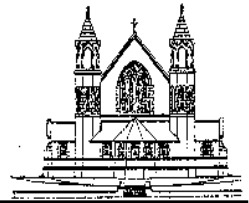




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St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 29TH, 2023



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Blessed are the  
poor in spirit; the  
kingdom of  
heaven is theirs!

How do I bring the  
attitudes of  
following Jesus to  
life in what I do  
and say?

**Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on Feb 22.**

- Please bring along palms from last year to be burned to make ashes, over the next 3 weekends.
- Deepen your preparation for Easter by signing up for a regular Scripture study group. See sign-up sheets at the back of the Church or talk to Kath 445 0078, email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz



The  
latest  
issue  
in your  
church  
Sunday  
Jan. 29

**\$4**

Update on A/V System: after the Christmas pause, almost \$15,000 has been raised to date. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed. A second set of options has been provided and the Project Group is in the process of examining these against the budget. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation AV system in BNZ account 02-0100-0120958-16.

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Our Nothingness*

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

**Psalms 145: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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

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

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

5 Feb

*Christ's Church: A Light In The Darkness*

**Isaiah 58:7-10** Then will your light shine like the dawn.

**Psalms 111: The good person is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5** During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.

**Matthew 5:13-16** You are the light of the world.

**Ministries Sat 28 January**  
Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom  
Readers: Steve Burke  
Judith Priddy  
Communion: Kit Isidro

**Ministries Sat 4 February**  
Welcome: Kath Petrie  
Readers: Liz McMaster  
Robert Mannion  
Communion: Denise Ross

**Sun 29 January**  
Linda Lampen-Smith  
Vanessa Baldy  
Kate Kearins  
Maryanne Offner

**Sun 5 February**  
Anne Gibson  
Ben Upton  
Yem Braid  
Pauline Baker

**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/Fourth-SUNDAY-OF-OT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/THE-HOMELESS-PERSON.pdf>

### **Abundant Life Here and Now - Invitation From Ponsonby-Herne Bay Parish**

An Invitation to begin the work and study year with a deepened appreciation of the presence and action of Jesus Christ, God-with-us, in every moment of the year ahead.

These sessions will be led by Fr. John O'Connor (National Liturgy Office and [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)) who will use the scriptures of the day as a starting point for encountering Jesus Christ in the reality of our lives. Each of the sessions stands alone, come to one or two or all as your time allows.

#### **Wednesday 1 February 2023**

Sacred Heart Ponsonby  
5.30pm Mass  
7.30pm – 8.30pm Session

#### **Thursday 2 February 2023**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Herne Bay  
7.30pm Mass followed by session  
8.00pm – 9.00pm

#### **Friday 3 February 2023**

Sacred Heart Ponsonby  
10.00am cuppa followed by session 10.30am – 11.30am  
(Mass 12 noon)

#### **Saturday 4 February 2023**

Sacred Heart Ponsonby  
8.00am Mass followed by reflection on  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9.00 – 10.00 Sacramental Reconciliation

Koha welcome

## Diocesan News

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

**Inner-City Accommodation possibilities** Units for Rent at Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby: Holy Cross Seminary have units available for rent next year, from 06 February 2023 for 1-year. The units are 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom units (1en-suite). All have an internal access double garage, with dedicated space in the garage for indoor washing machine/dryer as well as internal storage. \$730 per week. If interested, please send an email to [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz)

*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!

**KEEN TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE?**



Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

I AM COME  
that they might have  
MORE  
Abundantly

Check our website: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) for more details on these positions:

- Chancellor for Bishop's Office
- Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer
- Project Manager - Property Maintenance Delivery, Education
- Social Workers - 2 roles - graduates welcome

**MISSION MAP**  
*Wataiwhiri*

**Working together in Faith to help save the environment.** 12 February 11.00am meet at Mayfield Park, Hills Road, Otara. Tikkun HaYam, The Auckland Interfaith Council (AIFC) and Youth Leadership Council (YLC / LinkedIn) are joining forces to take action on the environment. An invitation to join in as people of faith.

## **Feast Days in the Fourth Week Ordinary Time**

- **Tues 31 Jan**: Memorial for **St John Bosco, priest**. Born in Turin in 1815 and brought up in poverty. Devoted his life to the education of working youth. Founded religious congregations – the Salesian Order (inspired by the life and work of Francis de Sales), and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians – to carry on his ideals.
- **Thu 2 Feb**: Feast of **The Presentation of the Lord**. Also known as “**Candlemas Day**” — Candles are blessed and carried in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people. This is a Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.
- **Fri 3 Feb**: Optional for **St Blaise, bishop & martyr**. Bishop of Sivas in Armenia in the fourth century. Patron saint of throat illnesses, and of wild animals.
- **Fri 3 Feb**: Optional for **St Ansgar, bishop**. Born in France 801, became a monk and in 826 set out to preach gospel in Denmark and then Sweden. Made bishop of Hamburg & papal legate to Denmark & Sweden by Gregory IV. Died in 865.

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

**Dec 30:** Antonio John Martin 1985, Richard Lee 2010, Patrick McHugh 2014, Jacob Gunnell 2022

**Jan 28:** Daniel Murphy 1979, Annie Halsey 2004

**Jan 29:** Joseph Kirk 1954, Mary Wright 2003

**Jan 30:** Roland Magness 1922, Allan Wilson 1987, John McHugh 2015

**Jan 31:** Donovan 1887

**Feb 1:** Barry Drake 1987, Ronald Mewa 2002

**Feb 2:** Henry Gallagher 1929 Colleen Gill 1983

**Feb 3:** Bob Caldwell 2013



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**Pastoral Assistant:** Stephen Bell

**Parish Secretary:** Kathleen Petrie

**Parish Bank Account: BNZ 02-0100-0120958-16**

**St Leo's Catholic School:** (09) 445-9339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://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**

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**

27/01 Gayle Kalaugher

02/02 Margaret Pereira

#### **Church Cleaning**

27/01 Anne Feeney

10/02 Elaine and Les

#### **Counters**

29/01 Shyrelle & Brian

04/02 Denise & Karl

#### **Hospitality**

29/01 Kate Casey

04/02 Yem

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.