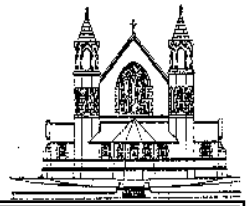




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 6TH, 2023**



**Solemn Feast of the  
ASSUMPTION of the  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
The National Patronal Feast  
for Aotearoa New Zealand.  
**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**12 noon Mass** (with St Leo's  
students)  
**Evening Mass at 7.00pm**

This feast links Mary's unique destiny with her role as the Mother of God. Her privilege is a sign and promise for all the People of God. The Gospel for today is Luke 1:39-59 which includes Mary's jubilant song of praise. It's a mosaic of phrases from the Old Testament and relates in particular to the song of Hannah at her son Samuel's birth. Luke presents Mary bringing to fulfilment the long succession of Israel's "poor in spirit". She gathers their prayers together in one great hymn of blessing we call the Magnificat.

*My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.*

We too magnify the Lord by our prayer and action.



**PARISH AGM**  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>  
August, after  
the 9.30 am  
Mass in the Hall

There will be morning tea. This is also the date of the St Leo's Family Mass and parents are warmly invited to the AGM.

The meeting will be limited to one hour and will include nominations for the Parish Council, information about planning and finances, and opportunity for questions and feedback.

Reports from the various parish groups are available in booklet from this weekend — at the church door, or on the website.

Nominations for Parish Council will be accepted from the floor, or prior to the meeting, contact parish office:

[office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

If you are nominating someone, be sure to ask that person first.

**AV Systems Upgrade.**

**Heartfelt thanks to those parishioners who have donated since last weekend. Our fundraising total now stands at \$18,200. Let's keep going towards our target of \$30,000. Please consider what you can do to make this a reality.**



Choir practices have started again. We welcome Eileen Barrington, from Takapuna parish, as a guest leader. Tuesdays 7pm. New voices most welcome.

Two sets of characters at the end of their tether are presented in the first reading and the gospel: Elijah and the disciples on the lake. Both are in fear of their lives — Elijah is fleeing the king; the disciples are in danger of drowning. Elijah finds God in the gentle wind; the disciples are rescued by Jesus.

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *His Voice That Speaks Of Peace*

**1Kings 19:9,11-13** Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

**Psalm 85:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Romans 9:1-5** I would willingly be condemned if it would help my brothers.

**Matthew 14:22-33** Tell me to come to you across the water.

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *20 Aug Mercy To All People*

**Isaiah 56:1,6-7** I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

**Psalm 67:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**Romans 11:13-15,29-32** With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

**Matthew 15:21-28** Woman, you have great faith .

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 12 August</b>	<b>Sun 13 August</b>	<b>Women in the Bible</b> with Kieran Fenn fms, a Bible scholar of more than 40 years. Mondays 7/14/21 Aug & 4/11/12 Sept. 7-8.30 pm (ZOOM). \$20 per session or \$90 per series includes course material. Register at <a href="http://www.studyjoy.nz">www.studyjoy.nz</a>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson	
<b>Readers:</b>	Liz McMaster Damian Wallis	Sarah Sparks John Knight	
<b>Communion:</b>	Denise Ross	Iain Gillies	
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 19 August</b>	<b>Sun 20 August</b>	
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson	
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Kate Kearins Yem Braid	
<b>Communion:</b>	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker	

*Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:*  
**Aug 13:** William Walters 1946  
**Aug 14:** Louisa Douglas 1942, John Graham 1982  
**Aug 15:** Patrick Malloy 1938, Imelda Sayegh 1959, Rosalina Parungao 2003, Betty McDowall 2003, Jack Johnson 2005  
**Aug 16:** Agnes Jaggs 1979, Colleen Turner 1995  
**Aug 18:** Katherine Wright 1941, Beryl Grant 1999, John Franklin 2009  
**Aug 19:** Adolf Court 1928, Anne Ross 2011, Ella Maher 2014

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

**Prayer for the End of War.** (Ann Gilroy rsj, Editor, [Tui Motu Interislands.](#))

God, you know our hearts and minds and our yearning to bring up our families in peace. May your Spirit work among us so that those mediating for a solution to the Russian-Ukraine war will prevail; that both sides be listened to, agree to conditions for peace and lay down their weapons; that we, from countries of the world, support them to rebuild their lives and homes; that we hold as inviolable that the price of war in death, grief, trauma, destruction and misery is too high; that we choose wise and competent leaders in every nation.  
 Amen

## From the Diocese.

**A special Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child.** Spiritual and psychological healing is necessary after the loss of a child and the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help to facilitate healing and to fully know God's love and mercy. St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera on Saturday 2nd September at 5pm; Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell, St Michael's Parish, 027 641 5615

**Synodality and Women** | World Women's Observatory (worldwomensobservatory.org), is organizing 3 webinars focused on showing the results of the work carried out throughout the Synodal process with the experiences of women members at diocesan, national and continental level in all regions of the world, highlighting some of their testimonies and, at the same time, listening and enabling dialogue with women with leading roles at the synodal process.

Both men and women are invited to participate, since all of us, as baptized persons, are equally involved in the synodal process. We count on you to spread this invitation among your contacts:

The dates are:

- September 13th: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Rome time) 4-5.30am NZ Time
- **September 14 th: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rome time) 7-8.30pm NZ Time**
- September 14th: 2.30 PM to 4:00 PM (Rome time) 12.30-2.00am NZ Time

We will send the additional information and the ZOOM link later, save the date. To register interest please and receive the zoom link contact [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**See this week's NZ Catholic for coverage of World Youth Day in Lisbon.**

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

### Garden to Table

This week St Patricks students made spinach and cheese quiche. They worked well together cutting up the spinach and grating cheese. The quiche looked and smelt good. The students are using up the vegetables that they planted really well. Thanks to Renee who has been working hard with the students to get our gardens up and running.

### Mandarin Lesson

In Mandarin St Catharines students are learning a kung fu dance. There are some tricky moves and the tamariki are practising weekly so that they will be able to perform during one



of our assemblies and show their amazing kung fu skills.

*God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal*

The cover of the NZ Catholic newspaper, dated August 13 - 26, 2023, No. 667. The main headline is "World Youth Day '23" with "WYD coverage from Lisbon - pgs 8-9". There are two smaller headlines: "Exorcisms suspended in Christchurch diocese" and "Maori champion sought for bishops' conference". The cover features a photograph of Pope Francis smiling and surrounded by a crowd of people. The price is \$4. At the bottom, it says "Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper".

## Feast Days in the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 14 Aug:** Memorial for **St Maximillian Kolbe, priest.** Born Poland 1894, became a Franciscan. Got TB, recovered but remained frail. Before ordination he founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. Captured by Nazis and sent to Auschwitz where, on 31 July 1941 he offered himself in place of one of 10 men condemned to die by starvation. He was the last to die after two weeks of suffering. Canonized in 1981 by JP II.
- **Tue 15 Aug:** Solemnity for **THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** Patroness of **Aotearoa NZ. Holy Day of obligation.** In Mary's glorious assumption we celebrate the fulfillment of our Christian destiny, and with her we proclaim the greatness of the Lord.
- **Wed 9 Aug:** Optional for **St Stephen of Hungary.** Born about 969, baptised about 985, crowned king of Hungary in 1000. Stephen ruled wisely in the country, and did all he could for the establishment of the Church there. Died 1038.
- **Sat 19 Aug:** Optional for **St John Eudes, priest.** Born in France 1601, lived mostly in Normandy. Founded the Institute of Our Lady of Charity to help prostitutes; and the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, whose work was the running of Seminaries, which he established at Caen, Coutances, Lisieux and Rouen. Promoted devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus and

You're Invited to the "**Joy of the Gospel**" **Life in the Spirit Seminar!** Join us for a transformative two-day event designed to rekindle your faith and explore the good news. Sat/Sun 19/20 August 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (both days) at St Joseph's Church Hall, Takapuna Seminar Highlights: Praise & worship, Proclaims, Small group discussions Fellowship, Registration fee: \$20 Lunch and afternoon cuppa provided To reserve your spot register at [bit.ly/joyofgospel](http://bit.ly/joyofgospel) For further inquiries, please contact us: Phone: 027 226 2319 OR 021 0234 6853.

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**Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell**

**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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

(please write the purpose of your donation as reference e.g. AV system, General)

**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: Clare Wilde, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble**

**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 Saturday**

## **Ministry Reminders**

### Flowers

New Roster coming

### Church Cleaning

18/08 Moata'ane family.

### Counters

13/08 Maria and Jeremy Fleming

20/08 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell

### Hospitality

13/08 Pauline

20/08 Kate Casey

### Altar Servers

13/08 James Farrell, May Upton

20/08 Joseph Wolfkamp, Leo Radford

### Children's Liturgy Leaders

13/08 Steven Albrecht & Isla Gillies

20/08 Anne Gibson & Kate Casey