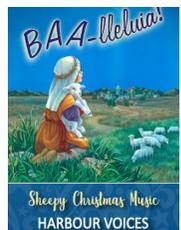


### Feast Days in the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 16 Nov:** Optional for **St Margaret of Scotland**. Born 1045, perhaps in Hungary, she took refuge in the court of Malcolm III of Scotland after Battle of Hastings, then married him in 1070. She lived with great piety, spending her time in prayer, fasting and caring for the poor. Used her position to reform abuses of the time.
- **Tue 17 Nov:** Memorial for **St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**. Born 1207, daughter of the King of Hungary, married in 1221 to Louis the Landgrave of Thuringia. She turned to the ascetic life, influenced by Franciscans she met in Germany. After Louis died on Crusade in 1227, she lived in austerity, visiting the poor and caring for the sick. died 1231.
- **Wed 18 Nov:** Optional for the **Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul**. The tomb of St Peter in the Vatican was the site for the basilica of St Peter built by Constantine in 330. The basilica of St Paul was built about the end of the 4th century. These two sites have always been centres of Christian pilgrimage.
- **Sat 21 Nov:** Memorial for **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This celebration commemorates the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple of Jerusalem, when she was three. The feast was first kept in the 8th century. It symbolizes the consecration of her life to the Lord.



#### Harbour Voices

You are warmly invited to BAA-Ilelulia a celebration of Christmas music (with a sheepy theme) by Harbour Voices, conducted by Nicholas Forbes, with organist Michael

Stoddard. Come along and hear choral music by great composers - Bach, Brahms, Berlioz, Rutter - as well as carols and a sassy Jingle Bells! An evening guaranteed to put you in a Christmas mood, on **Friday November 27th at 7.30 pm** in St George's Church, 2 The Terrace, Takapuna. Tickets \$20, children under 12 free. door sales are available, or see Kath Petrie or Olivia Webb. or take a flyer from the back of the church and tell your friends.

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

- Nov 14:** Margaret Dunne 1917, Shaun McKay 2010
- Nov 16:** Jane Murphy 1936, Albert Bartley 1940
- Nov 17:** Esmond Cooper 1999
- Nov 18:** Ian Haines 1988, Peter Galligan 2004, Molly Hickey 2009
- Nov 19:** Harold Brock 2001
- Nov 20:** Percy Withers 1961, Peter Casey 1976, Ada Calvert 1988
- Nov 21:** Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995



#### ST LEO'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sunday 29th November 10am-2pm.

Join St Leo's after church for their annual school fair! This year it will be Christmas themed, with delicious food, crafts, gifts and activities for all ages. If you are interested in helping on the day or in the lead up (we're seeking super bakers and pickle makers) we would love to hear from you. Phone 445 9339

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

**St Leo's Catholic School:** 4459339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://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

#### Other Rosters:

##### Children's Liturgy

22 Nov  
Steven

**Morning Tea**  
15 Nov- Yem

**Flowers**  
13 Nov—Gayle

**Counters**  
15 Nov:  
Mary & Andrew

**Cleaning**  
21 Nov:  
Kat & Annie



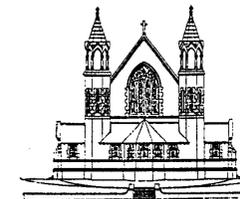
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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 15 NOVEMBER 2020

*It is not as if you live in the dark...  
...you have shown you can be faithful in small things*

This weekend the Parish Pastoral Council launches a new parish initiative with confident hope that it will help to re-vitalise our parish from-the-ground-up over the four weeks in preparation for Christmas.

The Council initiative, under the title TAKE ONE, is really a very small one. You will hear more about it on Sunday. I know that parishioners will find it challenging, and that the first response of many will be that these weeks are too full already, or that the courage required to TAKE ONE step is too much after a long year.

But I can guarantee that those to do response by taking one hour each week for four weeks will taste again something of the excitement and adventure that was the life of the first disciples of Jesus.

Too often we try to live our life of faith alone. This is not just difficult, for me it would be impossible. I need the kinds of conversations that are connected with the complex reality of my life and centred on the wonderful fact that Jesus Christ is meeting me in the midst of the routines and demands of my daily life.

The Parish Pastoral Council is aware that we are at something of a turning point in the life of our parish. We can see the benefits of a closer relationship with the Takapuna parish and know that retaining our unique Devonport Catholic identity centred on Sunday Mass in our beautiful church is a part of the gift we bring to the dialogue with Takapuna.

Using the TAKE ONE initiative we will renew our invitation to those who may have been baptised as

Catholic, but who for a variety of reasons may feel distant from the Church and perhaps therefore from God.

As Pope Francis reflects:

*"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; The church needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask the seriously injured person if they have high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal their wounds first. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up"*

Have a blessed week.  
John



#### 'Update on Pledging'

Thank you to those that have provided the pink forms for pledging. We have had increased pledges and new contributors but around 40 existing pledges have not been updated so we are unsure of the overall response.

This makes future planning difficult. If you haven't updated your current details or if you are still wish to start a new pledge please do this urgently. There are pink forms at rear of Church and return these forms to the pledge box or send to Corenna at the office.

Predictions of the end of the world seem to occur with remarkable frequency. So far they have proved false. What is striking is that they are almost always fuelled by fear and the threat of doom. Christians have been living for over two thousand years in expectation of the end times, and still do. Sometimes this expectation has been shot through with anxiety, even terror, but this is an aberration. The only authentic Christian stance is one of hope.

### **33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*Christ, The Head Of His Household*

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31** A perfect wife — who can find her?

**Ps 128: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**1Thess 5:1-6** Let not the day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

**Mt 25:14-30** You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

22 Nov

**Ezek 34:11-12,15-17** As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

**Ps 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**1Cor 15:20-26,28** He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all.

**Mt 25:31-46** He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate people one from another.

#### **Lectors:**

**(15 Nov) Sat** L McMaster S Burke **Sun** L Lampen Smith Y Braid  
**(22 Nov) Sat** S Erasmuson C Sinclair **Sun** F Knottenbelt B Upton

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**(15 Nov) Sat** M Burke **Sun** M Lyttleton M Steel A Steel  
**(22 Nov) Sat** M Burke K Isidro J Pereira **Sun** B Turner S Gillies I 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

#### **2021 Columban Calendars \$12 each**

On sale now from  
church door after  
Sunday Mass or  
available from parish  
office. These are  
good value and make  
excellent gifts.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ildiko Albrecht** who died last Sunday, the mother of Steven Albrecht. May she rest in peace.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Gloria Callanan** who died on Wednesday.

Gloria was well known as a local music teacher and was at one time a regular organist at our church. Gloria's funeral will be at St Francis, date and time to be advised.

#### **Parish Trip to Totara Point Commemoration of the First Mass in Aotearoa 9-10 January 2020**

Would you like to join our Parish Pilgrimage? For more details see the notice at the back of the church. If you are interested or would like more information please call or email the Parish Office or add you name to the sheet at the back of the church and we can contact you.

#### **ADVENT RETREAT SESSIONS**

While some retreats last for many days and are unavailable to those who have family and work responsibilities, a lot can be achieved in growth in relationship with Jesus Christ in just an hour.

On the three December Saturdays leading up to Christmas I invite anyone who would like to come to TAKE ONE hour, 9.30 - 10.30 on a Saturday morning to return to the heart of what it is to live as a Catholic Christian.

In these brief sessions I will share some of the reflections that people I have worked with on retreats and in parishes have found helpful.

I look forward to having your company  
Fr. John

Where: St Francis & All Souls Catholic Church  
Devonport

When: **Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19** 9.30am  
(ie following the 9.00am Mass) until 10,30am.

#### **Special Pre-recording for the Christmas Mass for Radio New Zealand & Shine TV at the Cathedral**

**7 pm Thursday 19 November**

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph has been asked by Radio New Zealand to provide a recorded Christmas Day Mass for broadcast. We will be celebrating this pre-recorded Mass here at the Cathedral, Thursday 19 November at 7 pm. Please join us and Bishop Michael and lend your voices and your faith to this opportunity for our Diocese. The Mass will also be filmed for the Shine TV Christmas broadcast.

#### **North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women**



Our final meeting for the year is  
**7.30pm Wednesday, 18 November**  
at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall  
Speaker: Ingrid's D'Souza  
Topic: "The Lord is My Strength"



#### **NZ Catholic**

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. **15-28 November issue out now. Some headlines:**  
Priests and bishop at pro-life street vigil. Nuncio speaks on youth, laity and Pope's vision. Memorial for young Christchurch priest killed in accident.

**On Sale Now \$4**



## **St Leo's Catholic School**

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

#### **Parish news: 12 November**

##### **St Leo's Day**

We had a beautiful Mass on Tuesday then held an inaugural talent show which was a huge success with some wonderful talent on show from our St Leo's children. There was a huge variety of talent including dance, piano, violin, drama, acrobatics and much more. We will now make this an annual event for St Leo's Feast Day.

##### **External Catholic Character Review**

We have had a positive indication in the feedback from the reviewers with them commenting on what a special school St Leo's was and that the children could articulate their knowledge of faith. They could see the school upholds the Catholic Character as it was very visible in all aspects of the school. The final report will be available toward the end of the term.

##### **Gymnastics**

Maisy and Lola Lyons competed in a gymnastics competition on Wednesday and represented the school very well. Maisy came 1st in the beam competition, 3rd in the bar and 3rd overall. Lola was 6th overall. We are very proud of their achievements. Laura Welson, Honor Hansen, Sienna Warner and Sienna Glanville also competed in a non-competitive part of the competition.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

#### **World Day of the Poor**

**Pope Francis** established the **World Day of the Poor** in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2020 is a reflection on Sirach 7:32: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor". As Catholics we should make this a time of action in response to Christ's words from the Gospel of Matthew: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40). This could include donating food to a foodbank, safely passing on some homegrown vegetables, baking a cake for a newborn's family or sharing a meal with others. 'Prayer attains its goal when accompanied by service to the poor.' Pope Francis: [Message for the Fourth World Day of the Poor](#), 15 November 2020