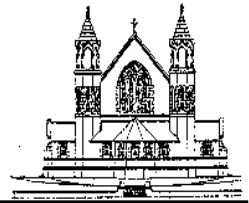




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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 4TH, 2023



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.

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

The next meeting for the **Senior coffee group** will be Thursday 9 th February. 10am at 2 Patuone Ave , hopefully sitting outside enjoying better summer. weather. Phone Kathy 4451645 or 0212124914 for information. All welcome.

Apologies for the late delivery of NZ Catholic, which meant it was not available last weekend. Please pick up a copy today.

From Matthew's gospel over the next four weeks we will hear extracts from the Sermon on the Mount. It is generally accepted that Matthew shaped much of his gospel around five 'speeches', which appear to parallel the five books of the Torah attributed to Moses. Jesus, Matthew suggests, is a new Moses who offers teaching that both fulfils and goes far beyond the original Torah.

5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Christ's Church: A Light In The Darkness

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

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

1Corinthians 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.

6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12 Feb The Law Of Christ

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

Psalm 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.

Ministries Sat 4 February

Welcome: Kath Petrie
Readers: Liz McMaster
Robert Mannion

Communion: Denise Ross

Ministries Sat 11 February

Welcome: Kath Petrie
Readers: Robert Mannion

Communion: Kit Isidro

Sun 5 February

Anne Gibson
Ben Upton
Yem Braid

Pauline Baker

Sun 12 February

Karen Rawlinson
Gerard Dobbs
Vanessa Baldey
Iain Gillies

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. 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 4: Emily Hobdell 1979, Dorothy Sherry 2007, Eileen Crawford 2008

Feb 5: Timothy O'Connor 1936, Clifford Hayson 1949

Feb 6: Rose Smythe 1939, Margaret Redmond 1957, Linda Tierney 2012

Feb 9: Margaret Walsh 1948, John Curtayne 1978
Albert Moore 1978, John Walsh 1993

Feb 10: Leo Hogan 1925, Edward Duxfield 1975, Neeltje Hillenaar de Graaf 2019

Feb 11: Christopher Whelan 1982, Andrew McAlpine 1993
Dominic Sumicz-Clark 2000

You may remember Sue Story's Mission Testimony last year about **FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** based on salvaged and donated food. Takapuna Methodist Church have started their monthly community meals for 2022-2023. They need volunteers from the community who help with the meal, chopping vegetables, setting up the space and leafletting. They also need someone to tow the mobile kitchen from Bayswater Marina to the event on Feb 25th at Northcote Citizen's Hall and set up the portable generator. Training would be provided. Other needs— people with cooking experience, who could help with the logistical side of cooking the meal, i.e. hands on cooking, timing of dishes, etc.
For more info. phone 4894590 or email communitymatters@takapunamethodist.org.nz

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>

Mass for the Deaf 12 February - 12 noon in the Poynton Room (please come to the back entrance) Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby the monthly Mass for the Deaf (NZSL) followed by a shared lunch – please bring a plate

Diocesan Vacancies The diocese currently has a number of staff vacancies

- Chancellor for the Bishop's Office
- Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer.
- Project Manager – Property Maintenance Delivery, Education
- Social Workers – 2 Roles in Catholic Social Services Auckland – new graduates welcome.

For detailed information including closing dates and application procedures please access the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

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.

Salt of the Earth and Light of the World....?

This is a reminder that we are looking for more people to serve in those Ministries which keep us together as a worshipping community, and deal with some of the practical aspects of parish life. Support will be offered, so please don't think you'll be coping on your own. We need:

- 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!

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

For more info/dates and to book www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is this Sun 4 Feb 2pm - 4pm (Free)

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Wed 22 Feb | Thu 23 Mar | Tue 18 Apr

24Hr Quietude – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accomm + food) Mar 17th/18th | Jul 7th/8th

Weekend Cook @ St Francis - We are looking for an experienced cook to work weekends and to help out in our kitchen. Contact Sam kitchen@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz for info.

Feast Days in the Fifth Week Ordinary Time

- **Mon 6 Feb: Waitangi Day.**
- **Tues 7 Feb:** Memorial for **St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs.** Paul was the son of a Japanese military leader. Educated by the Jesuits and himself joined the Order in 1580, becoming known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified, along with 25 other Catholics, at Nagasaki on 5 Feb. 1597 during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotoni Hideyoshi, in the name of the Emperor. They were canonized in 1862 as the Martyrs of Japan.
- **Wed 8 Feb:** Optional for **St Josephine Bakhita.** Born in the Sudan in 1869; kidnapped into slavery at an early age; taken to Italy by a good family where, in response to God's grace, entered the Daughters of Charity, where everyone still calls her "Mother Moretta" (our Black Mother). She died 8 Feb 1947 at the Canossian convent in Schio. Canonized in 2000.
- **Wed 8 Feb:** Optional for **St Jerome Emiliani.** Born in 1486, at Venice. Began life as a soldier, but was converted to Christ and gave all his possessions to the poor and devoted his life to serving them. Founded the Order of Clerks Regular known as the Somaschi. He died of the plague in 1537.
- **Fri 10 Feb:** Memorial for **St Scholastica, virgin.** Born at Norcia in Umbria in the late 5th Century, the sister of St Benedict. She consecrated herself to God in early childhood, and lived near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino.
- **Sat 11 Feb:** Optional for **Our Lady of Lourdes.** The appearance of the Immaculate Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 near Lourdes in France was a call to penance and prayer, which has

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Parents: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/The-Teacup-Story.pdf>

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Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie

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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

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

10/02 Elaine and Les

17/02 Kate and Annie

Counters

05/02 Denise & Karl

12/02 Kate Kearins &
John Knight

Hospitality

05/02 Fiona Brunton

12/02 Mia and Gerard