

Feast Days in the Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

- Wed 28 Oct:** FEAST for **Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles**. Little is known of these two apostles, whose names are always linked in the Gospel accounts. Simon is called the Zealot, and Jude 'son of James'. (Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-19).

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 attend a prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. We gather for Mass and a time of fellowship, where the call that God gives to follow him can be discussed in greater depth. We are gathering at **St. Mark's Pakuranga on the 7th November at 9am** for Mass with breakfast to follow. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Tony King-Archer at tony@stpatricks.org.nz.

A Volunteering Opportunity for a Sewer.

Are you a sewer/tailor with some spare time? Would you like to help one of our expectant mums develop a new skill? One of our mums is keen to learn to sew and would be so grateful if someone could give her a few lessons. If you think you can help please contact Clare at **Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support** on 021 231 7954 or email clare@fii.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. Applications close 6 November 2020. For further information, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, catheriner@cda.org.nz.

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

St Leo's Catholic School: 4459339 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

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

Oct 24: Deliah Elvy 1942, John Wallace 1944, Marjorie Sotheran 2012

Oct 25: Fredrick Parkes 1906, Benjamin Mendoza 1991

Oct 26: Ireen O'Hara 1996, Molly Hickey 2009, Thomas Menzies 2017

Oct 27: Winifred Kavanagh 1953, Christina O'Brien 1959

Oct 28: Peter Owens 1936, Thaddaus O'Leary 1947

Oct 29: Olive Patterson 1944, James Manning 2003, Peter Bell 2014

Oct 31: James Boylan 1922, Andrea Hendry 1961

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? The Society of 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.

Jubilee Bursary for Semester 1, 2021.

Applications invited, contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close 12 November 2020, contact: Michelle Jarvis Ph: (09)360-3091 michellej@cda.org.nz

Other Rosters:

Morning Tea

1 Nov:
First Communion

Flowers

30 Oct:
Margaret

Counters

1 Nov:
Kate & Catherine

Cleaning

7 Nov:
Dobbs Family



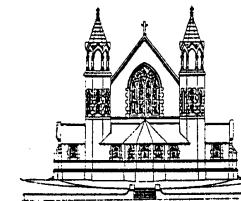
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 25 OCTOBER 2020

A note from Fr. John

**We cannot serve both God and money
But with our money we can serve God**

I am heartened by the open, reflective and generous response of parishioners to last weekend's invitation to reflect on how we each use our time, talent and treasure to build up the life of the church in this place. While we don't yet know how this will play out in weekly financial contributions, the immediate enthusiastic response of parishioners is encouraging, and already as I write (on Friday morning) a good number of pink pledge forms have been returned and others have signed up on the website.

There has been a lot of positive response to the input of the Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council at last week's Masses. While the Property and Finance Committee distributed the annual income and expenditure report to all parishioners earlier in the year, Kath helped us to see that we are not simply a business seeking to get enough income to pay bills, but we are a community of faith seeking to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Kath added the practical details: we have over 300 households in the parish, 70 people give regularly either by direct credit or envelope, but half these donations are of less than \$20.00 per week.

In my homily reflection I commented that I was sometimes asked by parishioners how much should people give. Kath put it well inviting us all to consider how much we spend on "liquor, latte and lotto" each week and then noting how our contribution to the life of the church sits alongside.

If we were to simply maintain current parish buildings, pay current wages and outgoings we need to double our weekly collection to do this. But maintenance is not enough. The Parish Pastoral

Council wants much more than this for our parish, and understands that if we do not become more actively missionary, our parish will decline.

One parishioner commented that parish giving is a very personal thing, and in their household they have two adults with two incomes therefore they each pledge and give individually. The adults in your household might consider this response.

Please make sure you have read the pink brochure available in the church foyer and online. These pages outline something of our current situation and the Parish Pastoral Council's pastoral plan for our parish. Please also prayerfully consider your own financial contribution to the parish. We need parishioners to pledge a regular contribution since this enables us to plan and budget for our future ensuring that our money not only pays current bills but also allows us to become more pastorally active and creative, especially making contact with the many who struggle to keep contact with the church.

There are several ways you can contribute:

1. Complete a pledge form either the pink form (dropped into the collection basket or office) or fill out the form online at www.devonportcatholic.org.nz
2. You may be able to make a one-off donation to the parish. You can do this either online at the parish website, or through Corenna at the parish office.
3. Remember your parish in your will. Such bequests have enabled parishes around the world to embark on new missions that may be beyond the scope of weekly contributions.

Have a blessed week,
John

"On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also." So Jesus declares as the conflict between him and the Jewish authorities intensifies day by day. With good reason we could say that this twofold command — to love God with all your might and to love our neighbour as ourselves — is Jesus' last will and testament, soon to be embodied in bread and wine.

30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

1 Nov

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.

Lectors:

(25 Oct) Sat Y Braid Sun D Williamson D O'Shaughnessy

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(25 Oct) Sat K Isidro Sun A Williams

(18 Oct) Sat K Isidro K Isidro J Pereira Sun F Sapa'u I Gillies S Gillies



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

18-31 October, Our 600th issue. Some headlines Pope issues new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship.
On Sale Now \$4

"Here I am, send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

MISSION SUNDAY — Thank You
Thank you for supporting this year's MISSIO-NZ Church Appeal through your heartfelt gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for missionaries to continue reaching out and empowering people like Zyrhrrie and her family.

Thank you also to parishioners who have become monthly giving MISSIO-NZ friends.

For more information about the work of MISSIO around the world, please contact us at info@missio.nz or write to us P.O. Box 31 596 Milford Auckland 0741.

(09)489 6549

www.missio.nz/donate



The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will take place at the **9am Mass next Sunday, 1st November**, with Bishop Michael Gielen.

There are 18 candidates for Confirmation this year. Please pray for them as they prepare for these sacraments. A special Morning Tea will be held in the Hall after the Mass. All welcome. Parishioners please bring a plate.

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

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.

Donations to our Parish qualify for a significant tax rebate to you and we provide receipts for this. There was an issue with the IRD not providing rebates recently and this has very recently been corrected by the IRD. Please contact Corenna if you had an issue.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020

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. We wish to thank and honour you all for desire to build the kingdom in year that has been disrupted by Covid and express a warm diocesan welcome to our neophytes.

Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph

Saturday 7 November 5.30pm.

See you all there!! Naumai! Haeremai!



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship,
North Shore @St Josephs Centre,
Takapuna

Wed 28 October at 7.30pm

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 meeting: Any questions contact - **Russell 022 0345678.**



St Leo's Catholic School

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

Parish news: 22 October

We are back for another term and the first couple of weeks have been busy with various catch up sporting events, in light of the cancellations during lockdowns this year.

- St Catherine are back having their waterwise sessions again this term.
- 2 teams competed in a soccer tournament on Tuesday.
- Teams also competed in a rippa rugby tournament on Thursday.
- The school swimming team competed in the Peninsula school's swimming sports on Friday.
- The North Shore cricket club has been taking sessions with our Year 1-4 classes.

Rosary

Our focus for the first two weeks of the term has been on the Rosary. Each class has been learning about a different mystery and have been praying the Rosary each day.

Auckland Primary Principals Conference

This week I also attended a conference for Auckland Principals, one of the few that have managed to occur this year. It is always good to gain fresh ideas to bring back to our lovely school.

Enrolments at St Leo's

We are once again appealing to Parishioners to spread the word about our special school. I am in the process of planning for next year and would welcome some new enrolments to help our school grow. Children do not have to live in the Devonport or Peninsula area.

God Bless

Maureen Harris

Choral Requiem Mass for All Souls 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 Duruflé's Requiem Mass.