



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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH AUGUST 2022

Don't forget the Parish AGM this Sunday, 28th August, after the 9.30 Mass in the Hall over the road. Hope to see you there!

The Psalmist declares,
"The heavens are



Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge...their voice is not heard, yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world." (19: 1-4) **As our own seasons change and we welcome Spring, Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen?**

1st September is **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is also the start of the Season of Creation, which is celebrated until 4th October.** From Laudato Si', 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. Amen".

Special Collection This Week

Annual appeal to support **Maori Pastoral Care** in the Auckland diocese will take place during Mass this weekend.

Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door, or you may direct credit to the parish account: 02-0100-0120958-16.



St Leo's Catholic School
Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

We have held our **Board of Trustees election** and welcome Fiona Jameson, Julia Jurisich, Aston Talbot and Olivia West as our new board members and Anna Rumble as our new Proprietors Representative alongside Rachel Steel and Steven Albrecht. Lucia Dawbin remains the staff representative.

We want to say a **big thank you to the outgoing Board members** Carl Howcroft, Martin Weekes, Gavin Busch, Jason Copus, Simon Angelo and Kath Petrie.

Lakehouse Exhibition

Several of our children have art displayed in a Matariki exhibition that runs for August 23 - 8 September.



Blessings,
Vimi Chandra, Principal

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon.

The Council for Young people is inviting young Catholics to join a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next year. Download a draft itinerary—Paris, Lyon, Lourdes, Fatima and Lisbon. leaving Auckland on 15 July . <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wyd-lisbon2023-itinerary/>

The focus of readings for the next three Sundays is the great banquet at the end of time and the conditions for entry into this banquet. Jesus' teaching challenges the values of society where pride and prejudice often supplant humility and hospitality.

22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, The Mediator Of A New Covenant

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29 Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord

Psalms 68: God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 You have come to Mt Zion and to the city of the living God.

Luke 14:1,7-14 Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

4 Sept. Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake

Wisdom 9:13-18 Who can divine the will of the Lord?

Psalms 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Philemon 9-10,12-17 Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.

Luke 14:25-33 None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

Ministries	Sat 27th Aug	Sun 28 th Aug
Welcome/Prayers of Intercession	Shawn Pierce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith
Ministers of the Word	Emma Mackie-Watts	Kate Kearins
	Kath Petrie	John Knight
Ministers of Communion	Riaan Blom	Gabrielle Gill
Ministries	Sat 3rd Sept	Sun 4th Sept
Welcome/Prayers of Intercession	Clive Sinclair	Karen Rawlinson
Ministers of the Word	Liz McMaster	Linda Lampen-Smith
	Steve Burke	Gerard Dobbs
Ministers of Communion	Eileen Pearce	Julia McFadden

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.



The latest issue in your church Sunday August 28

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Prayer resources for Families:

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/TWENTY-SECOND-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/They-call-me-the-boss.pdf>

MAHURU MĀORI CHALLENGE

During the whole month of September, our Vicar for

Māori, Manuel Beazley has set us all a challenge to say the Sign of the Cross in Te Reo Māori every time we sign ourselves.

“Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu. Āmene.”

Will you take up the challenge? Scanning the QR will take you to a pronunciation guide. Visit www.facebook.com/KatorikaMaori/ to get the social media graphics to upload to your feeds to show that you are taking up the challenge.



Diocesan News

New Marcellin College Alumni Network

Marcellin College is excited to announce the establishment of an Alumni Network. A small committee of past pupils has come together with the aim of providing an opportunity to foster friendships, help alumni reconnect and build a closer relationship between school and our alumni community.

A website and other communications tools are under development, and it is our intention to hold regular events in the future. However, to grow our Alumni community we need your support. Please click the link below and complete the Registration Form so we can add your details to our growing Alumni network and help you Stay Connected with alumni news and events <https://www.marcellin.school.nz/alumni/>

The Upper Room – Young Adults Evening

Catholic young adults, join us for an evening of live music, nibbles, and a fantastic guest speaker, Mayoral candidate Efeso Collins! Wednesday 7 September, 7pm, at The Shakespeare Hotel, 61 Albert Street. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland needs new members. If you are interested in doing work that promotes dialogue and talks, to foster unity with other Christian Churches or Religions in your community, this is the opportunity for you to become missionary disciples of Christ. If you have the courage to do actions that promote unity, don't be afraid, we would like to hear from you, please contact us immediately on email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz | "That they may all be one." – John 17:21

What do we know about Mary?

Online Session (Evening)

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 29 August, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/08/14/mary-of-nazareth/>

Titipounamu Study & Joy

From the Parish Pastoral Council

With the AGM fast approaching, the present PPC held its final meeting on Tuesday 23rd August. (Meetings are usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month.) A year ago we were just entering the August lockdown, following the detection of Omicron, but despite the fact that we have often had to meet by Zoom, we have managed to retain our esprit de corps and move forward on issues such as the Synod consultation, clarification of our Mission as a local Church, forging strong links with St Leo's school, and growing lay ministry in the Parish.

We are continuously grateful for the insightful guidance of our parish priest, Fr. Neil, and the tireless efforts of our Parish Pastoral Assistant, Stephen Bell, as well as those who lead groups and activities within the parish.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM this Sunday, when you will hear some more about current initiatives:

- the Columbarium (Wall for Ashes)
- The Audio-visual upgrade for the Church
- Thinking about community housing on our site.

Many of the members have agreed to be nominated for election for a further year, and we would like to acknowledge those who have worked so hard this year but are opting not to stand again: Paul Doyle, Elizabeth Light, Pippa Grant, Vincent Phua and Kath Petrie.

Could you bring your skills to the PPC? Please think about being nominated or nominating someone else in the parish. Please let Fr Neil know of your nominations before the meeting on Sunday.

The PPC is a visioning and planning group which has to work closely with the Property and Finance Committee to ensure projects can be prioritised and carried out. The leaders of the Finance Committee spoke at Mass a few weeks ago about the need for more income in the face of rising costs, some of which, like rates and insurance, have gone up by 17%. If you can increase the weekly donations you make to the Church by 5% (or more if you can) that would make a difference.

Feast Days in the Twenty-first Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 29 Aug:** Memorial for **The Passion of St John the Baptist**. (Thess. 4:13-18, Psalm 71, Mark 6:17-29).
- **Sat 1 Sep:** Day of prayer for the **Care of Creation**. The month from 1 Sep to 4 Oct (St Francis of Assisi) is dedicated to awareness and prayer for creation.
- **Sat 3 Sep:** Memorial for **St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**. Born c 540, Gregory was prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople: 580-585. Became pope in 590. This was the time of barbarian attacks on Rome. He cared for the poor and refugees, made contact with the barbarians, sent missionaries to England. He left extensive writings, including commentaries on scripture. His liturgies, collected in the Gregorian Sacramentary have been influential into modern times. He is the patron of teachers.

We pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially

Aug 28: George Sinclair 1948, Mary Piper 1983

Aug 29: Bernard O'Hara 1959, Kathryn Eddon 1998

Aug 31: Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977

Sep 01: Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994

Sep 02: William Harris, 1912

Voice For Life Youth, a new movement of young high-school aged pro-lifers from all over Aotearoa New Zealand, was launched in June, and groups are now established in Auckland, Whanganui, Wellington, and Christchurch. To find out more or to join, please visit: <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/youth> For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

Social Justice Week

Te Wiki o te Whai Tika. 4-10 September

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September, inviting us to reflect and take action on an issue of social justice. This year we focus on the issue of racism in Aotearoa New Zealand. SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST. The Church has publicly condemned racism and Caritas has produced a resource booklet for ideas to start discussions and real awakening. Download from www.caritas.org.nz

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Parish Office Hours: Mon to Fri: 9:00am to 1:00pm

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

2/09 Kate O'Rourke

9/09 Sue Story

Church Cleaning

03/09 Moata'ane Family

Counters

28/08 Kim & Chris Byrne

4/09 Maria & Jeremy

Hospitality

28/08 Kate Casey

4/09 Shyrelle