

Feast Days in the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 19 Oct:** Optional for **Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs, & companions, martyrs.** These eight men were Jesuit missionaries in Nth America in the 17th century, put to death by the Native Americans. John de B was a man of deep spirituality, noted for his life of prayer & penance.
- **Thu 22 Oct:** Optional for **St John Paul II, pope.**
- **Fri 23 Oct:** Optional for **St John of Capistrano, priest.** Born 1386, he had a vision while a prisoner of war that made him long to enter religion. In 1416 joined the Franciscan Order, ordained 1420, began preaching throughout Italy. Was several times vicar general of the Order. Preached throughout Eastern Europe against the Hussite heresy until the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453. He raised an army to fight the Turks in Hungary. Died of the plague in 1456.
- **Sat 24 Oct:** Optional for **St Anthony Claret, bishop.** Born Spain 1807, ordained 1835. His uncompromising preaching style raised hostility against him. In 1849 founded a missionary institute for priests. Appointed bishop of Santiago in Cuba in 1850 and spent six years there. It was arduous work, he antagonized the slave owners and attempts were made on his life. In 1857 appointed confessor to Queen Isabella of Spain. In 1868 revolution caused his exile to France, where he died in 1870.

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

SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

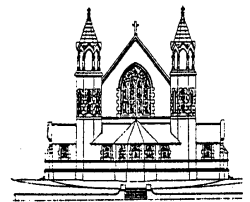
Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz.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

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

- Oct 17:** Dermot Wright 1976, Maida Dell'Isola 2003
- Oct 18:** James Graham 1961, Henry Cann 1991, Harry Monga 2015
- Oct 19:** Molly Moyreen 1916, Monica Skinner 2007
- Oct 20:** Mary Vause 1996, James Cossar 1999
- Oct 21:** Rev Michael Furlong 1962, Margaret McMeiken 1983, David Brideson 2012
- Oct 22:** Robert Morrissey 1943, Helena Corrigan 1962
- Oct 23:** Molly Ross, 2008
- Oct 24:** Deliah Elvy 1942, John Wallace 1944, Marjorie Sotheran 2012



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 18 OCTOBER 2020

A note from Fr. John

People often comment to me that they no longer go to church because there are a lot of hypocrites in church. If a hypocrite is someone who professes a belief then fails to live this fully then I am one of their hypocrites. I publicly profess my desire to live fully as a Catholic Christian, but every day (as already this morning before breakfast) I fall short of the life I profess. But if I let go of this hope, this desire, this healthy longing, then my life has no momentum and no direction. The one who lets go of hope has nowhere to go and no reason to live.

One of the highlights of my week was a session on Wednesday evening with the parents of the children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in our parish. Here was a group of reflective and discerning parents who strive for what is best for their children and who are taking the positive step (by requesting these sacraments) of supporting the growth in faith of their children. They are doing this not simply by passing information about Jesus to their children but by actively seeking to deepen their own faith. I felt a great sense of good companionship in this group who, like me, find themselves struggling and striving to live fully in relationship with Jesus in an imperfect church.

Too often good, reflective and discerning Catholics experience the church as an institution that imposes and even demands rules and regulations, requirements and restrictions. In our Wednesday evening session we reflected on this problem of reducing the beauty of Catholic faith to moralism, legalism and ritualism. This is a tragedy, and it is no wonder that so many intelligent people run from this flawed presentation of Catholic faith.

However healthy people don't give up striving for a

meaning that is an adequate response to the questions posed by human existence. Healthy people realise that when we achieve one earthly goal we immediately seek another and therefore come to suspect and sense that the deep dis-ease we often feel is a flaw in our humanity but a lack that is in each of us by divine design. Awareness of this dis-ease, this lack, this ennui, reminds us that we are created by God and for God and we find happiness only when we are living in relationship with Jesus Christ who is God alive and active among us.

Over the next couple of weeks, in preparation for the celebration of Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday 1 November, the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is important that they realise that this experience is not a one-off rite of passage but a sign of entry (and re-entry) into the full, mature and adult life of Catholic Faith.

I am offering several times over these weeks for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask that as many parishioners as possible use these times as their own opportunity to experience this sacrament of healing and grace. This way the children will see that this sacrament is an important part of the lives of adult Catholics including their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents and neighbours.

If you haven't celebrated this sacrament of healing, grace and forgiveness for many days or many decades this invitation is especially for you...

Reconciliation Times:

Saturdays: 24th & 31st October: 9.20am – 10.00am
 Sunday 25th October: after the 9am Mass
 Monday 26th October: 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Have a blessed week,
 John

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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:

25 Oct—Jody

Morning Tea

25 Oct—Sasha

Flowers

23 Oct—Maria

Counters

25 Oct—

Alan & Liz

Cleaning

24 Oct:

Anne Feeney

29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME — The Lord Of History

MISSION SUNDAY

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.

30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

25 Oct

The Commandment Of Love

Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Ps 18: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1Thess. 1:5-10 You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Mt 22:34-40 You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.



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
to use our QR
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Lectors:

(18 Oct) Sat S Erasmuson N Witham Blackwell **Sun** D Williamson K Kearins

(25 Oct) Sat J Dobbie N Dobbie **Sun** D Williamson D O'Shaughnessy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(18 Oct) Sat K Casey J Pereira L Mannion **Sun** B Turner I Gillies S Gillies

(25 Oct) Sat E Wingrove K Isidro R Mannion **Sun** A Williams B Turner K Casey

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.

Tuesday 20 October 4pm – 7pm @ Corelli's

Wednesday 21 October 9am—11.30am @ Manuka Café

Thursday 22 October 4.30pm – 6.30pm @ The Patriot

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020

On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, we cordially invite all parish volunteers, and those recently received into our family of faith, to share in our Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome. We wish to thank and honour you all for desire to build the kingdom in year that has been disrupted by Covid. The Mass will be held at the **Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph on Saturday 7th November 2020, starting at 5.30pm.**

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

NZ Catholic—18-31 October out now. Our 600th issue. Some headlines Pope issues new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. Former NZ seminary rector farewelled. Extraordinary form ordinations in Auckland. Christchurch.

Parish Sacramental Programme

continues with sessions **Sunday 18 October at 4pm** and **Monday 26 October at 4pm.** The sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will take place at Sunday Mass on 1st November with Bishop Gielen. Please contact Stephen for any further information.

MISSION SUNDAY

Parishioners are reminded today 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. More info, MissionNZ website: <https://missionnz.org/> Envelopes are available on table at church door.

Pope Francis' Message for Today: "HERE AM I, SEND ME"

"Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic ... represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us.

... Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer."



Full text copies available on
table at church door.

Vacancy Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate must 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, kdsdtan@gmail.com.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore

Wed 28 October at 7.30pm

Place of meeting: **St Josephs Centre, Takapuna**

Guest Speaker: **Michael Lobo**

Topic: John 10:27 - **"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me"**.

All men are warmly welcomed. Any questions contact - **Russell 022 0345678. www.joshua.org.nz**



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Parish news: 16 September

We are pleased to be back at school at level 1 and able to run fairly normal routines now.

School Fair

This year's school fair will be held on Sunday November 29. If you would like to help out in any way eg helping on a stall, baking, making sweets, preserves etc please either contact the office or the PTF on stleosfundraiser@gmail.com. Please note that there is no white elephant stall or book stall this year.

This term is a busy one with lots of sports and other activities taking place. The year 6 children have resumed waterwise this week.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

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, 7:00 PM | St Columba Centre, 44 Vermont St, Ponsonby. All are welcome.

Choral Requiem Mass for All Souls "....that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40 **Monday 2 November at 7 pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. A memorial Mass for All Souls Day. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble, soprano Morag Aitchison, organist Michael Stoddart and directed by Nicholas Forbes singing Durufle's Requiem Mass.

North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women

Our next meeting is **7.30pm Wednesday, 21 October** at 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?*