

Feast Days in the Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 23 Nov:** Optional for **St Clement I, Pope and martyr.** Clement probably followed Peter as Bishop of Rome; he may be the Clement mentioned in Phil 3:4. His Epistle to the Corinthians was written about 96AD, and calls on the Church there to repent and restore peace, after some internal dissention. It suggests that he himself knew Peter and Paul, and reveals a man of strong faith and prayer.
- **Mon 23 Nov:** Optional for **St Columban, abbot.** Born Ireland mid-6th century, Columban went with a group of monks to Gaul, where he established monasteries whose rule was particularly austere. Many were attracted to this way of life, but conflict with the local Church in Gaul arose and he had to leave there. He settled in Northern Italy at Bobbio, where the house he established became a centre of learning. He died there in 615.
- **Tue 24 Nov:** Memorial for **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs.** Through the missionary efforts of various religious families, beginning in the 16th C until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. In 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 persons martyred in the 18th Century.
- **Wed 25 Nov:** Memorial for **St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr.** Patron of philosophers and preachers due to her persuasive talent for conversion. Born of a noble family, converted to Christianity through a vision. She denounced Maxentius for persecuting Christians; he had 50 of her converts burned to death and herself imprisoned, where she converted Maxentius' wife & 200 of his soldiers, all of whom were killed when he found out. Catherine herself was eventually killed on a spiked wheel. Catherine's was one of the voices heard by St Joan of Arc.

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, we look forward to see you there.

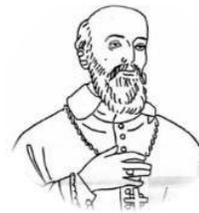
Job opportunities The Archdiocese of Wellington is currently advertising two senior roles, Director, Development, Investment and Finance; and Director, Church Mission. These leadership roles report to the General Manager and further details can be found on the [OCG](#) and [Seek](#) websites.

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ildiko Albrecht and Gloria Callanan

and those with Anniversaries at this time:

- Nov 21:** Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995
- Nov 22:** Elizabeth Graham 1959, Dervan Goldwater 1979, Rae O'Brien 2008
- Nov 23:** Elizabeth Robinson 1934, Marion Newcombe 2003
- Nov 24:** William Walters 1936
- Nov 25:** Margaret Wren 1938, Peter Westbrooke 2008
- Nov 26:** Martin Conway 1954
- Nov 27:** Michael Mahony 1914
- Nov 28:** William McCarthy 1922, Fenella Wright 1961

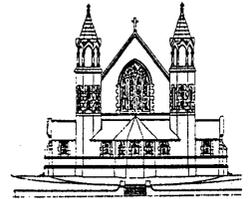


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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: 22 NOVEMBER 2020

TAKE ONE

Last week we promoted the parish prep-for-Christmas invitation to TAKE ONE hour each week to enjoy the company of other parishioners in small, self-formed groups. This will begin in the week beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. The response has been enthusiastic in conversation with many people commenting that it is a challenge to make this commitment when the year is at its busiest in preparation for the Christmas break, but some have suggested that no time is the perfect time and every month of every year is busy so perhaps now is as good a time as any. Thanks to those who have sent your meeting time to the parish office with openness to another person being added to your group. Those individuals who have sent your names parish office will hear before next weekend which group you have been included in. The TAKE ONE information sheet is attached with this newsletter by email and available in hard copy in the church.

shipping). If you are able to give a donation to help the parish cover this cost that would be greatly appreciated, but much more important that everyone who wants to make this Advent TAKE ONE journey takes a copy.

FOOD FOR FAITH

Ten years ago I began a blog in the hope of providing regular encouragements for people who seek to grow in faith. The market for such reflections was greater than I had anticipated and the blog became a website offering two or three written, audio or video reflections each week. In response to requests we began to offer brief daily email reflections for the seasons of Lent and Advent to those who let us know their email contact. The Advent 2020 emails will begin next weekend. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz if you wish to receive these and thank you to everyone who shares the invitation with others – tell them to simply search “Food For Faith”

Have a blessed week.
John

The resources for the one hour weekly gatherings are a simple combination of whatever you want to share of the reality of your life at the moment, and the MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION. This internationally popular booklet is an offering of daily Advent reflections and other prayers and resources. I think you will like it. We have imported a good supply of these and they cost around \$5.00 each (including



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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

29 Nov

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Morning Tea

29 Nov - Kim

Flowers

27 Nov—Liz

Counters

29 Nov:

Mary & Andrew

Cleaning

21 Nov:

Kat & Annie

Who are the “masters of the universe”? Is it those who pull the levers of the global financial markets? Is it the heads of state who command vast military forces? Is it the media moguls who control the flow of information. In 1925 Pope Pius XI decided it was time to throw down the gauntlet to the hostile powers of the world. He established the feast of Christ the King to let the world know where ultimate authority lies.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Christ, The Head Of His Household

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 Nov

Waiting For The Lord

Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Ps 80: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1Cor 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Mark 13:33-37 Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Lectors:

(22 Nov) Sat S Erasmuson C Sinclair **Sun** F Knottenbelt B Upton
(29 Nov) Sat K Petrie L McMaster **Sun** M Lyttleton D O’Shaughnessy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(22 Nov) Sat M Burke K Isidro J Pereira **Sun** B Turner S Gillies I Gillies
(29 Nov) Sat H & M Dennis K Isidro **Sun** F Sapa’u K Casey A Steel



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

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

ADVENT RETREAT

An invitation to build-your-own retreat around one hour of reflection led by Fr. John on each of the three Saturday mornings leading up to Christmas. Simply turn up at the hour to hear the input with some guided reflection, and build your own style of retreat around this hour. You might come for the 9.00am Saturday Mass which precedes the 9.00am reflection or follow the session with some time sitting under a tree, walking on the beach or sipping a cuppa in a local café.

Each of the three one-hour Saturday sessions will stand alone (if you can only make it to one or two), but they will also build on the previous week’s session if you can manage all three. The sessions will give practical encouragement based generally on the theme “*The Wonderful Difference that Faith Makes to Daily Life.*” These sessions are open to anyone who is interested. Bring a friend or two.

Saturday 5 December 9.30am – 10.30am
Saturday 12 December 9.30am – 10.30am
Saturday 19 December 9.30am – 10.30am

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.

Knitting for Charity

Wanted: Knitting wool, odd balls, whatever you have, for ladies in local retirement village knitting for vulnerable children. Can pick up or please drop into marked box at the back of the church. Thanks so much. Contact Eileen 021 on 08224744 or eileenpearce1@gmail.com

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Session (Evening): The Gospel of Mark with Br Kieran Fenn. 27 November, 7-8.30pm. Online Session (Evening): Christmas Self Care Nibbles with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



St Leo’s Catholic School

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Parish news: 20 November

Kiwisport

The year 3 - 6 children took part in a Kiwisport Softball experience and all had fun.

Kapa Haka

On Friday the Kapa Haka group performed at the Peninsula Kapa Haka festival held at Hauraki School

Concert

Our choir, ukelele group and Kapa Haka group all performed for the children at Devonport Kindergarten on Wednesday.

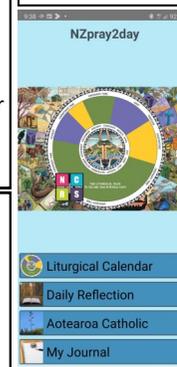
Athletics Day

On Monday we will be holding our Athletics Day down at Devonport Domain.

St Leo’s Christmas Fair

The fair is next Sunday, 29 November. It will begin after the 9am Mass so there will be no parking available on the school grounds that day. We invite Parishioners to come along and join in the fun after Mass.

God Bless
 Maureen Harris



NZpray2day

An app to encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple’s App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day, It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Christmas Masses

Some people have asked about our Christmas Mass Times....

Christmas Eve

5.10pm Carols—5.30pm Vigil Mass
 11.30pm Carols—12 Midnight—Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9am Mass

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.

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.

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 our more about this please contact Stephen 0210608561

For some inspiring alternative reading, **Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine** has many articles online: www.tuimotu.org

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 24 November 4.30pm to 7pm@ Manuka Café
Wednesday 25 November 7.30am to 9.30am@ Manuka Café