

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

- **Mon 9 Nov:** FEAST for **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**. Commemorates the first public site of the Church of Roman Christianity – a large meeting hall on Lateran Hill donated by Emp. Constantine. Dedicated in 324 as “Church of Our Saviour”. Later replaced by a new church dedicated to St John the Baptist. This is the pope’s parish church as bishop of Rome.
- **Tue 10 Nov:** Memorial for **St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**. Elected pope in 440, a time of civil and doctrinal disorder: Attila’s invasion was threatening and monophysite heresy was abroad. Leo persuaded the Huns to withdraw beyond the Danube and negotiated with the Vandals upon their seizure of Rome in 455. In 451 the Council of Chalcedon restated the doctrine of the incarnation and primacy of Peter. A man of keen intellect & faith, Leo died 461.
- **Wed 11 Nov:** Memorial for **St Martin of Tours, bishop**. Born about 335, in a pagan family. Martin was a soldier in the Roman army until his conversion and baptism. In 360 he joined St Hilary at Poitiers and founded the first monastery in Gaul, at Lige. Made bishop of Tours in 372.
- **Thu 12 Nov:** Memorial for **St Josephat, bishop and martyr**. Born in the Ukraine about 1580, ordained about 1604, became a monk. A noted theologian and preacher, made bishop of Polotsk in 1617. Embarked upon pastoral reform, which aroused hostility, and he was murdered at Vitebsk, during a pastoral visit in 1623.

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

- Nov 7:** Trilby Carrigan 2014
- Nov 8:** Kathleen Sheehan 1959, Kathleen Switzer 1998, Caoimhe Taylor 2005
- Nov 9:** Frances Manning 1980, Matthew Meehan 1999, Marie Bennett 1999
- Nov 10:** Alfred Glover 1918, James Stitt 1946
- Nov 11:** Rosanna Thompson 1950, Ruby Radonich 1951
- Nov 13:** James Gilbert 1943, Catherine Hayson 1960, Brendan Fagan 2015, Kath Clarke 2018
- Nov 14:** Margaret Dunne 1917, Shaun McKay 2010



### Theology of the Body Course for Young Adults, Engaged and Married Couples.

**Dates:** Fri 13th Nov 7-9pm, Sat 14th Nov 2-6pm, Sun 15th Nov 9am - 6pm, **Cost:** \$35 per person, **To register:**

Email: [marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz) or [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com)

### Pledges

Thank you to all those who have returned pledge forms, forms can still be returned by email to [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz) or drop into the Parish office or pledge box at the back of the Church

### 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:

Name: **RC Bishop Auckland - Devonport**  
Account: **BNZ 02-0100-0120958-16**  
Please use our name and initials as a reference.

Thank you for your generosity.

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**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

15 Nov

Ros

#### Morning Tea

15 Nov- Mia

#### Flowers

13 Nov—Sue

#### Counters

15 Nov:

Maria & Jeremy

#### Cleaning

21 Nov:

Kat & Annie



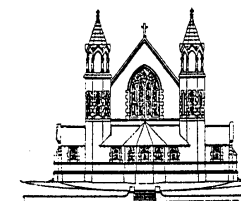
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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 8 NOVEMBER 2020

### With 2020 vision? - a thought from Fr. John

It's now the penultimate month of 2020 and what a year it's been. Until this year whenever I heard someone speak of "2020" I thought of good vision but this year of 2020 has helped me to mature my vision in every sense.

One of my quotes of the year is from Pope Francis. Speaking in March he reflected on the pandemic as a tempest

*"The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities. It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities. The tempest lays bare all our pre-packaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes our people's souls; all those attempts that anesthetize us with ways of thinking and acting that supposedly "save" us, but instead prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots and keeping alive the memory of those who have gone before us. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity."*

*"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 common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters."*

The pope is speaking about vision suggesting that the way we see and experience circumstances might have become "dull and feeble." Francis encourages us to see that the circumstance we find ourselves in, whatever they are and however

unwelcome, as a helpful storm, a wake-up call that prompts us to re-evaluate our lives and loves, reassessing our occupations and becoming free of our attachments.

As we near the end of the year in preparation for the Advent season, the Sunday readings also challenge us to re-think our priorities resolving to think and act and feel and breathe in a way that nourishes, sustains and strengthens our lives and our communities.

In an earlier era fire and brimstone sermons might have been preached with this weekend's scriptures as the starter: "So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." The intention may have been to frighten the hell out of people, but such a fear-filled presentation of the beauty of Catholic faith did more to frighten the church out of people.

The end-of-year readings of these weeks present an eschatological focus rich with the hope-filled promise that in 100 years every reader of this newsletter will be dead. This is not a negative prediction and it is certainly not simply an opinion. But this wake-up sentence is a bit like saying to the child in the womb, 'you will not spend forever in this place.' While this thought might fill the child with anxiety we smile at their limited perspective thinking, wait till you see the life that lies ahead! Our problem is that our vision is too often too inadequate, too limited, and too fear-filled.

Living in relationship with Jesus Christ gives the only hope that can sustain and mature our hope. As this weekend's second reading concludes: "With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another".

Have a blessed week,  
John

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*The Bridegroom Is Here!*

**Wisdom 6:12-16** Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

**Ps 62: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**1Thess. 4:13-18** God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

**Mt 25:1-13** The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

15 Nov

*Christ, The Head Of His Household*

**Prov 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.



**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**

1-14 Nov issue out  
now.

**On Sale Now \$4**

### Lectors:

(8 Nov) Sat A Blackwell N Witham Blackwell Sun K Kearins G Dobbs

(15 Nov) Sat L McMaster S Burke Sun L Lampen Smith Y Braid

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(8 Nov) Sat K Isidro K Isidro J Pereira Sun K Rawlinson F Knottenbelt B Turner

(15 Nov) Sat M Burke Sun M Lyttleton M Steel A Steel

### 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 out more about this please contact  
Stephen 0210608561

### St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport

Thank you for remembering to bring a food  
item with you to Mass each week, this helps  
enormously to keep our food bank stocked up.  
If you know of anyone who would like a  
helping hand, Please call St Vincent de Paul on  
027 222 3367 or contact the Parish.

For some inspiring alternative reading,  
**Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine** has many  
articles online: [www.tuimotu.org](http://www.tuimotu.org)

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.

### Reflection from Pope Francis

*"We are called daily to leave behind our instinctive  
image of death as the total destruction of a person.  
We are called to leave behind the visible world we  
take for granted, our usual, commonplace ways of  
thinking, and to entrust ourselves entirely to the Lord  
who tells us, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'  
Pope Francis 5 November 2020*

### 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](mailto: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.

**Wednesday 11 November 7.30am—10am**

@ Manuka Café

**Thursday 12 November 4.30pm— 6.30pm**

@ Manuka Café

### Commemoration of first Mass, Aotearoa: would you like to join our parish pilgrimage?

**When:** Leave Devonport around 8am, Saturday,  
January 9, 2021

**For:** 11am Mass on Sunday January 10, 2021

**Where:** Totara Point, Hokianga

**Stay:** Motuiti Marae, Hokianga: our parish has  
been generously extended an invitation to stay on  
this significant marae, a short walk from St Mary's  
where Bishop Jean Baptiste François Pompallier is  
buried beneath the altar.

**Food:** shared picnic lunch under marquee cover  
after Mass.

**Bring:** Clothes for hot weather, sunscreen, hat,  
sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, food to share.

**Return:** Early afternoon of Sunday January 10 -  
approx a four to five-hour trip one-way. We should  
be back early evening of this day.

**Arrangements:** We would like to hire a bus and  
are investigating that. Do you have any  
connections which could help us secure a good  
deal? Alternatively, we could car share.

**Cost:** To be advised.

**PLEASE: Email parish office if you would like to  
join on this significant trip Church.**

### 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  
[eileenpearce1@gmail.com](mailto:eileenpearce1@gmail.com)

### Senior Women's Coffee Group

10.00am Thursday 12 November at 3b Winscombe  
Street. For more information please contact  
Kathy Lynch 4451645

### 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 D'Souza  
Topic: "The Lord is My Strength"



**St Leo's Catholic School**

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### Parish news: 5 November

#### Sacrament of Initiation Mass

Many thanks to everyone who prepared the children  
for their Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion  
last week. It was a beautiful Mass and a special day  
for all the children. Thanks also to the people who  
prepared the morning tea in the hall afterwards. It  
was wonderful to have Bishop Michael to celebrate  
the Mass on the day.

#### SPCA Cupcake Day

Congratulations to our senior pupils and their teachers  
who organised a cupcake day to raise funds for the  
SPCA. They raised close to \$300 and had a wonderful  
time planning, making and icing the cupcakes. I  
bought one and it was delicious!

#### St Leo's Day

On Tuesday it is the feast day of St Leo, our patron  
saint. As a school, we have a wonderful day planned  
to celebrate the day, beginning with a Mass at  
9am. This will be followed by a talent show and  
shared lunch. In the afternoon there will be a tabloid  
sports afternoon.

#### External Catholic Character Review

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, reviewers  
from the Auckland Diocese will be coming to review  
the Catholic Character of the school.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

### 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

**Unpacking the Mission Map** The Diocesan Mission  
Map (Pastoral Plan) will be officially launched on  
the first Sunday of Advent. All parishioners are  
welcome to an unpacking session **14 November  
2020 9.30am to 3.30pm**, St Columba Centre 40  
Vermont St, Ponsonby. Please RSVP  
[pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)