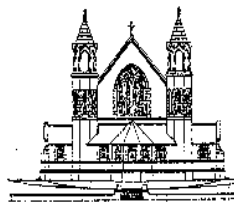




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CHRIST THE KING - 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

The only experience of kingship many people have today is perhaps the recent accession of King Charles III and preparations for his coronation. Today's Gospel shows us Jesus, "The King of the Jews" looking anything but royal. He is vulnerable, hurt, distressed. Yet in a deeply human moment he assures the thief hanging next to him "Today you will be with me in Paradise" and he makes the same promise to us and our loved ones. But what about the Kingdom of God here and now? What contribution are we making to the Kingdom of God in our beautiful, broken world?



The sixth **National March for Life** takes place in Wellington Sat. 3 December at 1 pm. (see poster) There will be a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December at 2pm St Mary of the Angels in Boulcott Street, celebrated by Cardinal John Dew. The Coast to Coast Rosary will take place to coincide with these events. If you cannot be in Wellington, you can join or lead a group to pray the Rosary for the protection and care for all life, from conception to natural death.

See the Holy Land pilgrimage

There are still some places available for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023, led by Pat McCarthy, with Fr Chris Denham as chaplain. The itinerary includes all the major sacred sites of interest to Christian pilgrims, as well as Petra and the Dead Sea. Details from Pat on patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or (09) 480-4463.

Praying for The Dead During November

The month of November is the traditional time to particularly remember and pray for all who have died, beginning with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) on November 2nd. Our church was officially opened on 2nd Nov 1919 by Bishop Cleary who dedicated it to All Souls.



You are invited to write the names of departed loved ones on the paper provided in church — these will be placed at the altar during this month **We pray especially for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

- Nov 16:** John (Jack) Mahony 2022
- Nov 19:** Harold Brock 2001
- Nov 20:** Percy Withers 1961, Peter Casey 1976, Ada Calvert 1988
- Nov 21:** Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995
- Nov 22:** Elizabeth Graham 1959, Dervan Goldwater 1979, Rae O'Brien 2008
- Nov 23:** Elizabeth Robinson 1934, Marion Newcombe 2003
- Nov 24:** William Walters 1936
- Nov 25:** Margaret Wren 1938, Peter Westbrooke

Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite II during Advent:

- Tues. 29 Nov.** 7 pm St John the Baptist, MAIRANGI BAY
- Wed. 7 Dec.** 7pm St Joseph's TAKAPUNA
- Tues. 13 Dec.** 7pm St John the Evangelist OREWA
- Thurs. 15 Dec.** 7pm St Thomas More, GLENFIELD
- Fri. 16 Dec.** 7pm St Mary's, NORTHCOTE
- Sun. 18 Dec.** **7 pm St Francis de Sales & All Souls, DEVONPORT**
- Tues. 20 Dec.** 7pm Maria Assumpta, BEACH HAVEN

The feast of Christ the King was introduced in 1925 as an attempt to counter the increasing atheism and secularisation of society. It is an assertion of Christ's sovereignty over all human societies & institutions. Already acknowledged in the feast of Epiphany, Christ's kingship is celebrated in the feasts of Easter and Ascension. Today's celebration leads us to the very heart of our faith, the death and resurrection of Christ.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING *Christ The King*

Samuel 5:1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

Psalms 121: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Colossians 1:12-20 He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

Luke 23:35-43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 November *The Day Of The Lord*

Isaiah 2:1-5 The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Psalms 122: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Rom 13:11-14 Our salvation is near.

Matthew 24:37-44 Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Ministries	Sat 19th November	Sun 20th November
Welcome:	Clive Sinclair	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers:	Steve Burke Kath Petrie	Linda Lampen-Smith Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Mila Burke	Julia McFadden
Ministries	Sat 26th November	Sun 27th November
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Robert Mannion Judith Priddy	Nevil Gibson Yem Braid
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Maryanne Offner

Rosary Prayer Group meet 6pm Mondays in the Church.
Meditation /Contemplative Prayer Group 6.30pm Mondays Parish Meeting Room.

How busy is the approaching Christmas season going to be for you? Take time out with a Take1 group—see today's flyer.

A/V system upgrade.

This weekend we are trying out an alternative option, using television screens, since the feedback on the large screen was that it is too intrusive in the sanctuary space. We would really appreciate your feedback, and if you can afford a one-off donation, that would take us closer to the budget.

Upcoming events at the Friary.

Fulfilled Retreat - Fri 2 - 4 Dec 2022. Weekend retreat on the life-changing series by Christopher West, *Fulfilled - The Promise of the Christian Life*. Visit <https://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz/events/fulfilled-weekend-retreat/> or email retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz for more information.

Time Out Day – For those who seek a day retreat 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 6/12

Joshua Men's Fellowship North Shore

The November meeting date is **Wed 30 Nov 2022** at **7.30pm** at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. All men together with their spouses/partners are invited. It will be a time to give thanks and celebrate the blessings we have had during 2022 and look forward with hope to the Advent season. With this in mind we will have a shared dinner and request you bring a plate if you can. For more information contact Russell at 022 034 5678.

Parish Connections Christmas Party

Saturday 10 December from 7pm onwards. Please text Francisca 0211028344 or Kate 021753314 to let one of us know you'd like to come. Please bring your own drink and enjoy some time socialising with others who have a connection with our parish.

Diocesan News

CDA CONNECT: November Issue is out now with all the latest Diocesan news. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite you to consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

CTC Online Event -Aesthetic Soul: Pictorial Art as Source of Theology Thursday, 24 November 2022, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom Speaker: Dr Christopher Longhurst Register: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/aesthetic-soul>

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Afterwards we will share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME

SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2023. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz.

The closing date for applications is MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022

Auckland Transport Online Survey:

www.at.govt.nz/haveyoursay - click on North Auckland Consultations and look for: **Albert Road, Devonport – Raised Pedestrian Crossing**

Give your views up until 30 November

They are proposing to:

- Raise the existing zebra crossing for visibility.
- * Install side islands on the southern end
- * Install new tactile pavers at the crossing.

Christmas Bulletin Deadline 5/12. More articles still needed and help with digital formatting using Publisher or other software greatly appreciated.

St Leo's news from Vimi Chandra, Principal Choir Kindy Visits

On Wednesday I was lucky enough to join the choir when they performed at Devonport and the Methodist Kindergarten. They sang beautifully and I would like to acknowledge [Dominic Blaazer](#) for his awesome guidance in creating a magnificent St Leo's choir. The kindergarten children and the staff absolutely loved the performance. They even joined in, singing 'We all live in a yellow submarine'. The staff and students also loved it when the choir sang 'Silent Night' The choir will be performing at midday at the Fair on Nov 27th.

Homes of Devonport

St Leo's school took part in a Christmas tree competition alongside other primary schools in the



area. I am very proud to say that our school won the competition and took out the first prize. Well done St Leo's!

Santa Parade

The school will be entering a float (trailer) in this year's local Santa Parade on December 4th 10-11 am. Tamariki from the school—angels, shepherd

and kings—will remind spectators of the Nativity story. We appreciate your support.

The Fair is one week away!!!

The PTF and the school community are working really hard to organise sponsorship, stalls and other events for the day. Please contact the office if you are able to help in any way.

Pre- Loved Items Donations.

Any good quality white elephant items, books, toys and clothing, jewelry and accessories are welcomed but we are not accepting electrical items (battery operated ok) or large furniture. Please bring to the front office. Also wanted—newspaper, bags, bubble wrap, tissue paper.

Monday 21/11—Thurs 24/11: 9am and 3-4.15pm

Thursday 24th November 8-9am and 3-4.15pm.

Friday 25th November 8-9.30am only

Feast Days in the Thirty-Fourth Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 21 Nov:** Memorial for **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This celebration commemorates the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple of Jerusalem, when she was three. The feast was first kept in the 8th century. It symbolizes the consecration of her life to the Lord.
- **Tue 22 Nov:** Memorial for **St Cecilia, virgin and martyr**. A martyr of the second or third century. She is thought to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity, and they were martyred before her. Patron saint of musicians.
- **Wed 23 Nov:** Optional for **St Clement I, Pope and martyr**. Clement probably followed Peter as Bishop of Rome; he may be the Clement mentioned in Phil 3:4. His Epistle to the Corinthians was written about 96AD, and calls on the Church there to repent and restore peace, after some internal dissention. It suggests that he himself knew Peter and Paul, and reveals a man of strong faith and prayer.
- **Thu 24 Nov:** Memorial for **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs**. Through the missionary efforts of various religious families, beginning in the 16th C until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. In 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 persons martyred in the 18th Century.
- **Fri 25 Nov:** Memorial for **St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr**. Patron of philosophers and preachers due to her persuasive talent for conversion. Born of a noble family, converted to Christianity through a vision. She denounced Maxentius for persecuting Christians; he had 50 of her converts burned to death and herself imprisoned, where she converted Maxentius' wife & 200 of his soldiers, all of whom were killed when he found out. Catherine herself was eventually killed on a spiked wheel. Catherine's was one of the voices heard by St Joan of Arc.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Our-Lord-JESUS-CHRIST.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/AN-87-YEAR-OLD-COLLEGE-STUDENT-NAMED-ROSE.pdf>

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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 next weekend

19 Nov. Vigil Sat : 5.30pm, 20 Nov. Sun: 9.30am

Weekday Masses this coming week

Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon

Saturday 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday after 9 am Mass

We would appreciate some helpers for weekday Masses— to set up prior, to read at Mass, to close up afterwards, or to help with laundry. Please talk to Kath if you would like more details.
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Other Rosters

Flowers

18/11 Sue Story

25/11 Elizabeth Light

Church Cleaning

19/11 Kate and Annie

26/11 Emma Mackie-Watts

Counters

20/10 Denise & Karl

27/10 Kate K & John Knight

Hospitality

20/11 Shelley

27/11 Paune