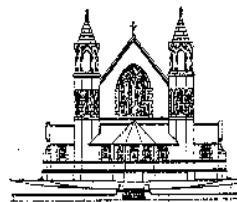




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD AUGUST 6TH, 2023

SOLEMN FEAST DAY

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
National Patronal Feast for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Tuesday August 15th.

Evening Mass here at 7 pm.



**Choir practice starts again this week:  
Tuesday 7pm. New voices  
welcome!!  
Singing increases endorphins !!!**

**From the Parish Pastoral Council.**

Our meeting this week gave final approval to the **AV upgrade project**, and we are ready to move ahead with this, presuming the shortfall of \$13K in fundraising can be achieved. Please consider carefully if you can help. Details of the project are at the back of the Church and will be presented at Masses this week.

**The AGM for the Parish** will be on Sunday August 27th in the Hall after 9.30 Mass. Reports for the AGM will be available next weekend, so please read them and discover the good work being done by Parish Groups. We will also be electing a new Parish Council, and look for a wide representation of parishioners. Nominations should be with the Parish Secretary by 20th August.

Please support **St Leo's quiz night** Friday 11 August. See details P3.

**Where are we at with the Columbarium ?**

There is a dedicated Project Group which has continued work on costings and design, as well as putting significant input into the various drafts of a National Policy on Columbaria requested by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference. Given the four years' work we have put into this, and the generous financial backing by a single donor over that time, we had hoped to be given permission to proceed, and had even offered to be the trial project for the Policy. However, a letter from Bishop Steve this week advises that "due process must be followed". This refers to both the NZCBC confirmation of the policy, and a review process of parishes in the Auckland Diocese, which is underway. We have not been given a timeframe or details for this.

The story of the Transfiguration offers much to reflect on. While it invites us to contemplate the glory of God manifest in Jesus, it also challenges us to be true disciples of the Son of Man. To follow Jesus is to seek the will of God in persistent prayer, to dare surrender to the Holy One, and then to come down from the mountain of glory and continue the way of the cross.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14** His robe was white as snow.  
**Psalm 96: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**  
**2Peter 1:16-19** We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.  
**Mt 17:1-9** His face shone like the sun.

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

13 Aug

**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.

| <b>Ministries</b> | <b>Sat 5 August</b>           | <b>Sun 6 August</b>            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Welcome:</b>   | Natalie Paine                 | Karen Rawlinson                |
| <b>Readers:</b>   | Robert Mannion<br>Steve Burke | Gerard Dobbs<br>Mary Lyttleton |
| <b>Communion:</b> | Riaan Blom                    | Adrienne Ramskill              |
| <b>Ministries</b> | <b>Sat 5 August</b>           | <b>Sun 6 August</b>            |
| <b>Welcome:</b>   | Kath Petrie                   | Anne Gibson                    |
| <b>Readers:</b>   | Liz McMaster<br>Damian Wallis | Sarah Sparks<br>John Knight    |
| <b>Communion:</b> | Denise Ross                   | Iain Gillies                   |

From the Finance Committee—  
Comparative July collections

|           | <b>Jul-23</b> | <b>Jul-22</b> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
|           | <b>Act</b>    | <b>Act</b>    |
|           | <b>NZ\$</b>   | <b>NZ\$</b>   |
| Cash      | 953           | 0             |
| Envelopes | 736           | 997           |
| AP        | 7,269         | 7,748         |
| EFT       | 450           | 370           |
|           | <b>9,408</b>  | <b>9,115</b>  |

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

- Aug 06:** Michael Grant 1952, Wilber Clark 1984, Frank Harris 1999, Terry Geraghty 2009
- Aug 07:** Ivy Page 1985, Annie (Dolly) Bell 1993, Garry Dell'Isola 2009, Pat Caddell 2010
- Aug 08:** Gladys Crocker 1952, Ina Cameron 1959
- Aug 09:** Irene McMahon 1957, Agnes Fairbrother 1962, Arthur Curtayne 1982
- Aug 10:** Margarita Redmond 1950, Elsie Cleary 1960, Carmel Jacob Pereira 2008 Ann Campbell 2021
- Aug 11:** Eliza Shore 1956, Eileen Byres 2010

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

**Evening Ritual Celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary McKillop.**  
 All are invited to a time of prayer to honour Mary MacKillop and discover how her life is an inspiration for us today.  
 A light finger food tea will follow in the Dining Room.  
**Tuesday 8 August 5.30pm**  
**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Chapel 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay  
**RSVP for catering purposes by Friday 4 August: 09 5281801**



## From the Diocese.

**Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage** around Auckland to the places Mary trod during her visits to Aotearoa. Beginning Meeting Room 30 Holgate Road, Kohimarama Saturday 12 August 10.00am finishing at 3pm. \$30.00 waged, \$20.00 unwaged. Registrations by Wednesday 9 August to Sr Julian Langton Ph 09 528 1801

[marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au](mailto:marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au)

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

The next **Senior coffee morning** is on Thursday 10th August 10am at 2 Patuone Avenue. Phone Kathy Lynch 094451645 for directions .

Blessed Holy Water is available in the small servers' vesting area at the back of the church, for home use. Please bring your own small container.

## **Formation for Ministers of the Word.**

**Sunday 6th August 4-5.30 pm.**

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

New/interested Readers welcome.

7:30PM FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST  
ST LEO'S SCHOOL HALL  
FREE NIBBLES & SPOT PRIZES  
TABLES OF 8 PEOPLE  
THEME YOUR TEAM!  
(FANCY DRESS)  
CASH/STPOS BAR | RAFFLES  
Join a mixed team or make your own!  
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*

## **Caring Mass**

On Tuesday two of our students, May Upton and Lucetta Thomas-Cheng, received caring awards at a special Mass which was held at Christ the King School. On this day the Auckland diocese remembers the work of the Bishop's Caring Foundation in connecting schools' generosity to the people in need..

The students are a vital and important part of our church community of care and support, especially this year as so many of our wonderful young people have stepped up to help those in need during the cyclone and floods.



**MOTAT Trip.** On Wednesday the school went on a trip to MOTAT. The topic for our learning this term is Systems. As part of this topic we are looking at machines. The students enjoyed their trip despite the terrible weather.

*God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal*

## Feast Days in the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 7 Aug:** Optional for **St Sixtus II, pope & martyr**, and his companions. Elected Pope in 257. In 258 he was put to death, along with four deacons, while saying Mass in the catacombs of St Callistus.
- **Tue 8 Aug: Feast of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), religious.** First Australian to be canonized. Born in Melbourne. Concerned with the poor and suffering. Founded the Srs of St Joseph and of the Sacred Heart, dedicated to educating children. Received papal approval for her work in 1888 by Leo XIII. When she died in 1909, there were 1,000 women in her congregation.
- **Wed 9 Aug:** Optional for **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**. Born 1891 in Breslau, Poland, the youngest in a large Jewish family. A student of philosophy. Became interested in the Catholic faith and was baptised in the Cathedral at Cologne. Entered the Cologne Carmel, but due to the politics of the time was sent to Carmel at Echt, Holland. When Nazis captured Holland she was arrested and, along with her sister Rose, sent to Auschwitz, where she died in the gas chamber in 1942.
- **Thu 10 Aug: Feast day for St Lawrence, deacon and martyr.** A deacon of the Church of Rome, who died four days after Pope Sixtus and his four companion deacons.
- **Fri 11 Aug:** Memorial for **St Clare, virgin**. Born in Assisi in 1193, Clare followed St Francis in his life of poverty. She founded the order of Poor Clares. Her life was austere and prayerful.
- **Sat 12 Aug:** Optional for **St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**. Born Dijon, France in 1572, married and had six children. After her husband's death, Frances de Sales became her spiritual director. Founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women who wished to live a religious life but could not endure the austerity of existing orders. She spent her life caring for the sick and poor, and died in 1641

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**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)

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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, 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**

New Roster coming

### **Church Cleaning**

18/08 Moata'ane family.

### **Counters**

6/08 Kate Kearins and John Knight

13/08 Maria and Jeremy Fleming

### **Hospitality**

6/08 Norrene

13/08 Pauline

### **Altar Servers**

6/08 Joseph Wolfkamp, Maria Branco

13/08 James Farrell, May Upton

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

6/08 Julia Strickett & Catherine Gillies

20/08 Steven Albrecht & Isla Gillies