

Feast Days in The Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 4 Oct:** Memorial for **St Francis of Assisi**. Born 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant. Gave up everything to obey the call of the Lord. Lived in complete poverty & preached the gospel. Others came to join him, and so began the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly in his lifetime. His life was a putting into practice the beatitudes. Died 1226.
- **Wed 6 Oct:** Optional for **St Bruno, priest**. Born Cologne about 1030. Was ordained and for many years ran the Cathedral at Rheims. Felt called to asceticism and solitude and so retired to mountains near Grenoble with a few companions. So began the Carthusian Order. He died in 1101.
- **Thu 7 Oct:** Memorial for **Our Lady of the Rosary**. This feast has been celebrated since the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto in 1571.
- **Fri 9 Oct:** Optional for **St Denis, bishop and martyr, and companions, martyrs**. Lived in the third century. Was one of seven bishops sent to convert Gaul, became bishop of Paris and was martyred, perhaps in 251.
- **Sat 9 Oct:** Optional for **St John Leonardi, priest**. Born in Tuscany about 1541. Founded a community to teach the young and to instruct adults against the Protestant Reformers. Went to Rome and worked with Philip Neri for a time. In preparing priests for mission work, he laid the foundations of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. He died in 1609.



Update from De Paul House—De Paul House Transitional Housing for families, 100 Lake Road, Narrowneck

After a frustrating wait, due to shipping delays and lockdown, the first resident in the Lake Road property moved in on Thursday 23 September. Adrienne Snedden the family support worker welcomed the family. *“The family was overwhelmed. They were greeted by Taniela (Tenancy Manager) who in his gentlemanly way warmly welcomed them and introduced them to their new home. The family readily warmed to him. During the sign-up phone conversation, the mother said she was nervous and wondered if they were going to be in one room with lots of other families about. Would there be beds for them all? Would they have enough furniture etc.? I tried to reassure her with an idea of what it would be like but you know “Seeing is believing” and when they walked into that beautiful two bedroom unit they could not believe it !! The Mum was overwhelmed! The first thing the children said was “We have a heater!!!!” They couldn’t believe they had their own beds, furniture...”* De Paul House will begin tenanting the two bedroom units over next few weeks. Thank you to the parish for supporting De Paul House. Helping homeless families, one family at a time. admin@depaulhouse.org.nz Ph 4805959

We pray for those who have died recently and with anniversaries this week

- Oct 1:** Catherine Graham 1978
Oct 3: Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003
Oct 4: Peter Coleman 1907, James Colon 1923
Oct 5: William Missen 1953, Robert Mortimer 1990, Bryon Solomon 2007
Oct 6: John Grant 1973, Mark McCleod 1955, Joan Conner 2001
Oct 7: Lily O’Hara 1953
Oct 8: William Todd, 1934
Oct 9: John Cocoran 1952

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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: 9.30am

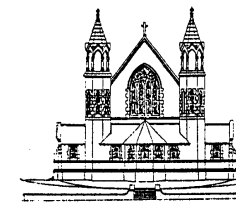
Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy, Wed & Fri 12pm Holy Mass Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME : 3 OCTOBER 2021



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail to you, St Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
God entrusted to your care his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, be our parent
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



By God's grace, Jesus had to experience death for all humankind

HEBREWS 2: 9-11

Do we recognise the blessings in the form of those who have come into our lives at significant moments and have walked with us?

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. It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.



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.

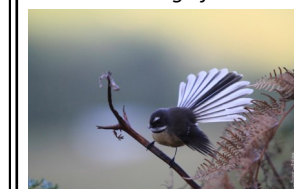
A Prayer for Our Earth:

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 *Laudato Si'* encyclical, 2015

seasonofcreation.org/

“Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.



“Through the greatness and beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker” (Rom 1:20).

The ideal of marriage as a permanent union of equals is celebrated in myth in the first reading and repeated by Jesus in the Gospel reading. The struggle to uphold the ideal and yet deal compassionately with the human reality is on-going.

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Family Of God

Genesis 2:18-24 They become one body.

Ps 127: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Hebrews 2:9-11 The one who sanctifies, and the one who is sanctified, are of the same stock.

Mark 10:2-16 What God has united, man must not divide.

28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 10 Oct

Christ, Our Wealth

Wisdom 7:7-11 Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing

Ps 89: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Mark 10:17-30 Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Parish Rosary Group

The Parish Rosary Group are meeting for an online rosary every Monday 6pm—6.30pm by TeamViewer. If you would like to join please contact Alan Light on phone 0211589306 or email aelight@xtra.co.nz



September Collections

Priests & Bishop	Parish & Diocese
\$2,729.44	\$5,458.89

Thank you for your donations, if you wish to donate by internet banking at this time please deposit into the

Parish Account: 02-0100-0120958-16 and use your name as a reference. Tax receipts are issued after 31 March annually. Thank you.

NZCatholic NZ Catholic's latest edition is once more digital. www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Some headlines: NZ bishops have say on conversion therapy ban bill. Honest talk about device use. Some elderly need practical help in lockdown. Australians look for new way of living as church.



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

Practical Support for Times of Crisis:

If somebody you know is in crisis, it can be helpful to know where to go for urgent help. There is a lot of practical support available across Auckland. Below are some of the many services that are available:

Name	Contact Details
Women's Refuge	0800 REFUGE
Shine	0508 744 633
Alcohol and Drug Helpline	0800 787 797
Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508 FAMILY
CADS	09 845 1818
Narcotics Anonymous	0800 628 632
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 229 6757
Lifeline	0800 543 354 (or free text 4357)
Youthline	0800 376 633
Samaritans	0800 726 666
Depression Helpline	0800 111 757
Suicide Prevention Helpline	0508 828 88 65
Fairway Mediation Services	0800 77 44 20
Linkpeople (homeless)	0800 932 432

St Vincent de Paul



Do you know of families or individuals who may need our help? Please pass their details onto the office by email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz, or phone 4450078 and we will discretely contact them. If you wish to donate to St Vincent De Paul locally please deposit directly into our bank account: 010137-0030606-00. I Please email our Treasurer Barry Turner at barry.sue@hotmail.co.nz with details for a tax receipt. Thank you.

Diocese Notices

Celebrating Venerable Suzanne Aubert 3 October

The first Sunday in October is the national celebration day for Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa.

There are two virtual celebrations planned for October 3, prayer resources are at www.suzanneaubert.co.nz. Cardinal John Dew will offer Mass on Shine TV on Sunday 3 October at 2pm. To view the 'Journeying with Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa' booklet please click below. www.suzanneaubert.co.nz/Journeying-with-Suzanne-Aubert-Booklet-1.pdf

Rosary in October. This month is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary

Jubilee Bursary Open for Semester 1, 2022

Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level Applications close Thursday, 11 Nov 2021 please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz



Project Lift Up / Whakapiki ake.

The Auckland Diocese online programme is at the [link](#)

Saturday 2/10, 7pm

Setting Hearts on Fire, Weekend Worship with Michael Mangan- Join Aussie Catholic singer/songwriter Michael Mangan 60 minutes of music, movement, fun and faith for the whole family. [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Sunday 3/10, 7pm

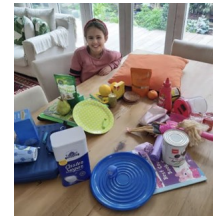
The GREAT Diocesan Quiz Night Win up to \$500 for your parish, school, or faith community. Join us for our first ever great Diocesan quiz night! Get your bubble organised for a family-friendly night of fun that will test your knowledge of movies, sports, Catholic trivia and much more! Young, old come together to have fun and earn some money for your community as a bonus. Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81074868459> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>



St Leo's Catholic School

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

The children have continued to produce some great work while in lockdown.

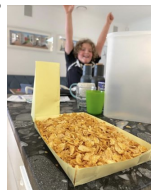


End of Term

The school term ends this Friday 1 October, term 4 starts on Monday 18 October, hopefully at school if there is an alert level change.

School grounds

I'm sure on your walks around Devonport over lockdown many of you would have noticed the length of the grass and the weeds in the garden. This week Renee and I have been busy cleaning up the gardens and grounds. Renee's brother with his ride-on mower took 860kg of lawn clippings to the dump. That's a lot of grass!



Kia haumarū te noho (Stay safe)
Ma te atua manaaki e katoa
God Bless
Maureen Harris

PRAYER @HOME Some Useful Links:

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