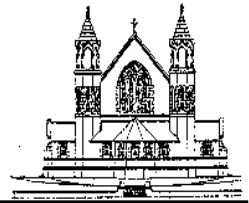




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 22, 2023

Happy New Year to all Parishioners, Families and Friends! Welcome back to the first part of Ordinary Time in 2023.

In today's Gospel we hear about the call of two sets of brothers, Andrew and Peter, James and John to follow Jesus. He calls them to enter a new relationship with God by undergoing a change of heart. They respond by leaving their ordinary occupations and redirecting their lives to a new way of service to bring about the realm, or kingdom, of God, in their midst. That realm is in our midst today. It is near us in every interaction with another person, in the wonders of creation that surround us, in the summertime light that moves us forward each day. It is hope in difficult times.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet for the first time this year next week. We have ongoing business to attend to, but we would welcome your input as to the pastoral needs of the parish. You can drop us a line through the website or by email (see back page) or have a chat to one of the members whose photos are in the foyer. Like the Corinthian community, we will sometimes want to choose different directions on important issues, yet St Paul reminds us that it is Christ who holds us together, and it is from our unity in Christ that we will move forward and proclaim the kingdom. (content adapted from 2023 Sourcebook, Liturgy Training Publications)



MAKING CHRIST'S CHURCH HERE IN 2023
We love our Church, with all her limitations and her riches too. She is our Mother, and we respect her, and while we do so, we dream that she will never lose her beauty.

May she be a Church which listens before speaking, which welcomes before judging, which forgives without wishing to condemn, which announces rather than denounces. A Church of mercy.

May she be a Church where the Holy Spirit will be able to feel at home, because everything hasn't been foreseen, settled and decided in advance. An open Church. A Church of which people will say : not "see how well organized they are", but "see how they love one another."

Church of Devonport. You may be small but you're making progress. You are still fragile, but you are full of hope. Lift up your head and look: the Lord is with you.

“The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light”. These same prophetic words of Isaiah that we heard at the Christmas Midnight Mass we hear again today as Jesus sets off on his mission of preaching and healing; and we begin our journey through Matthew’s gospel.

THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *Jesus, The Light Of The World*

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.

Psalms 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Matthew 4:12-23 He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophesy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *29 January Our Nothingness*

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Psalms 146: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1Cor 1:26-31 God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Matthew 5:1-12 How happy are the poor in spirit.

Ministries	Sat 21 January	Sun 22 January
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Shaun Erasmuson Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Ben Upton Nevil Gibson
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Iain Gillies
Ministries	Sat 28 January	Sun 29 January
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Steve Burke Judith Priddy	Vanessa Baldy Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Maryanne Offner

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

**2023 Columban Calendars
\$12 each**

One or two still available from
church door or parish office.

Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings—Prayer resources

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/When-I-say-i-am-a-Christian.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/3RD-SUNDAY-OF-OT.pdf>

Titipounamu Study & Joy Online

Genesis – In the Beginning...

Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.
Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Part 2: The Creation of

Adam (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

For some inspiring alternative reading,
Tui Motu Interislands Magazine has many
articles online: www.tuimotu.org

There are also a few copies left of the Christmas
Bulletin on the table at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your Christmas Offerings,
which go to the Diocese for the benefit of
our priests:

Christmas 2022: \$915.00

Christmas 2021: \$739.00

Diocesan News

NZ speaking tour on Palestine by Brother Peter Bray FSC, Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University

Br Peter has been invited by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference for a speaking tour of the six dioceses between 24 January and 9 February.

[Br Peter](#) moved from Wellington to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, in 2008 to take up the vice-chancellor role. His work as a teacher and education consultant has taken him around the world.

Bethlehem University was founded by Br Peter's De la Salle Bothers in 1973. It was the first registered university established in the Occupied West Bank territory of Palestine and is the only Catholic university in the Holy Land. It currently has 3259 students (Muslim and Christian), 17,282 graduates and 214 faculty members. It celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year.

Br Peter's speaking tour follow the New Zealand Catholic bishops publishing a statement last July urging action to solve the decades-old Israel-Palestine issue.

Diocese of Auckland

Wednesday, 8 February, 7pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

In preparation for his speaking tour, Br Peter has made three videos based on his daily work with Palestinians and Palestinian students at Bethlehem University. The videos are online here: <https://www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977>

The bishops' statement on Palestine is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/end-palestinian-suffering/>

Come. Follow me. Who, Me? Yes, definitely You!

The vibrancy of our Parish life depends on each one of us. We can choose, as Fr Neil pointed out in the Christmas bulletin, to make the shift to being net contributors rather than net consumers. We are a small parish which chose, several years ago, to remain as a faith community in Devonport rather than be amalgamated into a bigger parish, but many of the same activities have to be carried out. Some of these lapsed as a result of COVID in the last three years. As we gear up for a new year, can you please think about the personal gifts and talents you have to offer in one of the following roles, all of which will be supported by existing volunteers.

- Liturgical Ministers of Welcome, Word and Eucharist
- Children's Liturgy
- Hospitality Group Sunday mornings
- Altar servers training and roster
- Flower Group
- Fortnightly Church cleaning
- Sacristan duties
- Collection counters Sunday morning

The more people to share these activities, the less often each person has to be involved!

SCRIPTURE STUDY IN LENT.

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb 22 - just a month away. Feedback last year indicated parishioners wanted more formation and discussion about Scripture.

These could be in the Take1 format, which is self-organised by those taking part, or in a small guided group led by Fr Neil. Which would you prefer? Sign-up forms will be available from next week

Feast Days in the Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 24 Jan:** Memorial for **St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Bishop of Geneva at the time of Calvin, he strove for the renewal of the faith. His "Introduction to the Devout Life" is a classic of spiritual direction, and is still read. He died on 28 Dec 1622, at the age of 55. Patron saint of journalists. **Patron of our parish.**
- **Wed 25 Jan:** Feast for **The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**. This day celebrates Paul's encounter with Jesus, in a blinding light, on the road to Damascus which so radically changed him. See Act 9:1-22 or Acts 22:3-16.
- **Thu 26 Jan:** Memorial for **St Timothy and St Titus**, bishops. Disciples and co-workers of St Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his travels. He was in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was Paul's messenger to various Christian communities where disputes arose, and he was in charge of the Church at Crete. To these two Paul wrote his pastoral letters.
- **Fri 27 Jan:** Optional for **St Angela Merici, virgin**. Born at Desenzano, near Brescia, 1470. Saw her task as the formation of Christian women: in 1535 founded institute of Ursulines, devoted to education of poor girls, and to the missions. She died in 1540.
- **Sat 28 Jan:** Memorial for **St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church**. Born about 1225.

Let us pray for all those who have died, and especially for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jan 21: Alexander Geelan de Kabath 1991, Maxwell Campbell 1996

Jan 22: Laurence Coleman 1924

Jan 23: Mario Dell'Isola 1999

Jan 24: Laura Nelson 1985

Jan 25: Shane O'Neill 1913, Annollia Johnson 1978

Jan 26: May Harris 1971

Jan 27: June Kennedy-Good 2008

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen.*

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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

Vigil Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Weekday Masses this coming week

Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon, Saturday 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday after 9 am Mass

Other Rosters

Flowers

20/01 Sue Story

27/01 Gayle Kalaugher

Church Cleaning

27/01 Anne Feeney

10/02 Elaine and Les

Counters

22/01 Maria & Jeremy

29/01 Shyrelle & Brian

Hospitality

22/01 Sue

29/01 Kate Casey

Current rosters are expiring, or have expired. Please see notice on Page 3 of this newsletter about volunteering your time and talent for the good of the Parish.