



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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Season of Creation

1 September 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*



St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

Commonwealth Games Day

On Monday we enjoyed an afternoon of fun, as the students and staff formed four teams representing Australia, Canada, Jamaica and Scotland, to take part in some games activities. The senior students worked well with the younger students to ensure all could join in and have some fun.

It Is Good To be Back

It is lovely to be back at St Leo's for two weeks, while Ms Chandra is in the UK to attend a family wedding. I have kept a keen eye on St Leo's in the last few months since I was here and had contact with Vimi Chandra from time to time. It is so nice to see the school flourishing. Please keep the students, staff and the new Board of Trustees in your prayers.

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.

God Bless, David Tennent, Acting Principal

**Happy Fathers' Day
and Blessings on all
Dads and Dads-to-be.**



All are called to be disciples of Christ. There is no option to have a rest! Those baptised in Christ are called to a discipleship that is total, unconditional and permanent. It is a way of living our whole life.

23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *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.

24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *11 Sept 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

Ministries	Sat 3 Sept	Sun 4 Sept	St Francis de Sales & All Souls Rosary Prayer Group meet 6pm Mondays in the Church.
Welcome/Prayers of Intercession	Clive Sinclair	Karen Rawlinson	
Ministers of the Word	Liz McMaster	Linda Lampen-Smith	
	Steve Burke	Gerard Dobbs	Meditation / Contemplative Prayer Group meet 6.30pm Mondays in the Parish Meeting Room.
Ministers of Communion	Eileen Pearce	Julia McFadden	
Ministries	Sat 10 Sept	Sun 11 Sept	
Welcome/Prayers of Intercession	Emma Mackie-Watts	Denise O'Shaughnessy	
Ministers of the Word	Nicole Dobbie	Mary Lyttleton	
	Jim Dobbie	Yem Braid	
Ministers of Communion	Mila Burke	Maryanne Offner	



Make new friends
Get to know your neighbours!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us at Takapuna Methodist Church Hall on
Saturday 10 September
for a shared meal.
FREE 5.30pm – 7.30pm
427 Lake Road Takapuna
(Off of Tenison Avenue and Lake Road)

Kol 4 Communities with thanks to Auckland Mission Trustees

METHODIST ALLIANCE
4th COLLEGE STREET

Tinidai
TAKAPUNA

The Senior coffee group will be meeting on Thursday 8th September 10am at Noeline's house, 4A Preston Ave., Belmont. Phone 021679060 everyone is welcome.

Social Justice Week: 4—10 Sept 2022

Each year, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for **Social Justice Week** to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand.

Whakakāhoretia te kaikiri.

Kotahi anō tātou i roto i te Karaiti.

Say no to racism. We are one in Christ.

Diversity is a beautiful thing when it can constantly enter into a process of reconciliation and seal a sort of cultural covenant resulting in a 'reconciled diversity'.

– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), #230

This year the theme is about standing up to racism and for the dignity of all people. May we be strengthened and encouraged **to resist evil and speak out against hatred that would pull others down because of appearances or cultural background.**

For resources and more information visit:

<http://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

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

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/THREE-STORIES-OF-THE-POWER-OF-THE-CROSS.pdf>

Diocesan News

* **The RISE UP! FESTIVAL! SAVE THE DATE | 1-2 October 2022 | SANCTA MARIA GROUNDS | FLATBUSH** The Ethnic Chaplaincy faith communities of Auckland invites YOU to the Catholic Diocese Festival of Communities. Let's RISE UP! and gather to celebrate as ONE-in-CHRIST. To know who we are | To strengthen our communities | To build up our spirituality | To be visible to serve the poor. YOU will be entertained to a time of ZUMBA | International Cuisine | Fun Sport | Cultural Shows | Music Festival | Prayer. **Arise! Shine! For He is Risen! – Isaiah 60:1**

* **The Upper Room – Young Adults Evening** Catholic young adults, join us for an evening of live music, nibbles and a fantastic guest speaker, Efeso Collins! Wednesday 7 September, 7pm, at The Shakespeare Hotel, 61 Albert Street. \$10 tickets. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) to find out more.

World Youth Day 2023

This Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Our pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal. Interested in being part of it? Email samuelb@cda.org.nz.

Life Teen Summer Camp 2023 Registrations are now open! We want your parish or group to join us (AND 400 YOUNG PEOPLE!) at Life Teen Summer Camp 2023, 18-22 January. To find out more and to register your group, head to www.lifeteen.nz

* **Job Vacancy – Officer Manager – Holy Cross Seminary** Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby; Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hours minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community. Applications to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by 22 August. More details available at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58017032>

From the Catholic Caring Foundation.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$203 for the Foundation's annual caring appeal. We know that this donation is made up of so many individual donations from your parishioners who prioritise caring for others in need – it all adds up.

From those many individual donations, your gift will be working in so many ways to help people out of poverty. It will help mums and dads learn to be great parents. It will help young people to develop and grow when life is tough so they can contribute back to our community. It will provide food for hungry tummies, and skills for parents to manage their money and get out of debt. The elderly will find care and support when they are struggling and isolated. There is so much that your donation will do and does.

When we all join together, we really make a difference.

We can't thank you enough.

From the Parish Pastoral Council

It was great to see 40 people turn out for the AGM in the Hall last Sunday. Minutes of the meeting will be sent out with the weekly email this weekend. Congratulations to the newly elected PPC, and God's blessings as you begin to meet for formation.

For a closer look at the Columbarium proposal, see the architectural drawings at the back of the Church.

From the Property and Finance Committee.

We are on the lookout for fundraising ideas and people who could be part of a fundraising group, to increase our parish income. If you can help please contact Andrew Skokandich andrew@ajs.co.nz

August Collections

Thank you for your donations this month, especially to members paying by Automatic Payments, which continue to represent the bulk of our income. Increases always welcome!

Priests and Bishop

\$3180.56

Parish and Diocese

\$ 6361.12

Feast Days in the Twenty-third Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 5 Sep:** Optional for **St Teresa of Kolkata**. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born 26 August 1910 in Skopje. Died 5 Sept 1997 in Kolkata India. Took the name Teresa after joining the Sisters of Loretto. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity devoted to the care of the poor, destitute and outcast, especially the dying. Canonised 4th Sept 2016.
- **Thu 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).
- **Fri 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.

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

Sep 03: Ella Bannon 1907

Sep 04: Margaret Sheffield 1962

Sep 05: Luke McGann 1938, Rhoda Fraser 1977

Sep 06: William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985

Sep 07: Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955

Sep 08: Sarah Porter 1944

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

St Leo's School Village Fair 2022
Sunday 27 November, from 11am to 3pm.

Mark those diaries now! Help from parishioners would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Sarah sarahalbrecht71@gmail.com



Check out the noticeboard in the Church foyer—lots of info each week.

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Bishop's Reps: Rachel Steele, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble

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

 **Caritas**
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Other Rosters

Flowers

2/09 Kate O'Rourke

9/09 Sue Story

Church Cleaning

03/09 Moata'ane Family

17/09 Dobbs Family

Counters

4/09 Maria & Jeremy

12/09 Shyrelle & Brian

Hospitality

4/09 Shyrelle

11/09 Kate Kearins