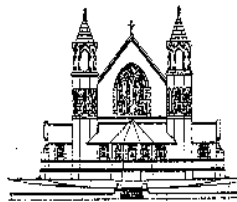




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 27th NOVEMBER 2022



The word Advent means “the coming”, and today’s readings show us that God comes to us in a number of ways, and his coming always transforms us when we accept it. Jesus, God with us, will come as a small vulnerable child in Bethlehem, and will come in glory at the end of time, or at the end of our lives. But Jesus also tells us to be awake to his coming into our everyday lives. Where will we meet Jesus today?

Nine Lessons and Carols.

Members of our choir are joining with the Anglican choir at Holy Trinity in Devonport next Sunday, December 4th at 7 pm in this beautiful Advent tradition. Our choir is 45 strong and will be singing 5 wonderful pieces (with keyboard, clarinet/sax and violin) together with 7 congregational carols. Please do come and bring along anyone else who might like to participate.

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.

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 26:** Martin Conway 1954
- Nov 27:** Michael Mahony 1914
- Nov 28:** William McCarthy 1922, Fenella Wright 1961
- Nov 29:** Mary Kelly 1914, Helena McMinn 1924
- Nov 30:** George Sinclair 1962, Justin Farrell 2003
- Dec 01:** Mario Isidro 1934, Patricia Bolger 1952, Kathleen Dolan 1996, Patrick Baker 2000, Patricia Vieyra 2003
- Dec 02:** Victor (Vic) Clarke 2020

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 Advent season begins where Ordinary Time left off — with the coming of Christ at the end of time. Paul and Matthew issue an urgent call to be vigilant, to be awake and ready for the day of the Lord. Their note of warning is counter-balanced by the expansive vision of the prophet Isaiah. He foresees a time of universal peace, a world illuminated by the light of the Lord. The call to be watchful is a challenge for us to be fully alive in the here and now.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December Our Baptism With The Holy Spirit And Fire

Isaiah 11:1-10 He judges the wretched with integrity.

Ps 71: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever

Rom 15:4-9 Christ is the Saviour of all people.

Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Ministries	Sat 26th November	Sun 27th November
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Robert Mannion Judith Priddy	Nevil Gibson Yem Braid
Communion:	Mila Burke	Maryanne Offner
Ministries	Sat 3rd December	Sun 4th December
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Liz McMaster Shaun Erasmuson	Mary Lyttleton Ben Upton
Communion:	Denise Ross	Kate Casey

Rosary Prayer Group meet
6pm Mondays in the Church.
**Meditation /Contemplative
Prayer Group** 6.30pm Mon-
days 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.**

**2023 Columban Calendars
\$12 each**

On sale now from church door after Sunday Mass
or available from parish office.

These are great value and make excellent gifts.

Haere Mai...

We welcome and pray for the children who
were baptized in our church last weekend, and their
whanau: James Trounson, Luca and Callum Stone,
Cleo and Astro Marcellino, and Nixon Griffin. Con-
gratulations to the

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 and
their spouses/partners are invited. For more
information call Russell 022 034 5678.

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/](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

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.

Ethical Christmas Market Sunday 4
December 10—3 in the Devonport
Community House.

Diocesan News

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite to you 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.

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

Taize Prayer For Advent

Friday December 9th at 7pm

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay

Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin

Saturday 10 December 10am – 3pm

\$30 waged/\$20 unwaged

Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by December 9th

marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au Ph: [09 528](tel:095281801)

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Takapuna Summer Camp 2023: Always Forward

Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon | 22-26 January

Year Groups 8-13 Secondary School

This is a summer you have been waiting for! Spend 5 days at camp consisting of messy games, rave parties, praise & worship, archery, bonfire, water slide and more importantly - celebrating the Sacraments.

Register here: [www.takapunacatholic.org.nz/](http://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz/youth/summercamp)

[youth/summercamp](http://www.takapunacatholic.org.nz/youth/summercamp)

(or contact us at youth@stjoseph.org.nz if you have any questions)

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

See Noticeboard at back of church for details.

Christmas Bulletin Deadline 5/12. Absolutely the last week to submit articles !!! You can do this!!

Unleash your creative self and send proof to

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

St Leo's news from Vimi Chandra, Principal

Learning in St Clare, Years 0-2

The students were working on how attending Mass brings them closer to Jesus. These are a few things they said:

"I like learning about God when I go to Mass. I feel good"

"I love going to learn about the Holy Spirit and it makes me feel happy"

"I love seeing the priest at Mass, he makes me feel good and all the people make me feel good too"



School Fair

It is finally here. The St Leo's school fair! What a fantastic team we have who have been working extremely hard to make this a successful event. We would love to see you all supporting our major fundraiser this year and it is certainly going to be a great event.

Please note—instead of stopping for a cuppa outside the church after Mass on Sunday this week, please cross the road and support St Leo's Fair at their café—lots of goodies!

Teacher Aide Job Marist College

Marist College is looking to employ a Teacher Aide for 20 hours per week. To work with young women in the spirit of Mary and collaboratively with a motivated and efficient team of Teacher Aides.

Salary for this position is set by the Support staff in School's Collective Agreement, Teacher Aide pay rates, depending on applicant's experience.

Closing date for applications is 2 December 2022 at noon. Please email your cv and cover letter to Principal's PA Margaret McKinney:

m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz

Feast Days in the First Week of Advent

- **Wed 30 Nov:** Feast for **St Andrew, apostle**. A fisherman, like his brother St Peter. Born in Bethsaida, a disciple of John the Baptist at first. Mentioned several times in the gospels, he brought the Gentiles to Jesus. Is thought to have preached in Scythia, and to have been martyred at Patras in Achaia. Patron of fishermen.
- **Sat 3 Dec:** Memorial for **St Francis Xavier, priest**. Born 1506 in Spain, an original member of the Society of Jesus with St Ignatius – he took vows of poverty and chastity, and committed himself to evangelize the pagans. He was a great missionary who preached in Goa, South East Asia, and Japan – where he landed in 1549. He learned Japanese and formed a church that endured long drawn-out persecution. Died while on his way from Goa to China, in 1552. Patron of foreign missions.

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>

Titipounamu Study and Joy Online Sessions

Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees with Beate Matthies

Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

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

**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

Liturgical Ministers of Welcome, Word and Holy Communion will be commissioned at this weekend's Masses. Please think about signing up for one of these Ministries, so that this service can be shared more widely.

Other Rosters

Flowers

25/11 Elizabeth Light

2/12 Leslee Burttton

Church Cleaning

26/11 Emma Mackie-Watts

2/12 Moata'ane family

Counters

27/10 Kate K & John Knight

3/12 Elizabeth & Alan

Hospitality

27/11 St Leo's Fair

3/12 Francisca