

Feast Days in the Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 6 Oct:** Optional for **St Bruno, priest**. Born Cologne about 1030. Was ordained and for many years ran the Cathedral at Rheims. Felt called to asceticism and solitude and so retired to mountains near Grenoble with a few companions. So began the Carthusian Order. He died in 1101.
- **Wed 7 Oct:** Memorial for **Our Lady of the Rosary**. This feast has been celebrated since the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto in 1571.
- **Fri 9 Oct:** Optional for **St Denis, bishop and martyr, and companions, martyrs**. Lived in the third century. Was one of seven bishops sent to convert Gaul, became bishop of Paris and was martyred, perhaps in 251.
- **Fri 9 Oct:** Optional for **St John Leonardi, priest**. Born in Tuscany about 1541. Founded a community to teach the young and to instruct adults against the Protestant Reformers. He went to Rome and worked with Philip Neri for a time. In preparing priests for mission work, he laid the foundations of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. He died in 1609.



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

- Oct 03:** Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003
Oct 04: Peter Coleman 1907, James Colon 1923
Oct 05: William Missen 1953, Robert Mortimer 1990, Bryon Solomon 2007
Oct 06: John Grant 1973, Mark McCleod 1955, Joan Conner 2001
Oct 07: Lily O'Hara 1953
Oct 08: William Todd, 1934
Oct 09: John Cocoran 1952
Oct 10: Maria Kennedy 1929, Yvonne Brideson 1983

Auckland Sinfonietta's Spring Concert

Hi Everybody, After the long Covid 19 disruption to live music events we are now excited to announce Auckland Sinfonietta's Spring Concert on **Saturday 7 November** at 7 pm in the Tindall Auditorium, Rosmini College, Takapuna. Tickets \$25 General Admission, \$15 Seniors & Students. Tickets available at www.eventfinda.co.nz and cash door sales. All Welcome

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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:

Flowers

9 Oct:
Leslee

Counters

11 Oct:
Denise & Karl

Cleaning

10 Oct:
Moata'ane Family



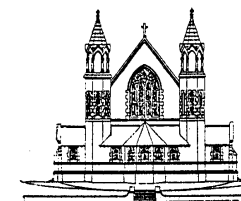
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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 4 OCTOBER 2020

Preparing for Sunday. A thought from Fr. John

Sisters and brothers all

I'm looking forward to receiving a letter from Pope Francis. I know it is already on its way to me and I will probably receive it tomorrow. I'll let you know what he says, but by then you may know the content already because the letter is also addressed to you and you will receive it in the same way that I do, this time not handwritten and stamped in the mailbox at the gate but online.

The letter is addressed to "all sisters and brothers" and emphasizes the power and beauty of living in harmonious relationship with all people and the earth, themes which were at the heart of the ministry of the thirteenth-century saint Francis of Assisi from whom Pope Francis has taken his name.

It is significant that the pope will make the journey to Assisi this weekend to sign this "encyclical" letter. I'll email you a copy of the letter as soon as I receive it.

One magazine commentary anticipates this papal encyclical remembering Pope Francis' prayer vigil in March where he stood alone in St. Peter's square to lead the world in prayer as the effects of the COVID virus began to overtake our daily routines and priorities:

"In this storm the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about our image, has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters." The central theme of the upcoming papal letter is "blessed is our common belonging", which indeed makes us brothers and sisters.

The pope's trip to Assisi to post this letter

emphasizes the link he seeks to promote between the needs of every person living in our 2020 world and St. Francis who is perhaps the best known and most popular saint of all time.

A few months after his election as Pope, Francis made a pilgrimage to Assisi. In his homily on that occasion he spoke of the experience of Saint Francis reflecting that:

His encounter with Jesus led him to strip himself of an easy and carefree life in order to espouse "Lady Poverty" and to live as a true son of our heavenly Father. This decision of Saint Francis was a radical way of imitating Christ: he clothed himself anew, putting on Christ, who, though he was rich, became poor in order to make us rich by his poverty. In all of Francis' life, love for the poor and the imitation of Christ in his poverty were inseparably united, like the two sides of the same coin.

...Being a Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him.

... Jesus' eyes are not closed but open, wide open: he looks at us in a way that touches our hearts. The cross does not speak to us about defeat and failure; paradoxically, it speaks to us about a death which is life, a death which gives life, for it speaks to us of love, the love of God incarnate, a love which does not die, but triumphs over evil and death. When we let the crucified Jesus gaze upon us, we are re-created, we become "a new creation". Everything else starts with this: the experience of transforming grace, the experience of being loved for no merits of our own, in spite of our being sinners.



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The common image of the vineyard joins the first reading and the gospel. Those who live in vine-growing areas will resonate with images of preparing the soil, planting the vines, pruning and tending, and finally harvesting the grapes. The sacred writers saw in this yearly ritual a symbol of God's dealings with Israel and indeed with all people.

27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

The Vineyard Of The Lord

Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel.

Ps 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Phil 4:6-9 The God of peace will be with you.

Mt 21:33-43 He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

28TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

11 Oct

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.

Lectors:

(4 Oct) Sat J Dobbie N Dobbie Sun B Upton F Knottenbelt

(11 Oct) Sat K Petrie S Burke Sun M Lyttleton Y Braid

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(4 Oct) Sat R Mannion Sun F Sapa'u

(11 Oct) Sat K Isidro M Burke H Dennis Sun A Williams M Steel K Lynch



ROSARY

**Every Monday,
6pm in the church**

The Rosary group has recommenced.

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 Note:

There is
NO 7.30am
this Sunday

Sisters and brothers all (continued....)

We turn to you, Francis, and we ask you: Teach us to remain before the cross, to let the crucified Christ gaze upon us, to let ourselves be forgiven, and recreated by his love

...“Everyone who follows Christ receives true peace, the peace that Christ alone can give, a peace which the world cannot give. Many people, when they think of Saint Francis, think of peace; very few people however go deeper. What is the peace which Francis received, experienced and lived, and which he passes on to us? It is the peace of Christ, which is born of the greatest love of all, the love of the cross. It is the peace which the Risen Jesus gave to his disciples when he stood in their midst.

Franciscan peace is not something saccharine. Hardly! That is not the real Saint Francis! Nor is it a kind of pantheistic harmony with forces of the cosmos... That is not Franciscan either! It is not

Franciscan, but a notion that some people have invented! The peace of Saint Francis is the peace of Christ, and it is found by those who “take up” their “yoke”, namely, Christ’s commandment: Love one another as I have loved you This yoke cannot be borne with arrogance, presumption or pride, but only with meekness and humbleness of heart.

We turn to you, Francis, and we ask you: Teach us to be “instruments of peace”, of that peace which has its source in God, the peace which Jesus has brought us.

In Christ
John

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NZ CATHOLIC

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

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The Act only requires a doctor to “do their best to ensure that the person expresses their wish free from pressure.” However, the Act fails to outline how this happens. Doctors are not trained to detect coercion and are further limited in their ability to detect coercion because, unlike the Netherlands, they cannot interview others without the patient’s permission.
- Requests for an assisted death are often motivated by depression, something that is also extremely difficult to detect. There is no mandatory screening for depression in the Act.
- In the Netherlands and Belgium, disabled people and people who are mentally ill were not initially eligible. However, assisted death is now offered to people with mental illnesses and dementia, and to disabled people. The same changes will likely happen here.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one’s views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not ‘compassion’ to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

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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. This is available digitally at this [link](#) or at www.catholic.org.nz and some copies at the back of the church.

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 www.aucklandcatholic.org or at the back of the church next week.

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 6 October 4.30pm – 7pm @ Manuka Café

Wednesday 7 October 1pm – 3pm @ Manuka Café

Parish Sacramental Programme

The preparation of candidates for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion will resume on 14 October 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.

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 JarvisPh:(09)360-3091 michellej@cda.org.nz

Senior Coffee Group

Thursday 8th October at 10am at Nola Hendry’s house at 3b Winscombe Street. Please phone Kathy, 445 1645, for more information. *“It has been a long time since we have met, Looking forward to seeing everyone.”*

Liturgy Conference

Although the Liturgy Conference has been postponed until October 2021 a number of **digital presentations** from Conference presenters were uploaded to [wuss.org.nz](http://www.wuss.org.nz) or on [youtube](https://www.youtube.com) on Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October