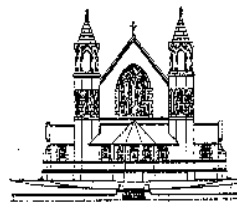




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23RD, 2023



In my place no matter how small I might feel, how can I make a difference, to help bring about the Reign of God?

This Sunday's readings are an invitation to a renewed sense of God and ourselves. After hearing Wisdom's description of God's immensity as the source of God's loving kindness, we listen to Paul's teaching about prayer. In the Gospel knowing that weeds grow in the midst of wheat, Jesus tells us not to worry about failures. God's reign is like the mustard seed — a dynamic that can't be stopped. Basically — God has our back.

**Formation for Ministers of Word
Sunday 6th August 4-5.30pm**

Training/workshop/discussion session for all Readers, followed by a Wine and Cheese social time.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible.

**Day of Prayer for
Grandparents and the Elderly**

Today is the third world day of prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50)

From Pope Francis' message for today:

"[The] Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."

Copies of the message available on table at church door, or at this link: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaagio-nonni-anziani.html>



Jesus invites us on a journey of discovery when he begins “the kingdom of heaven is like ...”. No parable offers a logical or comprehensive description of the kingdom, but neither are we led astray into a world of fantasy. Jesus teases and challenges us to see the world in a different way — his way.

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — *The Lord, Our Merciful Judge*

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 After sin you will grant repentance.

Psalms 86: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

Matthew 13:24-43 Let them both grow till the harvest.

17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 30 July *The Treasure We Have Found*

1 Kings 3:5,7-12 You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourselves.

Psalms 119: Lord, I love your commands.

Romans 8:28-30 God intended us to become true images of his Son.

Matthew 13:44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys a field.

Ministries	Sat July 22	Sun July 23
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:		Yem Braid
	Steve Burke	Vanessa Baldey
Communion:	Mila Burke	Kate Casey
Ministries	Sat July 29	Sun July 30
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Damian Wallis	Ben Upton
	Liz McMaster	Kate Kearins
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker

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Family Prayer
Resources: [Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Sixteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Sixteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Jul 23:** John Dykes 1978, Lilian Vieyra 1980
- Jul 24:** Ellen Sheahan 1890, Alice Bowden 1955, Raymond Van Anwerkerk 1959, Archibald (Lofty) Vieyra 1990, Christopher Martin 2012
- Jul 25:** Julia Armiger 1944, Leo Brady 1999
- Jul 26:** John Considine 1913, Ivy Smith 2000
- Jul 27:** Eric Drought 1994, Lilian Cameron 2008
- Jul 28:** Leonard Cameron 1981, Nora Mahony 1981
- Jul 29:** Patricia Reynolds 2001, John Misz 2004

Mondays
Rosary 6pm
Meditation 6.30
Wednesdays
Scripture 7pm
All welcome!

[15 Year Blessing From a Homeless Person](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/A-15-Year-Blessing-From-A-Homeless-Person.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/A-15-Year-Blessing-From-A-Homeless-Person.pdf>

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore
All men are invited to a meeting on **Wed 26 July at 7.30pm** at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. Bishop Colin Campbell - National Chaplain of Joshua will give a talk centered on: **'Towards Understanding the Fatherhood of God and our Human Fatherhood Today'**

We look forward to seeing you there and spending time with you sharing, praying and enjoying a cup of tea. Russell **022 034 5678** for info.

NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN, invite all women to join us as we celebrate 35 years of Dove Fellowship in North Shore. Gathering at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 29th July at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 180 Centreway Road, Orewa. BYO lunch. Mass at 9.30 before meeting starts.

From the Diocese.

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 25-27 August. **The Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 26 JULY. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 evenings www.beginningexperience.org.nz

CARING SUNDAY – 23rd JULY Make an impact this winter and support the Caring Foundation's annual appeal this Caring Sunday. Your gift will support Bishop Steve's foundation to help those in need in the greater Auckland area and Te Tai Tokerau. To donate, please use your parish second collection envelope, or pick up our donate cards in the parish foyer, or check out our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

CARING MASS – 1 AUGUST, 11.30am Please join Bishop Steve and the Foundation team for the Caring Mass on the 1st of August at 11.30am.

Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome!

Maeve & Friends ~ A Farewell Concert St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 29 July at 7 pm.

A concert for Maeve Herd, our Cathedral Choir Director and Cantor. An invitation to music lovers of all ages for an evening of song spanning the operatic, sacred, art song and musical theatre genres. Entry to the concert is free with a retiring cash collection and digital donation options available. Money raised will support Maeve's study at the Royal Northern of Music College in Manchester.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/670604278240381/?ref=newsfeed>

7:30PM FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST
ST LEO'S SCHOOL HALL
FREE NIBBLES & SPOT PRIZES
TABLES OF 8 PEOPLE
THEME YOUR TEAM!
(FANCY DRESS)
Join a mixed team or make your own!
CASH/GETPOS BAR | RAFFLES
TICKETS \$25 (No door sales)
<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz>

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

This week the students made cheese, spinach and macaroni bites. They smelled so good and I was hoping to try out some leftovers. But the tamariki really enjoyed them—no leftovers for me. It is really great that the children are able to harvest vegetables from our garden to use in their cooking. Renee worked in the garden with half the class.

Matariki Celebrations

I am really proud of our students who were able to make it on Saturday last week to perform at Windsor Park. For the last 10 weeks I have also been part of the Te Hau Kapua Kapa Haka group and we finally got to perform too. So much aroha shown by our Devonport whanau.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra



Feast Days in the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 24 Jul:** Optional for **St Sharbel Makhuf, priest**. A Lebanese monk, born in a small mountain village and ordained in 1858. Devoted to the BVM, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer, by the way he lived. Died 1898.
- **Tue 25 Jul: Feast of St James, Apostle.** James was the brother of John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the bringing to life of Jairus' daughter, and at the Transfiguration. Beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about 42 AD.
- **Wed 26 Jul:** Memorial for **Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM**. These names are given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin by a tradition dating back to the second century. As St John Damascene wrote: 'O blessed couple. All creation is in your debt. For through you is presented the noblest of gifts to the creator, namely a spotless mother who alone was worthy for the creator'.
- **Sat 29 Jul:** Memorial for **St Martha**. The sister of Mary and Lazarus; she appears in the Gospel three times — when she receives the Lord into her house and waits on him; at the resurrection of Lazarus, when she proclaims her faith in Jesus, 'Son of the living God'; and in John 12:2, at the meal given to Jesus six days before the Passover.

Winter Justice and Peace Commission Newsletter **Whaia te Tika** available online here:

<http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-for-the-poor/justicepeace> . Hard copy available at back of church. Interesting reading in this Election Year.

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Parish Office Hours: Mon, 9-12.30 Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm
closed Wednesdays

Parish Newsletter: (*Publication Deadline 9am THURS.*)

Masses next weekend

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Masses this week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 9 am Mass

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

21/07 Leslee Burton

28/07 Margaret Pereira

Church Cleaning

21/07 Elaine and Les

4/08 kate and Annie

Counters

23/07 Arthur Whelan & Frances
Downs

30/07 Denise and Karl

Hospitality

23/07 Fiona

30/07 Yem

Altar Servers

23/07 Bella & Chiara Albrecht

30/07 Benjamin and Rosemary
Dobbs

Children's Liturgy Leaders

23/07 Anne Gibson & Anna
Rumble

30/07 Kate Casey and Claire
Gillies