

## Feast Days in The Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 13 Sep:** Memorial for **St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Antioch about 349, where he was ordained. His preaching bore great fruit, and his writings reveal brilliance of intellect and strength of faith. Lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of clergy and people. Made bishop of Constantinople but died in exile, 404.
- **Tue 14 Sep: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.** The cross on which Jesus was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption.
- **Wed 15 Sep:** Memorial for **Our Lady of Sorrows**. *Simeon said to Mary: 'This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; he is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce'.*
- **Thu 16 Sep:** Memorial for **St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop – martyrs both**. Cyprian was born in Carthage in 210, and became bishop in 249. At a time of fierce persecution, he encouraged the people by his word and example. He was martyred in 258. Cornelius became bishop of Rome in 251, was exiled by Emp. Gallus and died 253.
- **Fri 17 Sep:** Optional for **St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Tuscany 1542. Became a Jesuit priest. A vigorous defender of the faith during the Reformation. Made a Cardinal in 1599, but after a disagreement with the pope was sent as bishop to Capua in 1602. Spent much time visiting, preaching, teaching, and giving example of a truly Christian life. Returned to Rome 1605. Died 1621.

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We pray for those who are sick at this time, especially Patricia O'Rourke

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

- Sep 11:** Maria Cunningham 1920
- Sep 13:** Thomas Evans 1888
- Sep 14:** Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017
- Sep 15:** John Carter 1965
- Sep 16:** Joe Passi 2002 Patrick Heffernan 2005, Paul McLaughlin 2010
- Sep 17:** Elizabeth Richards 1946, Edgar Kalaugher 1984
- Sep 18:** Alwyn Jagusch 1985, Thomas Low 2001, Magdalena Manzano 2010, David Lampen Smith 2019



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Parish Priest: Fr Neil Darragh [neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

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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, Kath Petrie, Rachel Steel

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: 9.30am

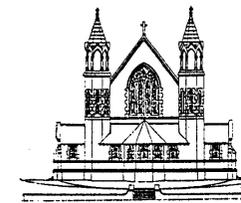
Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy, Wed & Fri 12pm Holy Mass Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass



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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME : 12 SEPTEMBER 2021



“Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens our arms to embrace us.

Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.” *Laudato Si*  
For prayer, sustainability, and care for our common home resources visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/)



A reminder that I formally give you **dispensation** from the **obligation** to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

(cc 87 #1, 1247).



+ Bishop Patrick Dunn  
24 March 2020

The **priests** are still **praying Mass**, privately without a physically present Congregation. They are **praying for all people** and with all people.

### Season of Creation 1 Sept. to 4 October (feast of St Francis of Assisi)

The “Season of Creation” is observed each year by the international Christian community as a time of thanksgiving, prayer, reflection and growth of awareness about our personal and collective relationship with the natural world, our home on this planet, in the cosmos.

#### A Prayer for Our Earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

\* Pope Francis published this prayer in his *Laudato Si'* encyclical, 2015

Want to know more? There are many resources available, for example:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Or Google “Season of Creation”

Today the gospel confronts us with a double dare. The first comes from Jesus' second question to his disciples: "Who do you (not other people) say that I am?" The second comes from his insistence that to follow him is to walk the way of the cross and that to find life we must first give ours away. It is not enough to declare with Peter that Jesus is the Christ. We must let this faith, as James tells us, flower in good works. Dare we.

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Christ, The Son Of Man*

**Isaiah 50:5-9** I offered my back to those who struck me.

**Ps 115: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**James 2:14-18** If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

**Mark 8:27-35** You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 19 Sept

*Christ, The Son Of Man*

**Wisdom 2:12,17-20** Let us condemn him to a shameful death

**Ps 54: The Lord upholds my life.**

**James 3:16—4:3** Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

**Mark 9:30-37** The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all .

#### NEED HELP?

If you are elderly or unwell and need help with grocery shopping or collecting prescriptions, please let us know. If you know of anyone who may need help, please let us know. Send email to: [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)  
Corenna (parish secretary) is currently working from home.

#### PRAYER @HOME Some Useful Links:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) Diocese webpage updated daily  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/) liturgy links to help you pray at home  
**Prayers of the Faithful** : suggestions for you to use at home.

**For the Family** : Great family and child resources on diocese site.

**Food For Faith** : A good resource which includes daily reflections.

#### Daily Mass Readings:

<https://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/weekday-lectionary> click on "Daily Readings" (Canadian, same as the Lectionary we use on Sunday)  
<https://universalis.com/mass.htm> (Jerusalem Bible version, same as our weekday Lectionary)

#### Diocese Online Events 11-18 September

**Saturday 11/09, 7pm Light of Hope—Online concert with Fr. Chris Skinner**

Join us for an evening of spirit-filled worship, led by the fantastic Fr. Chris Skinner. Video available on Bishop Pat's Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick](https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick)

**Monday 13/09, 6:15pm CYAC Vocations Series: A Journey to the Priesthood**

Tune in to hear newly-ordained priest, Fr. Isaac Fransen, share about his personal journey towards priesthood. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1298302237259435>

**Tuesday 14/09, 7pm Exploring the Book of Revelation with Robert Loretz** and the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy team will be exploring one of the most fascinating books of the Bible, the book of Revelation. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1011473819426730/>

**Wednesday 15/09, 7pm Livin' in Lockdown #4 Mental Health**, Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth & young adults on Facebook Live. This week, we're tackling the very important topic of mental health. [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Saturday 18/09, 8pm An Evening with Internationally Acclaimed Speaker and Musician, Fr Rob Galea!**

Join us for a night of formation, music and Q&A with internationally acclaimed speaker and musician, Fr. Rob Galea. He will be join us on Zoom to share practical ways that we can overcome fear and pursue our God-given potential. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82124381475>

#### Sunday Mass Online and on TV

A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast **Sunday Mass**. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow> . It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

#### Diocese Notices

Outline of **Liturgy of the Word for Sunday** with links to appropriate music videos, suggestions for reflection. Accompanied by a PowerPoint for sharing from *Pastoral Services* Liturgy Centre <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers/>

**Daily Reflections** from Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections from the Bishops on Facebook [Bishop Pat](https://www.facebook.com/BishopPat) and [Bishop Michael](https://www.facebook.com/BishopMichael)

**On-line Rosary (contact [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join)** at 9am daily with the Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph

**Lectio Divina reflecting on the daily Gospel readings (contact [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join)** at 10.00am and 8.00pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish

**Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day** Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives and this situation [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Registrations are open for **Ngaā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps**. From 6th January to 9th January Auckland Diocese will offer the opportunity for your parish to come, to share and to learn more of our Catholic heritage. Travel with us as we explore and experience and live sacred places Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries lived. Don't delay, bring your group together, hire a van and we'll see you there. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/) Ngā Tapuwāe - Contact Deacon Stephen Fraser [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)



#### New Zealand Catholic 1 September out now.

Online copies are at the [link](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz) or visit the NZ Catholic website [www.nzcatholic.org.nz](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz)



## St Leo's Catholic School

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#### Parish news: 9 September

##### Adjusting to life in lockdown

Things certainly changed swiftly this time round with the lockdown. As I left school a little earlier to go and receive my first covid vaccine on the day of the announcement, a rumour was circulating that someone from Devonport had the virus. I didn't expect to be back at 8:20pm that evening locking the school up and preparing for distance learning.

I am very proud of my teachers for stepping straight back into distance learning and for providing quality learning for the children. I have enjoyed catching up with the children via zoom and google meetings but we are all looking forward to getting back to some normality again albeit with restrictions.



We have 3 new pupils due to start at the beginning of Term 4 so we'd like to be able to slot straight back into our school routines and welcome our new members of the St Leo's community.

It is a shame that we were not able to attend Mass as a school this term. We were scheduled to be at Mass on the first day of lockdown. It is still lovely to be able to attend Mass online and we will have to do this for quite a while yet, but once again it will be great to be back in the church community again when the time comes.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**  
**The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 Sep -11 Oct, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM. [www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke-23/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke-23/)

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme** recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at [www.studyjoy.nz/muffin-talk/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/muffin-talk/)