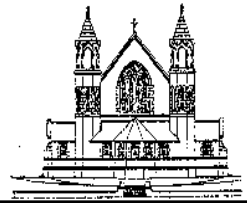




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4TH DECEMBER 2022

Explaining the tradition of the Advent Wreath

The circle, a line which never ends, is symbolic of the infinite love of God. Greenery, especially in the northern hemisphere, where it is winter, and nature seems dead, symbolises resurrection and eternal life. Here, in the early days of summer, that resurrection in nature is under way, and a dash of colour can be added. Our harakeke woven mats symbolise our connection to te ao Maori.

We light one candle on the first Sunday of Advent, and this is called the candle of Hope **Tūmanako**, or sometimes the candle of prophecy. We light two candles on the second Sunday of Advent, and this is called the candle of Peace, **Rangimarie**. The angels sang about

peace on earth. We light three candles on the third Sunday of Advent, and this is called the candle of Joy **Harikoa**.

The angels told the shepherds that Jesus birth was joyful news for everybody. The fourth candle is called the candle of Love, **Aroha**. God so loved the world, that

Jesus, son of God, became son of Mary, God with us, Emmanuel.



Nine Lessons and Carols.

Members of our choir are joining with the Anglican choir at Holy Trinity in Devonport this Sunday, December 4th at 7 pm in this beautiful Advent tradition. The choir is 45 strong and will be singing 5 wonderful pieces together with 7 congregational carols.

Please come and join in this ecumenical event, and bring your friends along.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite II during Advent:

- 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

Mass Times for Christmas:

Saturday 24th December: Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Solemnity of the Nativity 9 pm
Carols from 8.30 pm

Sunday 25th December: 9.30 a.m.

Christmas is a time to reach out to friends—bring them along with you to celebrate joyfully the birth of Jesus.

Change to Weekday Mass times from Dec 8th

Attendance at the Thursday 9 a.m. Mass has been dwindling for some time—sometimes to only 1. This coming Thursday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, will be the last Thursday Mass for the year. Mass times will be reviewed in February.

From the Liturgy Centre: New Zealand Liturgical Calendars—whole circle of Year A

Due to overwhelming demand, we have been able to reprint our New Zealand Liturgical Calendars.

They are available to order via <https://form.iotform.co/93346356565870>

Large Laminated \$20 each Small \$2 each

Just as the first Sunday of Advent contained a hint of the Easter mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, the second Sunday evokes the gift of the Spirit whose outpouring on humanity is celebrated at Pentecost. In words that have found their way into the Rite of Confirmation, the prophet Isaiah speaks of one who is endowed with the Spirit of the Lord. This servant of God will herald a new creation in harmony and peace.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Our Baptism With The Holy Spirit And Fire*

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

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

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT *11 December The Joy Of Expectancy*

Isaiah 35:1-6,10 God himself is coming to save you.

Psalms 146: Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

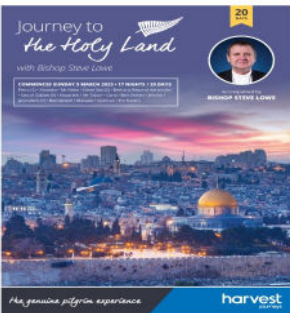
Ministries	Sat 3rd December	Sun 4th December
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Liz McMaster Shaun Erasmuson	Mary Lyttleton Ben Upton
Communion:	Denise Ross	Kate Casey
Ministries	Sat 10th December	Sun 11th December
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Robert Mannion Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Gerard Dobbs Kate Kearins
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Iain Gillies

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

The meeting for the **Senior Coffee group** will be Thursday 8th December 10 am at 2 Patuone Ave. Bring a plate please - Christmas theme .

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.



Journey to the Holy Land with Bishop Steve Lowe
20 days from 15 March 2023. See poster in foyer for details.

Update from PPC: A/V project. In the process of obtaining quotes from 2 firms for either 1 or 2 TV screens. Because we took the time to explore options it is unlikely to be completed by Christmas, but it is important to spend the money on the best solution. Watch this space!

Community Carols: Thurs 15 December

The Christian Churches of Devonport invite everyone to a celebration at the Methodist Church, Owens Road. There will be family time with activities from 6pm, and our parish will be providing icecreams. See Stephen if you can help with distribution.
Carols commence at 7pm. All welcome.

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

MASS & TAONGA BLESSING – SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022 at 2PM at HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL and TE KAMAKA WHARENUI

You are invited as a member of our community of faith and Hato Petera Whānau to celebrate Mass and in recognition of the return of taonga – relics and images of Hāto Petera formerly held in the school administration block. Whare Karakia, 103 College Road, Northcote | Celebrated by Bishop Steven Lowe and assisted by Auckland Diocese Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley

The Mass unites our community from across the motu and will be an opportunity to mark the end of a year ahead of Christmas.

The recently launched autobiography of the late Tā Toby Curtis will also be available.

For any further questions or discussions contact: Manuel Beazley – Diocesan Vicar for Māori: 027 808 8969, ManuelB@cda.org.nz | Lance O'Sullivan – lance@maihealth.nz

Come sing with us our Christmas prayers. On **Thursday 8 December at 2pm** in the chapel of St Benedicts Bishop Steve will pray the Mass of Christmas day which will be filmed for broadcast on Shine TV. We would deeply appreciate a good congregation so... please consider joining us and adding your prayers and voices.

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** met on Saturday 26 November. Their newsletter is available for everyone to read on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

WYD23 Fundraiser: Private Screening of Avatar 2 (Rated M), 18th December 2022 2pm, Midcity Hoyts Cinemas \$20 per ticket includes entry, ice-cream, popcorn, drink and sweets. Email mdmwydmovie@gmail.com or ph Paula 021827225.

Catholic charity NPH New Zealand offers a range of Christmas Gifts which help vulnerable children and families in Latin America. E-cards and Gift Certificates available. More info at www.nph-nz.org

Ruth Miller Scholarship for 2023 study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College close Monday 12 Dec. Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz.

St Leo's news from Vimi Chandra, Principal Learning in St Patrick

Last week we shared how attending Mass brings St Clare's children closer to Jesus. This week St Patrick's have shared what they know about a Liturgy. Here are some things they have said: "A liturgy involves saints and kind people" "Once our school went out on the big field for the Saint Patrick liturgy and we got cookies" "It makes you more faithful" "A liturgy is like Ash Wednesday" "You pray and give thanks to God"

School Fair

Despite the unfavourable weather, we had a fantastic fair on Sunday. It was great to see so many people supporting our wonderful school. Without the support of the PTFA, whanau, parish and community this would not have been possible. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the fair and made this a successful event.



Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland, is seeking a part-time qualified chef for 25-hours per week over 5-days (Sundays being one of those days). Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule. The successful applicant will be required term time only (x30 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 11 December 2022.

Feast Days in the First Week of Advent

- **Tue 6 Dec:** Optional for **St Nicholas, bishop**. Bishop of Myra in Lycia in the 3rd century. Very little is known in fact of his life, though a great tradition has grown around him and popular devotion to him from early times. It's said that his incorrupt body exuded the odour of myrrh with healing property. Stories of his generosity led to a tradition of giving gifts in his name at Christmas time, hence his association with the season.
- **Wed 7 Dec:** Memorial for **St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born 339 at Trier, practiced in Roman law-courts and appointed to office in Milan. While still a catechumen was elected Bishop of Milan by the laity – hesitated to accept, but was baptized, ordained and studied theology, became famous as a preacher & defender of the faith. He received St Augustine into the Church. He fought paganism and protected the Church against political power.
- **Thu 8 Dec:** Solemnity for **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. (Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38).
- **Fri 9 Dec:** Optional for **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**, to whom Our Lady appeared on this day in 1531 at Guadalupe, leaving a miraculous image on his cloak.



In the Communion of Saints, we pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dec 03: Tony Pearce 1984, Kathleen Sandford 1994

Dec 04: Msgr Alfred Huia Hyde 1985, Keith Hooper 2020; Nola Hendry 2021

Dec 05: Valda Murphy 2002, Alvin Josef 2008

Dec 07: Charles Old 1985, Gwendolyn Brown 2004

Dec 08: Robert Fullerton 1979

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 Secretary: Kathleen Petrie

St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 www.stleos.school.nz

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

Thursday Dec 8th: Immaculate Conception 9 a.m.

Saturday 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday after 9 am Mass

As well as Liturgical Ministers of Welcome, Word and Communion, **we are still looking for people** to add to the rosters below, beginning in February next year. Can you offer your time and talent in this way?

Other Rosters

Flowers

2/12 Leslee Burton

9/12 Margaret Pereira

Church Cleaning

2/12 Moata'ane family

16/12 Dobbs family

Counters

4/12 Elizabeth & Alan

11/12 Maria & Jeremy

Hospitality

4/12 Yem

11/12 Pauline