



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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1 1TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Season of Creation

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

In his Papal Message on September 1st, Pope Francis reminded that this Season is an **opportunity to cultivate our “ecological conversion”**, a conversion encouraged by St John Paul II as a response to the “ecological catastrophe” predicted by St Paul VI in 1970. The cry of the earth is a cry of anguish—from the earth itself, threatened creatures, and the poorest people of the earth, who feel even more gravely the impact of drought, flooding, hurricanes and heat waves that are becoming ever more intense and frequent.

“In the name of God, I ask the great extractive industries—mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness— to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people.”

“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.”



Please note change in Parish Office Hours :
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am-1pm
Closed on Wednesdays but leave a message
on 445 0078 or 021620805.

**World Community for Christian Meditation
New Zealand**

Community Day

Saturday 24 September
St Leo’s Catholic School
4 Owens Road Devonport
10.00am-3.00pm

PRAYING WITH ICONS

Religious icons are commonly referred to as “windows to heaven” or “windows to the eternal”. The idea that a piece of artwork can give us a glimpse of the invisible comes from Christology - the study of the person of Christ - which focuses on the Incarnation. Because God took on human flesh, He allows us to see the person of Christ, who is God.

Praying with icons is a form of contemplative prayer that dates back to the very early centuries of the Christian church. [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
- ☑ There will be two periods of meditation
- ☑ People new to meditation in the Christian tradition are most welcome
- ☑ For more information contact Vincent Maire on 027 276-6032

*Learn to pray
in stillness
and silence*



No one is worthless in God's eyes. No one is hopelessly lost. It may not make much sense to leave ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness to search for one stray, but that is how God acts with each of us: then God carries us back!

24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *Christ Who Welcomes Sinners*

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalms 51: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Timothy 1:12-17 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Luke 15:1-32 There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *18 Sept Lord Of The Oppressed*

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

Psalms 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.

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| Ministries | Sat 10th Sept. | Sun 11th | Apology from Mila for the double-up in these rosters—first glitch in 4 years! Thanks for all the years of getting it right! | 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. |
| Welcome: | Emma Mackie-Watts | Denise O'Shaughnessy | | |
| Readers: | Nicole & Jim Dobbie | Mary Lyttleton Yem Braid | | |
| Communion: | Eileen Pearce | Maryanne Offner | | |
| | Sat 17th Sept | Sun 18th | | |
| Welcome: | Emma Mackie-Watts | Denise O'Shaughnessy | | |
| Readers: | Nicole & Jim Dobbie | Mary Lyttleton Yem Braid | | |
| Communion: | Kit Isidro | Maryanne Offner | | |



St Lee's Quiz Night
Fancy Dress - Theme your Team

Friday, 16th September in the school hall

7.30 - 11pm, starts at 8pm

\$25 pp, tables of 8
Includes: Cheese, biscuits and nibbles per table

Get tickets from the school office

Cash/EFTPOS bar soft drinks available



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Deacons of Dunedin

Three ordained deacons for Dunedin diocese - p.3

'PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR' - ARPA AWARDS 2020

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

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/God-Jesus-and-Me-1.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/>

Vacancy We are assisting **Altus Enterprises** to reach a wider community, to help them fill a job vacancy. Altus are a not for profit organisation that exists to provide work for people with disabilities. They are currently seeking a **HR Manager**. The role will provide the CEO and organisation with generalist HR management, advice, and support, liaise with staff to enhance and develop the operational HR structure, and manage and improve HR policy, processes and systems. For more info and to apply, google 'Seek HR Manager Altus Enterprises' or contact chanel@positivepeople.co.nz

A conference for those trained and/or interested in Ignatian Spirituality. **Lifting our Eyes** will help explore ways in which we can apply the *principles of Ignatian Spirituality* in these unsettled times. Burns Lodge Mosgiel, 28-30th Oct 2022, Registration \$125. For more information about registration, conference programme and speakers go to <https://ignatianspirituality.nz/friends-of-ignatius/conference/> and click on image, or email friendsconference@ignatianspirituality.nz

The Diocesan Council newsletter reports on meeting with Bishop Steve here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DPCAUGUST2022.pdf>



St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

Senior Speech Competition I was fortunate to have the opportunity to judge the St Catherine's speech competitions recently. Nine students presented their speeches on a wide range of topics. It was pleasing to note that several speeches echoed themes that fitted well with the church's teachings on social justice and care for the Earth, our common home. Our youth are growing up with a good sense of what responsible citizenship looks like. The winning speech was given by Julieta Sosa, with Clara Angelo as first runner-up and Lucetta Thomas-Cheng as second runner-up. Julieta and Clara are going on to represent the school at the local schools' speech competitions.

Staff Development On Tuesday Fr Neil led the staff in a session examining the sacraments. It was a very useful session and in his wonderful way, Fr Neil drew us into a deeper understanding of the seven sacraments and how central they are to what it is to be church. We are blessed to have such a wise pastor in our community.

Book week help needed On Wednesday 28th September we would love it if some parishioners would be available to come and read stories to the children. If you can help please contact the office and we will get back to you with further information.

Welcome Back We are pleased to welcome former student Kaitlin Rooke to the school for four weeks. This forms part of her teacher training and I am sure she will cherish the opportunity.

Thanks My two weeks back at the school have flown by. What a privilege it has been to spend time in the school and parish again. On Monday the school welcomes Vimi Chandra back, after her leave to attend a family wedding in the UK.

God Bless, David Tennent, Acting Principal

Feast Days in the Twenty-Fourth Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 12 Sep:** Optional memorial for the **Holy Name of Mary**. Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth .
- **Tue 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.
- **Wed 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.
- **Thu 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'.*
- **Fri 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 25.
- **Sat 17 Sep:** Optional for **St Hildegard of Bingen, mystic and Doctor of the Church**. Born 1098, died 1179.

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

Sep 11: Maria Cunningham 1920

Sep 13: Thomas Evans 1888

Sep 14: Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000

Sep 15: John Carter 1965 **Sep 16:** Joe Passi 2002

Sep 17: Elizabeth Richards 1946, Edgar Kalangher 1984



RIP

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, 1926– 2022, after a faith-filled life of 96 years, 70 years as Queen.

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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

9/09 Sue Story

16/09 Gayle Kalaugher

Church Cleaning

17/09 Dobbs Family

Counters

12/09 Shyrelle & Brian

19/09 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

11/09 Kate Kearins

18/09 Mia Dobbs