



DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Season of Creation continues...

1 September to 4 October (feast of St Francis of Assisi)

Pope Francis says: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue;

it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

We may be tempted to close our eyes and ears to messages about the environment and climate change, or to wonder what difference one person or a family can make. But if we each do our best to take action and live more sustainably, fulfilling our role as kaitiaki / stewards of creation, those little steps we make, along with billions of others throughout the earth, add up to progress for generations to come.



Pour out upon us, all powerful God, 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.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK.

Father Neil will be away from the parish on some days in the coming week. There will be a Liturgy of Word and Communion on Wednesday 21st at noon, and there will be no Mass or Liturgy on Thursday 22nd at 9 a.m.

"We cannot live without Sunday"

Martyrs of Abitene. 303 AD

There are some copies of a letter from the New Zealand Bishops at the back of the church, enthusiastically inviting all Catholics to return to full and active participation in Sunday Mass, now that all Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

We are no longer required to wear masks in Church. What a difference that will make to our singing! As a parish community we will need to make decisions about other changes, and by next week we should be clearer about our practice.

There may well be some people who prefer to continue wearing masks, and we respect that right. As always, please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

World Community for Christian Meditation New Zealand [Community Day](#)

Saturday 24 September 10.00am-3.00pm

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4 Owens Road Devonport

PRAYING WITH ICONS

Icon writer [Michael Pervan of the Studio of St John the Baptist](#), will introduce us to this form of prayer and invites us to bring an open spirit to this fascinating topic.

☑ Please bring your own lunch

☑ Please bring a koha

☑ People new to meditation in the Christian tradition are most welcome

☑ For more information contact Vincent Maire on 027 276-6032

Today and next Sunday St Luke's gospel offers two parables on how one should use money. The choice is stark — either choose God, or make money your god. The liturgy today invites us to reflect on who our God is.

25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *Lord Of The Oppressed*

Amos 8:4-7 Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'.

Psalm 112: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

1Timothy 2:1-8 There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Luke 16:1-13 You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *25 Sept Behold The Man!*

Amos 6:1,4-7 Those who sprawl and those who brawl will be exiled.

Psalm 145: Praise the Lord, my soul.

1Timothy 6:11-16 Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

Luke 16:19-31 Good things came your way, bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

Ministries	Sat 17th Sept.	Sun 18th
Welcome:	Emma Mackie-Watts	Denise O'Shaughnessy
Readers:	Kate Kearins Kath Petrie	Mary Lyttleton Yem Braid
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Maryanne Offner
	Sat 24th Sept	Sun 25thth
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Yem Braid
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Judith Priddy	Anne&Neville Gibson
Communion:	Eileen Pearce	Francisca Knottenbelt

St Francis de Sales & All Souls Rosary Prayer Group meet 6pm Mondays in the Church.
Meditation /Contemplative Prayer Group meet 6.30pm Mondays in the Parish Meeting Room.

Franciscan Friary Animal Blessing Service and Open Day. Sun. Oct 2, 2-4 pm. Free, all welcome.

Special Collection this Week CATHEDRAL APPEAL for the upkeep of our Auckland mother church

Please use the envelopes which are on table at church door, or direct credit to the Parish account: 020100 0120958 16 Put 'Cathedral' as reference.

August 2022 Collections: From the Finance C'Tee

Priests and Bishops \$3,001.74 (July \$2,887.38)
Parish and Diocese \$7,815.19 (July \$6,227.55)
Total \$10,817.73 (July \$9,114.93)

Thank-you to parishioners for reviewing planned-giving and increasing donations by use of envelopes and the Eftpos machine. A generous donation has been received that will cover 50% of the proposed new AV system. We are seeking additional one-off donations. See Fr Neil in confidence or use Parish Bank Account as above.

SOS De Paul House Foodbank

There are large gaps on our shelves at the moment. Donations of the following items would be appreciated—please leave them on the back porch of the Presbytery and they will be collected each day and will be put into circulation straight away: medium-large tins of tuna, salmon, corned beef, pasta sauces, meal sauces, tea, coffee, Milo, tinned vegetables—corn, peas, nappies all sizes, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, laundry and dishwashing liquid, spray'nwipe. Thank you so much for your help.

Our parish SVDP is also asking if people can donate reusable shopping bags. Please leave them in the box at the back of the church.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TWENTY-FIFTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Uber-drivers-Act-of-Honesty.pdf>

Diocesan News

NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded **hospice and palliative care services** by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: “When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation”

Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

Liturgical Formation People of God

The Pope has recently addressed the ‘People of God’ in a letter titled, The Liturgical Formation of the People of God. The Liturgy Centre for the Diocese of Auckland is hosting a Formation Day which will unpack some of the contents of this letter. This formation day is an ideal opportunity to provide formation for your various ministers of liturgy, Lay Leaders of Prayer, Liturgy Committees and Parish Councils. All are warmly invited. The formation Day is October 29th 9.30 – 3pm, and will be at Rosmini College. There is no cost, but registration is appreciated.

Register by email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz .

Registrations are now open for **Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023**. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hikoi with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. Don't delay, get your group together, hire a van, pack the car and we'll see you there!! <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwa-e-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.nz or Manuel Beazley: manuelb@cda.org.nz



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Ngā mihi nui kia koutou and a warm St Leo's greeting to you all

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate te reo Māori (the Māori language) and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life.

In St Clare, ākonga have been reading Māui and the Sun and have enjoyed creating some wonderful artwork with Mrs Christie. They learnt some keywords to help them with their writing.



In St Patrick's the students designed their favourite burger and labelled the ingredients in Te Reo Māori. St Catherine's ākonga have been playing traditional Māori games, one of them being Tapuwāe which is a Māori ball game. The children had fun giving instructions in Te Reo Māori.

Soccer Tournament

On Wednesday two enthusiastic teams represented St Leo's at a soccer tournament played at Bayswater Park. They competed well with great spirit and showed awesome sportsmanship as our children always do. The weather turned out to be fantastic!

**God Bless,
Vimi Chandra, Principal.**

Feast Days in the Twenty-Fifth Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 19 Sep:** Optional for **St Januarius, bishop & martyr**. Bishop of Benevento, martyred in 305, with six other Christians, during the persecution of Diocletian, at Naples.
- **Tue 20 Sep:** Memorial for **St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, martyrs**. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean priest and pastor. Paul Chong Hasang a lay apostle. They, along with 101 other members of the Christian community (men, women, children, the elderly), gave their lives as martyrs during the terrible persecutions that occurred in Korea in the years 1839, 1866, and 1867.
- **Wed 21 Sep:** Feast Day for **St Matthew, apostle and evangelist**. Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew. Tradition suggests that he preached in the East.
- **Fri 23 Sep:** Memorial for **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest**. Francesco was born to peasant farmers in the Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May, 1887. Devout, even as a child, entered Capuchins 1902, ordained priest 1910. On Sept 20 1918, while kneeling in front of the crucifix he received the physical marks of the crucifixion. Blood from the stigmata was said to have the perfume of flowers. Renowned as a confessor. Died 23 Sept, 1968. His funeral attended by 100,000 people.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially HM Queen Elizabeth II, and for those we remember at this time:

Sep 18: Alwyn Jagusch 1985, Thomas Low 2001, James Parker 2020

Sep 19: James Fagan 1934, Eme Curtayne 1978

Sep 20: Alicia Archer 1950, Marjorie Brunskill 1983

Sep 21: Denis Foster 1993, Anne-Marie Bluemel 1994

Sep 22: Teresa Oswin 1953

Sep 23: Jessie Franklin 1962, Muriel Pace 1987

Sep 24: Martha Mahoney 1952



There will be a **Memorial Mass for the Queen** at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday Sept 21st, 7pm.

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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm
closed Wednesdays

Parish Newsletter: (*Publication Deadline 9am THURS.*)

Mass Times:

Vigil Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Weekday Times:

Mon 8am: Liturgy & Communion

Wed 12 pm, Thurs 9am, Fri 12pm & Sat 9am: Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat after 9am Mass

Other Rosters

Flowers

16/09 Gayle Kalaugher

23/09 Elizabeth Light

Church Cleaning

17/09 Dobbs Family

1/10 Anne Feeny

Counters

19/09 Denise & Karl

25/09 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

18/09 Mia Dobbs

25/09 Karen Rawlinson