



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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Season of Creation continues...

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."

Have you been prompted to make some changes towards sustainability? One of the best ways to reduce our impact on the planet is to live minimally. This doesn't mean we have to get rid of all our possessions and move into a tiny house, but instead to be mindful about what we buy and only purchasing things that we need. It can be helpful to think about our purchases in terms of the environment. When we're shopping, let's ask ourselves whether the item is made from sustainable materials, whether the people who made it were paid a fair wage, whether it will last a long time, and whether we need it. The more we can reduce our consumption, the less strain we'll put on the planet's resources. More to come on sustainability, right here in Devonport, from the PPC.



"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."

From Caritas New Zealand.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the contribution from Parishioners of St Francis de Sales and All Souls towards the Bishops' Lenten Appeal in 2022. It raised \$772,068.93 in total, for which we are most grateful. It's been another difficult Lent as we experience the continued effects of Covid, so we feel uplifted by this response....Funds will be used to assist in our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand.

From this weekend, there are only 13 weeks till Christmas, and we would like to put together an extended Bulletin for distribution to everyone who comes to Mass over that time, and as a give-away to friends. The aim is to let people know what is going on in our Parish—and there is a lot going on! Let's do this!

Can you contribute a short article, a story, a poem, a drawing? 200 words?

Think about what's important to you in the parish and the groups you belong to, what events in the last year stand out in your mind, what memories Christmas evokes....

All contributions welcome.

*On Thursday of this week at 9.10 am, there will be a **St Leo's Catholic School Mass** here in the church. All parishioners are most welcome, and parents of St Leo's students are warmly invited to attend. We will be celebrating the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.*

Every person who has more than is indispensable for material and spiritual well-being is a millionaire, and thus a debtor to those who have nothing (From Homilies of St Basil). This chapter of Luke's gospel challenges us to use our possessions for the good of others .

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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.

27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

2 October

Our Faith

Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4 The upright person will live by faithfulness

Psalm 94: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

2Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord

Luke 17:5-10 If only you had faith!

Ministries

Sat 24th Sept

Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom
Readers: Nicky Witham-Blackwell
Judith Priddy
Communion: Eileen Pearce

Sun 25thth

Yem Braid
Anne & Neville Gibson

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.

Ministries

Sat 1st October

Welcome: Clive Sinclair
Readers: Emma Mackie-Watts
Shaun Erasmuson
Communion: Riaan Blom

Sun 2nd October

Anne Gibson
Ben Upton
Vanessa Baldy
Kate Casey

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

Foodbank Appeal De Paul House

Tins of protein—fish, meat, chicken—urgently needed as well as tinned vegetables, toilet essentials and cleaning products. Please leave on the porch at the back of the presbytery and they will be collected daily. Thanks and God bless you.

De Paul House Breakfast Fundraiser. With Author, Commentator and Co-Founder of Duffy Books in Homes,



17 October, 7-9 am. Spencer on Byron Hotel, Byron Avenue, Takapuna. Tickets \$95 Or \$900 for a table of 10. Please RSVP by Oct 7th to admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

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 02-0100-

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Catholic tributes to Queen Elizabeth II. Foreign editor encourages Christians to be public about their faith. Australian Catholic schools get guidance on gender and identity.

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

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Inspirational-Irish-friar-finally-retires-at-87-after-caring-for-the-vulnerable.pdf>

Diocesan News

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 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 hiko 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-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.nz or Manuel Beazley: manuelb@cda.org.nz



St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

Quiz Night

It was so wonderful to be part of the quiz night. We (The Fascinators and Jeff) managed to come 2nd equal and had loads of fun working together as a team. Thank you to the PTFA for organising a successful evening and to Peter Wolfkamp for being an excellent MC for the evening. Thank you also to all the current whanau, friends and past whanau of St Leos for supporting our school in this fundraiser.



It is great to have evenings/fundraisers like this where everyone comes together to support St Leo's school.

School Fair

We are building up to the school fair at the end of week 6 next term. Please contact the office if you are able to help in any way. We are also updating our facebook page with any relevant information leading up to the fair. This is our major fundraiser this year and we'd like it to be a great event.

Readers Wanted for Book Week, Wednesday 28th September.

We would welcome the help of parishioners to read to each of the 3 classes at 12 noon and 12.30 on this day. We can provide a suitable book or you can bring your favourite. Please confirm your availability with Renee, 445 9339

God Bless. Vimi Chandra
Principal

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND ETHNIC COMPLAINTS

Rise Up! Festival

1st - 2nd October 2022

DAY 1 - Saturday 1 October
10am - 12pm: ZUMBI/FOOD SPORT/MUSIC
12pm - 2pm: CULTURAL SHOWS
Venue: Sacred Maria School, Flatbush

DAY 2 - Sunday 2 October
1:00pm: THANKSGIVING MASS
Venue: St Lukes Church, Flatbush

KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP
CELEBRATE OUR
ONENESS IN
CHRIST

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-23 October 2022. We welcome former parishioners to join us. Please register at <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/jubilee-registration> or text Pat Lythe at 0273441663.

Feast Days in the Twenty-Sixth Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 26 Sep:** Optional for **Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs**. Nothing is known of these two except their names and the fact that memory of them dates to the 5th Century.
- **Tue 27 Sep:** Memorial for **St Vincent de Paul, priest**. Born c 1580 southern France. Ordained 1600, devoting his life to works of charity, included relieving the sufferings of prisoners. Founded confraternities of charity for men and women. Congregation of the Mission founded to preach in the countryside and to help form the clergy; founded the Sisters of Charity, who worked with the sick and the poor and was the first congregation of women without enclosure.
- **Wed 28 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.
- **Wed 28 Sep:** Optional for **St Wenceslaus, martyr**. Duke of Bohemia; a good man, murdered by his brother in 929, aged 24. | Optional for **St Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions, martyrs**. First Filipino saint. Born about 1600, Manila. A layman who worked for the Church. Married with two children, forced into exile. Went to Japan where he was imprisoned during a persecution of Christians. Was tortured and killed along with 15 companions in 1637.
- **Thu 29 Sep:** Feast Day for **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**. *Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice.*
- **Fri 30 Sep:** Memorial for **St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**. Born about 342. Studied and baptised in Rome. Lived for some years as a hermit in Syrian desert. Later ordained a priest. Preached asceticism and studying. Translated Bible into Latin, wrote biblical commentaries, and other works. Fought against heresies of Arianism, Palagianism and Origenism.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Michael McCormick, June Grant, and Frank O'Shaughnessy, father of Denise, who died in Wellington this week and for those we remember:

Sep 25: Mary Wenzlick 1985, Hilda Nicholson 2001

Sep 26: Rupert Calvert 2002, Shontelle Marks 2002

Sep 27: Mary Winders 1920, Inez Santo 1985

Sep 28: William Walsh 1960

Sep 29: Joan Cann 1999, Patricia Reynolds 2001

Sep 30: Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000

Oct 01: Catherine Graham 1978

Michael McCormick's funeral will be held here on Thursday 29 Sept 11am.

June Grant's funeral will be held here on Friday 30th at noon.

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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

Memorial Mass for the

Queen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday Sept 21st, 7pm.

Anglican Service Holy Trinity Devonport Mon.26th 9 a.m.

Other Rosters

Flowers

23/09 Elizabeth Light

30/09 Leslee Burtton

Church Cleaning

1/10 Anne Feeny

Counters

25/09 Kate Kearns & John Knight

03/10 Elizabeth & Alan Light

Hospitality

25/09 Karen Rawlinson

02/10 Jody Gill