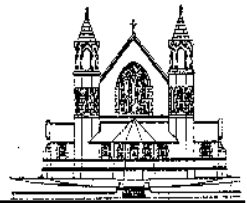




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27TH, 2023



PARISH AGM
Sunday, 27th
August, after
the 9.30 am
Mass in the Hall

Notes from the LITURGY COMMITTEE

- **New Member Joins Group** — The committee has expanded in size by one-third with the addition of Sarah Sparks as a member.
- **Feedback and Suggestions Invited From Parishioners** — With the aim of enhancing and improving our liturgies, your feedback or suggestions are always welcome. The two guiding principles are these: (i) the full, conscious and active participation of all, and (ii) the inculturation of the liturgy for Aotearoa New Zealand.
- **Social Justice Week & Season of Creation** — As we enter into Spring, notions of peace and the stewardship of creation are brought into focus and these themes will be incorporated in our liturgies a bit in coming weeks.

AV Systems upgrade

We are getting very close to our target of \$30K—now at \$22K. Many thanks to all contributors.



Our Columbarium - a place to remember those who have died, and to share our communion with them.

20 people expressed interest in buying a niche for ashes last week, but we need at least 50 to be able to start construction once the Bishop has given permission. Please consider whether this could provide a resting place for you or your family.

The cost per niche is \$3000, but no money is payable at this stage. Contact: Kath in Parish Office or Alan Light 021 1589306

Social Justice Week -3—9 Sept 2023

Each year, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand.

This year the focus is on peace and the need to recognize and grow peace within yourself. Peace is not primarily about doing. It is first of all the art of being. Spend time during the week of 3 to 9 September reflecting on a personal spirituality of peace.

Imagine Peace For All

Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa

For resources and more information visit:

<http://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

The innocent question Jesus puts to his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” quickly becomes personal: “But you, who do you say I am?” It’s a question that has haunted every generation, and it bothers us still. It demands a decision and is unsettling; we are being called to let go of familiar things and venture into a discovery what Jesus means to us.

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *Peter The Rock*

Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder.

Psalms 138: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Romans 11:33-36 All that exists comes from him.

Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *3 Sept Christ Overcomes The Reluctance Of The Flesh*

Jeremiah 20:7-9 The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

Psalms 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Romans 12:1-2 Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Matthew 16:21-27 If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

Ministries	Sat 26 August	Sun 27 August
Welcome:	Natalie Paine	Vimi Chandra
Readers:	Robert Mannion Liz McMaster	James Radford
Communion:	Kitt Isidro	Flo Sapa’u
Ministries	Sat 2 September	Sun 3 September
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Damian Wallis Steve Burke	Mary Lyttleton John Knight
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Flo Sapa’u

Special Collection This Week
Annual appeal to support **Maori Pastoral Care** in the Auckland Diocese takes place during Mass this weekend. Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door, or you may direct credit to the parish account: 02-0108-0706881-00. Be sure to put your name in Details and ‘Maori Care’

Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Aug 27: Catherine Kenny 1938, John Murphy 2003
Aug 28: George Sinclair 1948, Mary Piper 1983
Aug 29: Bernard O’Hara 1959, Kathryn Eddon 1998, Frances Slater 2018
Aug 31: Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977
Sep 01: Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994
Sep 02: William Harris, 1912, John Twomey 2005, Johana (Joan) Lyons 2018

Praying through the week
Mondays Rosary 6pm
Meditation 6.30
Tuesdays Choir Practice 7pm
Wednesdays
Scripture 7pm
 New faces/voices welcome!

Prayers for the Sick.
 Your prayers are requested for Sr Margaret Browne, who is in hospital following a bad fall, and Fr. Chris Brady, who is seriously ill.
Healer of our every ill, wrap them in your loving care. Amen

Pease note change to Parish Office hours: Now every day except Wednesday 9am—12 noon.

NZ Catholic \$4
 The latest issue in your church Sunday Aug. 27

Good Knights
 Knights of the Southern Cross NZ
 Catholicism
 p17

The case for women
 asceticism opened out
 by US academic

Revised Dictionary
 Standard for Australia
 New Zealand

Are these judges? Evangelical & Muslim leaders interviewed

From the Diocese

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. **Poster in foyer.**

For 50 years, **G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together)** has provided for the needs of those with Intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments. Join us to celebrate our golden jubilee. Sunday 17 September, 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

Poster in foyer

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass.

Masterclass 16th September 3:30pm

Auckland Catholic Ministries to Young People is excited to bring you our third Masterclass of 2023, equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. If you're a youth or young adult leader, (or you would consider becoming a Youth Leader for Devonport), we can't wait to have you join us! Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact felicitym@cda.org.nz with any queries.

Unlock the Power of the Holy Spirit. Explore the Charisms of the Holy Spirit and unlock their power for blessing others and building church community. Speaker: Susilo Kentjana. Sept 9th, 9.30am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church hall, Ponsonby. BYO lunch. All welcome. No charge but \$10 koha appreciated. Registration compulsory at bit.ly/unlock-power or on <https://catholiccharismatic.org.nz/>

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

Michael Mangan

On Thursday last week, Michael Mangan visited our school and showcased his amazing songs which we use in our Masses and liturgies. He was so impressed with the children's singing as some of the songs he performed were new and the tamariki had not heard them before. Again thanks to our talented resident musician, Dominic Blazaar!!



Teacher Only Day Brother David Hall

On Monday, the staff were lucky enough to attend a special day with Brother David Hall. He took us on a journey through our own faith formation and Christian spirituality. Brother David Hall spoke about our new RE Curriculum O Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith and The Good News.

*God Bless, Vimi Chandra
Principal*

The annual St Leo's school fair will be held on Sunday 26 November from 11am.

If you can help with :

- Help on a stall on the day of the fair. This can be for part or all of the time.
- Sponsors for our fair (if you are interested in this we can send you the sponsor letters).
- People to make preserves, sweets and cakes.

please contact Renee on 4459339 (during school hours) or email office@stleos.school.nz

Feast Days in the Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 28 Aug:** Memorial for **St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born at Thagaste, Nth Africa 354, Augustine was a brilliant young man whose early life was wild and unsettled. He was converted by the prayers of his mother, and baptized by St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in 387. Returned to Africa and lived an ascetic life. Became Bishop of Hippo. His many writings present a theology and a spirituality that are exceptional, and have had great influence, even today.
- **Tue 29 Aug:** Memorial for **The Passion of St John the Baptist.** (Thess. 4:13-18, Psalm 71, Mark 6:17-29).
- **Fri 1 Sept:** Day of prayer for the **Care of Creation.** The month from 1 Sep to 4 Oct (St Francis of Assisi) is dedicated to awareness and prayer for creation.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Saint Joseph's Takapuna is offering a preparation course for the adult reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The course will be on Thursday evenings at 7pm (7, 14, 21, 28 September 2023). For those interested to participate please contact the parish office 09-4896486, or email pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz

Family Prayer resources for this week — Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Twenty-First-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Being and Breathing <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Being-and-Breathing.pdf>

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Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie

Parish Bank Account: **BNZ 02-0108-0706881-000**

(If making a donation for a specific purpose, please note that as reference e.g. AV)

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St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

Bishop's Reps: Clare Wilde, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon
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 Saturday

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

25/08 Sue Story

1/09 Gayle Kalaugher

Church Cleaning

1/09 Dobbs Family

Counters

27/08 Arthur Whelan & Frances
Downs

3/08 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

27/08 AGM

3/09 Mia Dobbs

Altar Servers

27/08 Bella and Lucetta

3/08 Ben & Rosemary Dobbs

Children's Liturgy Leaders

27/08 Family Mass—No

Children's Liturgy

3/09 Julia Strickett & Claire

Gillies