

Feast Days in the Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Thu 15 Oct:** St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church. Born Avila, Spain 1515. Entered Carmel in 1533. In 1555 committed herself to the way of perfection. Founded a religious house living by the primitive rule (Discalced Carmelites), though opposed at first. She persevered in prayer, enjoying many mystical experiences. Her spiritual writings are still influential. She is the patron of headache sufferers.
- **Fri 16 Oct:** Optional for St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin. Born 1647, an unhappy childhood, entered the Visitation Convent of Paray-le-Monial in France in 1671. Received visions encouraging devotion to the Sacred Heart and to establish a feast in his honour. In this she was successful, after a great deal of initial opposition.
- **Sat 17 Oct:** Memorial for St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr. Bishop of Antioch in the first century. Little is known of his life except that it ended in martyrdom in Rome, about 107. On his journey to Rome as a prisoner he met Polycarp in Smyrna, and many other Christians in neighbouring communities. He wrote epistles to the Christian communities at Ephesus, Philadelphia, Smyrna, etc., which show his passionate commitment to Christ, his faith and understanding of doctrine.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The bishops are seeking an artist to create a paid work commemorating Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier's 1838 dedication of the country to Mary the Mother of Jesus.

The National Liturgy Office has begun advertising for an artist who will create a work incorporating Mary for a special commemoration next August 15, the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, celebrated annually by Catholics around the world. The call for registration of interest is at this [link](http://www.nlo.org.nz) or visit www.nlo.org.nz Prospective artists need to register their interest by 15 October. The chosen artist will need to have the work finished by May. An appropriate fee will be negotiated with the artist.

JOB VACANCY

Te Kupenga is looking for an Administration and Registry Assistant for our Auckland office - 6 months fixed term for 30-37.5 hours per week. The advert is available on SEEK under this link: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50670086>.

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

- Oct 10:** Maria Kennedy 1929, Yvonne Brideson 1983
- Oct 11:** Catherine Russell 1990, Katy Colson 1996, Mario Isidro 2009, Patricia Nuttall 2016
- Oct 12:** Mary Blackman 1955, William Tucker 2001, Graeme (Gus) Lynch 2004
- Oct 13:** Mary Knight 2017
- Oct 14:** Eileen Creedon 1984, Nevinka Murdoch 2013
- Oct 15:** Maria Moran 1931, James Kyle 1977
- Oct 16:** Nina Gibbs 1977, Peter Keeton 2005
- Oct 17:** Dermot Wright 1976, Maida Dell'Isola 2003

Other Rosters:

Flowers

16 Oct:
Anne Gibson

Counters

18 Oct:
Andrew & Mary

Cleaning

24 Oct:
Anne Feeney



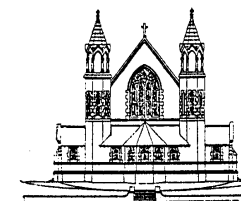
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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 1 OCTOBER 2020

Sisters & Brothers All

I mentioned last week that Pope Francis was about to write to us all, and that I was looking forward to receiving and reading his letter. On last Monday morning we received his encyclical letter entitled "Sisters and Brothers All" (Fratelli Tutti). Here are a few quotations from the letter. Find the complete text at the Vatican website by searching "[Sisters and Brothers All Pope Francis](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/fratelli_tutti)"

Have a blessed week,
John

Dreaming together

"No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." (Paragraph 8)

Globalized indifference

In today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat. (20)

Politics

Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this craven exchange of charges and counter-charges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation. (15)

Doctrine and religion divorced from love

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God, on the other hand, is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom expressed this pointedly when he challenged his Christian hearers: "Do you wish to honour the body of the Saviour? Do not despise it when it is naked. Do not honour it in church with silk vestments while outside it is naked and numb with cold". Paradoxically, those who claim to be unbelievers can sometimes put God's will into practice better than believers. (74)

Social Media

Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues. They may attract some attention by their sharp and aggressive tone. But monologues engage no one, and their content is frequently self-serving and contradictory. (200)

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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

28TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

The Lord's Wedding Feast

Isaiah 25:6-10 The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Ps 23: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Phil 4:12-14,19-20 There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Mt 22:1-14 Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

18 Oct

The Lord Of History

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Ps 96: Give the Lord glory and power.

Thess. 1:1-5 We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Mt 22:15-21 Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar — and to God what belongs to God.



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

Please Remember

Continue to use
our QR Code or
sign in for contract
tracing when
visiting the church

Lectors:

(11 Oct) **Sat** K Petrie S Burke **Sun** M Lyttleton Y Braid
(18 Oct) **Sat** S Erasmussen N Witham Blackwell **Sun** D Williamson K Kearins

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(11 Oct) **Sat** K Isidro M Burke H Dennis **Sun** A Williams M Steel K Lynch
(18 Oct) **Sat** K Casey J Pereira L Mannion **Sun** B Turner I Gillies S Gillies



NZ CATHOLIC

The latest issue, 4—17 Oct, is available online free of charge, please use the link below or visit www.nzcatholic.org.nz
www.nzcatholic.org.nz
[NZ Catholic](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz)

— Mission Sunday Next Weekend —

Parishioners are reminded that next weekend is Mission Sunday. There will be a Special Collection.

This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the care of children, the immediate relief of the poor, and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. This year funds will go to help the needy Church in the Philippines, reaching out to those affected by poverty and disability.

Please give generously next week.

More info, MissionNZ website:

www.missionnz.org.nz

Envelopes are available on table at church door.



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

Parish Sacramental Programme

The preparation of candidates for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion will resume this **Wednesday 14 October at 7pm** with a parents meeting. The sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will take place at Sunday Mass on 1st November (All Saints' Day) with Bishop Gielen.

Please contact Stephen for any further information.



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.org.nz

Parish Choir

Choir rehearsals can resume again this week! Please meet in the Church at 7pm on Tuesday night, 13 October. New members are always welcome to join. If you love to sing or would like to learn, feel free to come along. More info contact Olivia Webb: 0223435460.

BioFeed—Organic Plant Food

A box of 500ml bottles of BioFeed—Organic Plant Food (RRP \$10) have been donated, please see Corenna in the Parish Office if you would like one. Free or please make a donation to support the Fort Portal Uganda Project: "St Joseph's Home for Old People." For more information about this project please contact Eileen Pearce.

Farewell Mass at Bayswater

A farewell Mass will be celebrated at St Luke's Church, Bayswater on Sunday 18 October (feast of St Luke) at 10.30am. All are welcome to participate, especially those who have attended the church during the 60 years it served the community. If coming, you are invited to bring a plate.

New Zealand Bishops' Conference 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti

In order to assist people in their discernment the New Zealand Bishops' Conference has produced the *2020 Election Statement*. Copies are available at the back of the church and digitally at this [link](http://www.catholic.org.nz) or www.catholic.org.nz

Justice & Peace Commission Election Leaflet

"The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland has put together this leaflet to consider some election issues in the light of our faith. Elections are a time to reflect on what sort of society we want Aotearoa New Zealand to be in solidarity with the poorest and most marginalised in our midst – and then step out and vote." — Bishop Patrick Dunn. A copy of this leaflet is available at the back of the church or www.aucklandcatholic.org

The Commission for Ecumenism 2020 Talk Series celebrating Ut Unum Sint 25th anniversary. **Pope Francis and the World Council of Churches on the Environmental Crisis.** Common ground and shared vision concerning our responsibilities for the care of the Earth. **Thursday 22 October, 7:00pm** at St Columba Centre, 44 Vermont St, Ponsonby. All are welcome.

CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the [current edition](#) and sign-up to receive the newsletter direct to your inbox.

SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at. For further information and an application form, contact | Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 6 November 2020

Jubilee Bursary APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 1, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level.

Applications close Thursday, 12 November 2020 For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis Ph: (09)360-3091 michellej@cda.org.nz

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 next meeting is **7.30pm Wednesday, 21 October** St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall

Speaker: Iutita Rusk

Topic: "READY FOR BATTLE".

Psalm 27:1 *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*