

Feast Days in The Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 8 Sep FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** Today we celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the sun of justice, Christ our Lord. Held up by the Church as the greatest of all the saints, Mary's birthday has been celebrated on this date since the seventh century. (Micah 5:1-4 or Roms 8:28-30, Ps 13:6-7, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23).
- **Thu 9 Sep:** Optional for **St Peter Claver, priest.** Born Catalonia 1580. Entered Jesuit Order. Inspired to go to the Indies. Landed 1610 at Cartagena (modern Colombia), principal slave market for the New World, where 1,000 African slaves landed each month. He worked tirelessly for 33yrs to help them both spiritually and physically. Also worked for the abolition of the slave trade.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

5-11 SEPTEMBER 2021



HOW CAN WE ALL ENSURE OUR CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED?

JOIN THE DIOCESE IN ITS GOAL

"A SAFE CHURCH FOR EVERYONE EVERY DAY"

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE FROM HARM



"That every person has a value and dignity from his/her creation in the image and likeness of God"



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

Sep 04: Margaret Sheffield 1962

Sep 05: Rhoda Fraser 1977, Patricia Baldwin 2005

Sep 06: William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985, Gerald Candy 2014

Sep 07: Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955

Sep 08: Sarah Porter 1944

Sep 09: Eileen Mahony 1982, Alphonsus Sheehan 1991, Una Bell 2020

Sep 11: Maria Cunningham 1920



Job Vacancy —Scripture Union National Camps Admin:

We are looking for someone to take up this important admin role based in our Auckland Office. The role is 30 hours per week but there is some flexibility to increase the hours if required. If you have great admin and phone skills then we would love to hear from you. For a job description or to apply for the role please email the National Youth Leader, Neville Bartley at Neville.b@sunz.org.nz

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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

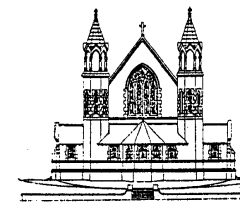


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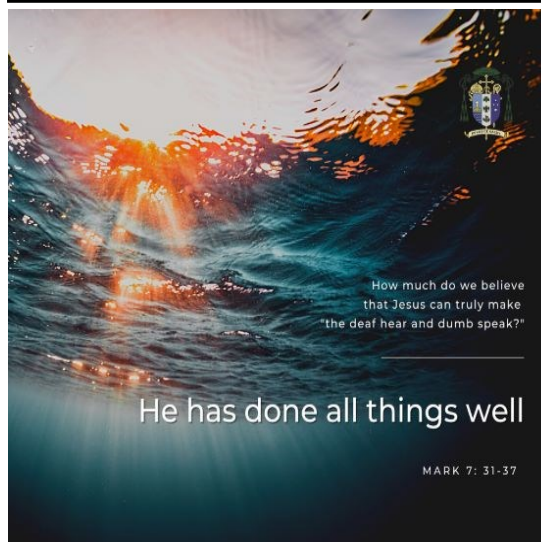
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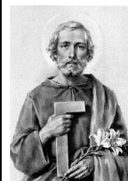
Happy Fathers' Day



How much do we believe that Jesus can truly make "the deaf hear and dumb speak?"

He has done all things well

MARK 7: 31-37



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.

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"

When we were baptised, one of the rituals involved the touching of our ears and mouth (drawing directly from today's gospel reading), accompanied by the words: "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father". This is our baptismal calling, to hear the word of God, take it to heart, and speak it forth in all we say and do.

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Who Does All Things Well

Isaiah 35:4-7 The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Ps 146: Praise the Lord, my soul.

James 2:1-5 God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

Mark 7:31-37 He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12 Sept

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.

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
Corenna (parish secretary) is currently working from home.

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 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)

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



New Zealand Catholic 1 September out now.

Online copies are at the link or visit the NZ Catholic website www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Diocese Notices

Resources in times of Lockdown The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/> This also has a program of events that are available in the diocese during this time.

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.

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](#) and [Bishop Michael](#)

On-line Rosary (contact 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 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](#)

The Church calls us to promote Christian unity and as we work together with the Christian Churches of Auckland, we present Rev Joseph Zachariah of the Syrian Orthodox Church to his rescheduled ecumenical talk to be held on **Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7:00 PM on ZOOM**. He will speak to us on "**An Ecumenical Response in search for alternative parameters for Eucharistic Communion.**" Please join with us on ZOOM with this link here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5846664284> Meeting ID: 584 666 4284. See you there.

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Thinking about the Priesthood? Zoom 'Come and See' Coffee Morning - Saturday 4 Sept. at 9am

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541885204?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541885204?pwd=NTFXS21HRm1VTUNYMy50STgzZjYUOT09)
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Meeting ID: 825 4188 5204 Passcode: 087756
Are you being called? Join Fr Tony and Fr Maliu for a Coffee to chat about discerning the priesthood - We're taking our Come and See online to give a fresh perspective on the beautiful vocation of priesthood. Our Diocesan priests and seminarians will share about their journey to priesthood and unpack some of the big Q's around discernment, seminary life, and the joy of your vocation. Come with your questions and cuppa - we look forward to seeing you there!