioners in recent weeks. Thank you to those who
have invited me. Let me know if you are happy for me to
visit you in your home for half an hour and we will
arrange a time that works best for you. john@fff.org.nz
My invitation to meet parishioners at local gathering
places has also received an enthusiastic response and I
have been asked by many to set more times. So this
week come and join me for a few minutes or longer.
Great to have your company.

Thursday 5 November 4.30pm– 6.30pm

@ Manuka Café

Friday 5 November 7.30am – 9.30am @ Manuka Café

Commemoration of first Mass, Aotearoa: would you like to join our parish pilgrimage?

When: Leave Devonport around 8am, Saturday,
January 9, 2021

For: 11am Mass on Sunday January 10, 2021

Where: Totara Point, Hokianga

Stay: Motuiti Marae, Hokianga: our parish has
been generously extended an invitation to stay on
this significant marae, a short walk from St Mary's
where Bishop Jean Baptiste François Pompallier is
buried beneath the altar.

Food: shared picnic lunch under marquee cover
after Mass.

Bring: Clothes for hot weather, sunscreen, hat,
sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, food to share.

Return: Early afternoon of Sunday January 10 -
approx a four to five-hour trip one-way. We should
be back early evening of this day.

Arrangements: We would like to hire a bus and
are investigating that. Do you have any
connections which could help us secure a good
deal? Alternatively, we could car share.

Cost: To be advised.

**PLEASE: Email parish office if you would like to
join on this significant trip.**

Fort Portal, Uganda Project Fundraiser

In support of the Fort Portal Uganda Project,
fundraising for St Joseph's Home for Old People to
provide a safe home for very sick, frail and elderly
women and men, we are selling BioFeed—Organic
Plant Food (500ml bottles RRP\$10) after Mass or
from the Parish Office. Please support this worthy
cause, for more information about this project
please contact Eileen Pearce
eileenpearce1@gmail.com

Pledges

Please return your Pledge forms to by email to
office@devonportcatholic.org.nz or drop into the
Parish office or place into the collection plate.

Bank Account Details:

If you wish to set up an Automatic Payment or wish
to make a donation by Internet Banking please
deposit into the Parish Account:

Account Name: **RC Bishop Auckland - Devonport**

Account Number: **BNZ 02-0100-0120958-16**

Reference: Your Last Name & Initials

Code: Pledge or Donation

Thank you for your generosity.



St Leo's Catholic School

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

Parish news: 29 October

Celebration

It is a very special weekend for nine of our pupils
who are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation,
Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time. We
also welcome two of those children into the church
through Baptism. We pray for these children and
their families and may this day always be a
significant milestone for them on their faith
journey.

Inter-school Swimming Report

7 swimmers from across the school represented St
Leo's at the recent inter-school swim
competition. 3 of them made it to final events and
Sienna Glanville won the 9 year old girls
breaststroke final. A pretty good outcome for a
small team of swimmers.

Kiwi Kapers Concert

The school enjoyed the Auckland Philharmonia
Orchestra Kiwi Kapers trip that took place on
Wednesday.

SPCA Cupcake Day

Next week a group of our senior pupils have
organised a cupcake day to raise funds for the
SPCA. It is wonderful to see the children using their
initiative and living out the values of our school
with their generosity.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

Unpacking the Mission Map The Diocesan Mission
Map (Pastoral Plan) will be officially launched on
the first Sunday of Advent. All parishioners are
welcome to an unpacking session **14 November
2020 9.30am to 3.30pm**, St Columba Centre 40
Vermont St, Ponsonby. Please RSVP
pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020 Saturday 7 November 5.30pm.

On behalf of the Auckland Diocese all parish
volunteers, and those recently received into our
family of faith, are invited to our Mass of
Thanksgiving and Welcome at the **Cathedral of St
Patrick and St Joseph** See you all there!!