

Feast Days in the Second Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 25 Jan:** FEAST for **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE.** See Act 9:1-22 or Acts 22:3-16.
- **Thu 28 Jan:** Memorial for **St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church.** Born about 1225. Entered the Dominican Order in 1244 and studied in Paris and Cologne. His outstanding writings and teachings in theology, philosophy and scripture were founded on a life of prayer and faith. He died in 1274.

De Paul House Situations Vacant

Tenancy Manager

De Paul House emergency housing and family support service is looking for an experienced tenancy manager to join our passionate team.

Social Worker

A qualified Social Worker with 3 years or more social work experience is needed to join the team at De Paul House Emergency housing and family support service. Please email admin@depaulhouse.org.nz for more information and a job description. Applications close close 31/01/2021

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm by ZOOM **Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ** with Br Kieran Fenn, 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm, starting 1 March by ZOOM. **On-Site Event: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia** with Nic Birt Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm at the Coptic Orthodox Church in Birkdale. For more information email info@studyjoy.nz or visit www.studyjoy.nz

For some inspiring alternative reading,

Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine has many articles online: www.tuimotu.org

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

- Jan 23:** Mario Dell’Isola 1999
- Jan 24:** Laura Nelson 1985
- Jan 25:** Shane O’Neill 1913, Annollia Johnson 1978
- Jan 26:** May Harris 1971
- Jan 27:** June Kennedy-Good 2008
- Jan 28:** Daniel Murphy 1979, Annie Halsey 2004
- Jan 29:** Joseph Kirk 1954, Mary Wright 2003
- Jan 30:** Roland Magness 1922, Allan Wilson 1987, John McHugh 2015

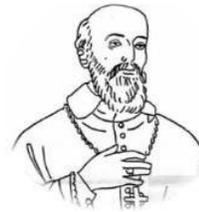


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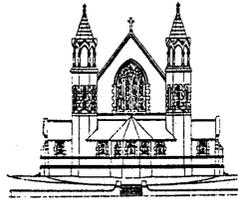
Anyone requiring clothing alterations please contact: Flo Sapa’u 0273160347

2021 Columban Calendars

There are still some Calendars available if you would like to buy one, see Stephen after Sunday Mass or contact the parish Office. **\$12 each**



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 24 JANUARY 2021

With Gratitude

A note from John

I knew when I was appointed as “priest-in-residence” in Devonport that my time would be short. My time in Devonport comes to an end with Sunday Mass on the 31st of this month.

The expectations of an in-residence priest are few, little more than celebrating weekend Masses. However from the time of my arrival at the end of the first lockdown the generous welcome of parishioners enticed me into being more available than I had anticipated. Now as I spend my last days in Devonport I am delighted that it worked out this way, and very grateful to you all for your hospitality.

In a homily a few months ago I invited those present to complete this sentence: “A problem that I have as a priest in a parish is that the expectations parishioners have of me are far too *****.” Your response came quickly and you completed the sentence with the word “high” thinking that I was trying to get you to lower your expectations of your priest. But my point was the opposite.

Generally parishioners expect too little from a priest and are satisfied when he keeps Mass short with a brief homily including an anecdote that provides a good laugh, says a quick yes to any baptism, marriage or school preference-form request, is an efficient administrator and one or two other similarly straightforward qualities.

While the above list is important, it is not enough. A priest is helped to be his best when parishioners expect him to be a preacher of

the undiluted invitation, beauty and challenge of relationship with Jesus Christ who is God-with-us. A priest needs parishioners to encourage him to be a priest of prayer who lives his own relationship with Jesus so enthusiastically that he is qualified to be a doctor of the soul for others.

In every parish I have been in over 35 years I have noticed that there are guaranteed ways to engage the full passion and energy of parishioners. A proposal to change meeting room colours or Mass times will bring letters of concern and full attendance at meetings to discuss the matters. However a meeting called to consider how we as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ can be more of a missionary parish especially for our friends and family who no longer find a faith-home among us might draw half a dozen people.

Many of you understand this well, and I am grateful that you have helped me to be a better priest, a more effective doctor of the soul.

Be assured of my continued prayer for you all and for those you love.

And don’t forget to pray for me.

In Christ

John

This is my last week in the parish and since the café-catch-ups have worked so well for parishioners (and for me) I am happy to offer these times to meet:

- Tuesday 26 January 4pm—6pm Manuka
- Thursday 28 January 4pm—6pm Manuka
- Friday 29 January 7am – 10am Manuka

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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:

Morning Tea
 31 Jan - Corenna

Flowers
 29 Jan—Leslee

Counters
 31 Jan—Kate & Catherine

Cleaning
 30 Jan—Elaine & Les

Today's readings have a dynamism about them that jolt us out of our easy lethargy in these languorous summer days. Welcome or unwelcome, the call to repent — to change our ways — is in the air.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Who Teaches Us His Ways

Jonah 3:1-5,10 The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Ps 25: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1Cor 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 Jan

The Lord, Our Teacher

Deut. 18:15-20 I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Ps 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1Cor 7:32-35 An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Mark 1:21-28 He taught them with authority.

Lectors:

(24 Jan)	Sat	S Erasmuson	C Sinclair	Sun	A Gibson	N Gibson
(31 Jan)	Sat	S Burke	K Petrie	Sun	D Williamson	D O'Shaughnessy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(24 Jan)	Sat	M Burke	Sun	F Sapaú
(31 Jan)	Sat	J Pereira	Sun	S Gillies

WORD OF GOD
SUNDAY

There Jesus proclaimed the Good News of God.

Mark 1:14

Deepening our appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and God's Word.



Why Memory Matters

On **24 February at 7pm** a Session hosted by Rowan Light will be held in **St Leo's Hall** to explore this topic.

Here is a teaser:

"By exploring some of the local stories that have shaped the communities of Devonport, we can see that, just as personal memory is key to the way we construct our identity over our lifetime, so too the collective memory of our communities links us to each other and provides a vision of continuity in the face of radical discontinuity in our everyday lives." (R Light)

**Contemplative prayer/Christian meditation
Restarting this week.**

Monday evenings 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All welcome.

www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

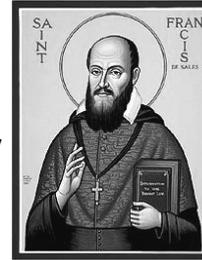


NZ Catholic

24 January – 6 February Some headlines are: New coadjutor archbishop for Wellington. NZ bishops urge people to get Covid vaccine. Praise for social services leadership. New rector for seminary.

**St Francis de Sales,
1567-1622**

Canonized: April 19, 1665
by Pope Alexander VII.
Feast day: 24th January



Francis insisted that every Christian is called to holiness and sanctity, lived within their own state in life. In holding that belief, he reflected the teaching of Jesus and the early Church Fathers. Francis laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what is now called the 'universal call to holiness'. It reaffirms the teaching of Jesus and the early Church that every Baptized Christian is called to sanctity, no matter what their career or state in life. In every career and state in life, Christians can become more and more like Jesus Christ. That is, after all, what holiness really means. Francis gave spiritual direction to lay people who were living real lives in the real world. He had proven with his own life that people could grow in holiness while involved in a very active occupation. He also recognized that Christian marriage and family life is itself a call to holiness.

(Excerpt from "Catholic Online": https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=51)

St Vincent de Paul Society

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. You may be aware of families or individuals who may need our help. Please pass their details into the office at 4450078 and we will discretely contact them.

**Deals of Devonport 2021 Books
St Leos Fundraiser**

St Leo's Deals of Devonport 2021 books are now available. Valid for 12 months from now so you can save all through the year. Buy one for yourself or as a gift for a local friend or family member. Just use a couple of vouchers and the book has paid for itself! Books are \$25 and money raised goes to St Leo's school. Available from the Parish Office

Diocese Notices

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
Deaf friendly Mass with NZSL the first for 2021, **Sunday 14 February at 12noon** at the Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Please bring something for shared lunch.

Liturgy Committee Training

A formation opportunity for members of Liturgy Committees and others involved in preparing liturgy. **Thursday 18 February**. 6.30pm for nibbles, meeting: 7-9.00pm. Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Please re-register at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Ecumenism – one possible answer for a contemporary New Zealand with Dr Rocio Figueroa of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College facilitated by Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism. **Tuesday 23 February** at 7.00pm. Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Please register at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Walk through the Mass—Saturday 20 March
An opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass, its words and gestures, and explore what is meant by our 'participation'. Saturday 20 March, 9.30am-1.00pm. Our Lady of the Assumption Onehunga. Morning tea provided. Donations welcome Register at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship
North Shore**

Invites all men to our next meeting:

Wed 24 January at 7.30pm.

Speaker: Kevin McCormick

Topic: Life in the Spirit: our prophetic calling.

Kevin recently joined Joshua and has a passion for building up the Church and finding ways to empower men and women to respond to live a life in the Spirit which is our prophetic calling. Come and hear him speak as he has a message for all men. There will be opportunities for prayer, sharing and fellowship over a cuppa.

Venue: St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Dr,
Contact: **Russell 022 034 5678.**

www.joshua.org.nz



ROSARY

Every Monday, 6pm in the church
Come & join in, reciting this beautiful prayer. **All Welcome**