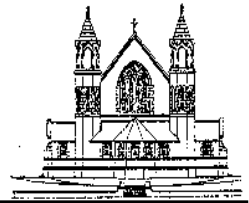




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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 12TH, 2023

**Back to school.**

After a shaky start, due to flooding, Auckland students are now embarked on the 2023 school year. The start of the year has also seen a political shake-up, and this affects the role of political advocacy played by the **New Zealand Catholic Schools' Office.**

**From their newsletter:**

*The recent resignation of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was the first significant announcement of the New Year that will impact on the state integrated school sector. Whatever your political views and opinions on this Labour government, the role of Prime Minister is a challenging one that requires personal sacrifice and utter commitment to carry out effectively. (We) therefore want to thank Prime Minister Ardern for her service to the country and for her part in navigating the country through a number of serious challenges. It is not a role for the faint hearted and we wish her well and hope that she enjoys more time with her whānau while she reassesses her future. Ngā mihi nui me te aroha nui.*

*Education Minister Chris Hipkins has now been appointed the 41st Prime Minister of New Zealand and ... we have met the now Minister of Education Jan Tinetti before Christmas. Minister Tinetti was very welcoming and has agreed to meet with our organisation on a regular cycle in 2023. Her understanding of the state integrated sector will be a real benefit as our sector continues to navigate a range of challenges including changing values in our society.*

There are 65,600 students in NZ Catholic schools, 8.1% of total student population.

**Informing our Faith**

When we leave school, there is a danger that our education in faith can also come to an end. Yet there are a number of avenues open to us as adults for consistent updating on matters of faith. Among these are:

- *Tui Motu InterIsland* magazine — the independent, Catholic, monthly, founded in 1997 in New Zealand by the Dominican Sisters, the Dominican Friars and the Sisters of St Joseph. Subscribe online <https://tuimotu.org> \$73.50 yearly or sign-up at the back of the church today.
- Food for Faith [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz). daily reflections over the Advent & Lenten seasons, daily Lectio Divina, or the weekly Homily Studio. Free sign up, funded by donation.
- NZ Catholic. Issues \$4 per fortnight available at the Church door or subscribe <https://nzcatholic.org.nz>
- CathNews New Zealand. Free sign up for twice-weekly emails with news and opinion from NZ and around the world. <https://cathnews.co.nz>



St Francis de Sales, patron saint of Journalists, faith-writer

Gospel living is uncompromising and calls for complete integrity of life. It is not enough to be outwardly good and religious; our inmost thought and feelings must be thoroughly purified as well. This teaching of Jesus is complemented today by wisdom ancient and new. The author of Ecclesiasticus invites us to choose between life and death, and Paul offers the Corinthians the mysterious wisdom that is now revealed by the Spirit who alone knows the depths of God. Together they offer encouragement.

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** — WORLD MARRIAGE DAY *The Law Of Christ*

**Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20** He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**Psalms 119: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**1Corinthians 2:6-10** God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

**Matthew 5:17-35** You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *19 Feb The Lord Is Compassion And Love*

**Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18** You must love your neighbour as yourself.

**Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**1Corinthians 3:16-23** All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**Matthew 5:38-48** Love your enemies.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 11 February</b>	<b>Sun 12 February</b>
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Robert Mannion	Gerard Dobbs
		Vanessa Baldey
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Iain Gillies
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 18 February</b>	<b>Sun 19 February</b>
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Sarah Sparks
	Liz McMaster	John Knight
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Adrienne Ramskill

**Rosary Prayer Group** meet  
6pm Mondays in the Church.

**Meditation /Contemplative  
Prayer Group** 6.30pm Mon-  
days Parish Meeting Room.

**North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women**

First meeting of 2023. Wed 15th Feb 7.30 Holy Mass followed by a cuppa at St Thomas More Catholic Church Hall 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Contact Sylvia for information. 021 088 22990. All welcome.



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

**Feb 12:** Kim Bronlund 1983

**Feb 13:** Thomas Weight 1944, Mollie Farrell 2003

**Feb 14:** Thomas Harkins 1929, Eric Charnley 2011, Ian Grant 2012

**Feb 15:** Philip Carrigan 2000, Frances Jagusch 2008

**Feb 18:** Emily Hughes 1941, Margaret Clark 1949, Ivy Sotheran 2012, Toni Laloli 2017



**OPEN DAY TOURS – Wed 1/3 and Thurs 2/3**

**BOOKINGS** online **REQUIRED** (opening 9.00am Monday 20 Feb) Tour times: 9, 10 and 11.30am

Book at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol)

Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 27 Feb

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2024** and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 17 March,

**St Paul's College Open Day Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm.** Enrolments for Yrs 7,8 and 9 in 2024. Limited places available at other levels.

## From the Diocese.

### Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and

**Syria.** We join the rest of the global community in shock and horror reading about the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We pray that the love of God maybe seen in the care and concern of the international family in responding to their needs. Caritas are in contact with partners on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs at this time. They are also accepting donations for this <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

### Caring Foundation Emergency Flood Response

**Appeal** Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. The Caring Foundation will be accepting donations to help Catholic agencies in the diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods.

Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> so that assistance can get to families quickly

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland presents, “**A journey through History**”. (see poster in church foyer) Over two Saturdays, we will walk through the journey of our salvation history, exploring biblical milestones from Genesis to Revelation. 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Saturday, 4 March & 11 March 2023. POMPALLIER DIOCESAN CENTRE - 30 NEW ST – PONSONBY. Please Register By 28th February 2023 To Deacon Steve on [Stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:Stephenf@cda.org.nz) Or Engelbert on [englebert.dsouza@yahoo.com](mailto:englebert.dsouza@yahoo.com)

Living on the Wings of the Spirit - **Explore and learn about your faith** so that you can integrate and share it with others. An afternoon session of formation in faith on Wings Nga Parirau to be held at: Pompallier Diocesan Centre – 30 New St – Ponsonby, Sunday 26th February 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. Afternoon refreshments provided. Please RSVP to [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) or 021 261 2189. More information at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/living-on-the-wings-of-the-spirit/>

## From St. Leo's Catholic School

Nga mihi nui kia koutou and a warm St Leo's greeting to you all

It is really great to be back after the school holidays. We are looking forward to another exciting term ahead. Term 1 is always a busy time of the year with our school open day planned, family picnic, trip to St Patrick's Cathedral and meet the teacher conferences organised. We also have students attending sports events which is always a highlight of the school.

### New Children

We welcomed Nathaniel Hay to St Catherine's this term.

### Spirituality Teacher Only Days

Two weeks ago our teachers came together for Professional Development days. Margaret Fitzpatrick from Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute facilitated a two day workshop on Spirituality for Teachers. It was rewarding to learn about Catholic Spirituality and prayer.

### Welcome Back to Liturgy

Today we celebrated our first liturgy to welcome the students back to school. Our theme was 'Aroha', one of the school's Mercy values. The students reminded us what aroha looks like at St Leo's: *"Aroha is being kind to others and looking after each other"*.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra  
Principal

## Go Forward in Hope International Pro-Life & Family Conference – Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 March, Auckland.

Be informed, inspired, and equipped to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Life and counter the sexual revolution with compassion. Featuring thirteen international and local speakers passionate about their areas of expertise in pro-life and family issues - including Gianna Emanuela Molla, the daughter of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. For more information and to register visit [fli.org.nz/conference2023](http://fli.org.nz/conference2023) or Michelle Kaufman 027 526 1199.

### Feast Days in the Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 14 Feb:** Memorial for **Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop.** Cyril and Methodius were brothers, born in Salonika about 825 and educated at Constantinople. They translated the bible, and liturgical texts, into the Slavonic language. Cyril died in Rome this day in 869. Methodius was made bishop and spent many years preaching in Hungary, despite resistance and hostility. He died in 885.
- **Fri 17 Feb:** Optional for **The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.** Seven laymen of the city of Florence in the mid-13th Century, renounced the world and lived as hermits on Monte Senario. They had a particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; they spent themselves in the care of others and in preaching throughout Tuscany. The Order of Servites was founded by those who came to follow them: first recognized in 1304.

Prayer resources for children and parents:

Sixth Sunday - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Sixth-SUNDAY-OF-OT.pdf>

Love What Matters - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/LoveWhatMatters.pdf>

### World Marriage Sunday: 12 February 2023

#### **Pope Francis “All true marriages are a gift from God.”**

According to Christian revelation, marriage is more than a ceremony or social event; it is not a mere formality or an abstract ideal, but instead “is a reality with its own precise consistency.” All true marriages, even non-sacramental marriages, are a gift from God to the spouses. Today we celebrate with those who have been married for many years; we pray for those whose marriages have broken down, and for those who are struggling in their relationships, looking to find the ways they have been blessed. We remember too those whose spouses have died.

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**Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell**

**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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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**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday after 9 am Mass

#### Other Rosters

##### Flowers

10/02 Leslee Burtton

17/02 Margaret

##### Church Cleaning

17/02 Kate and Annie

24/02 Emma Mackie-Watts

##### Counters

12/02 Kate Kearins &

John Knight

19/02 Maria and Jeremy

Fleming

##### Hospitality

12/02 Mia and Gerard

19/02 Pauline