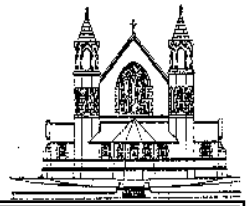




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1ST 2023



The observation of the **Season of Creation** ends this week, with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on Oct 4. Let us continue to grow in our

awareness of our personal and collective relationship with our home in the cosmos.

The New Zealand Bishops have issued a 2023 Election Statement in which they say: "We are concerned with the growing trivialization of politics, with the focus of politicians and media being on mistakes, misdemeanours or scandals of individual parliamentarians instead of being on the scandals of poverty, mental health and the diminishment of the sanctity and dignity of life. We are concerned that so many of the issues affecting all of us are treated like political footballs"

Read the whole statement here:
[NZCBC Election2023 A4.pdf](#)

AV Systems upgrade: We made it!!!
We have reached our target of \$30K, thanks to the generous donations of many parishioners and well-wishers. The installer from Magness Electrical is due any day, and we hope installation will be completed in October.

**The Synod On Synodality
Starts on Oct 4th in Rome.**

The Instrumentum Laboris is the official working document for the October gathering of the Synod on Synodality. All have been invited to engage with the document. The diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> contains basic details of structure and purpose. It includes the following link to a short introductory video created by the Palmerston North diocese. <https://youtu.be/9gt3Uzgvwgo?si=345bIEkXGybWkLKx>

Please keep those participating in the Synod in your prayers.

What would you want to say at the Synod? Where are we now, as the people of God, and where should we be going?

An interesting answer to the question above at by Bishop Thomas O'Loughlin :

[What would you want to say at the Synod \(cathnews.co.nz\)](https://www.cathnews.co.nz)



Time and again Paul is inspired by a messy problem to gain fresh insight. In one memorable instance, he is forced to defend himself for not having visited the Christian community at Corinth as promised. He was accused of saying "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time. His rather indignant response leads him to declare: "...the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you ... was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes'. For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'."

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *Christ Obedient Unto Death*

Ezekiel 18:25-28 When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Psalms 25: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:28-32 He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *8 Oct The Vineyard Of The Lord*

Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel.

Psalms 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9 The God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 21:33-43 He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

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<p><i>Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:</i> Sep 30: Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000, James Elliston 2022 Oct 01: Catherine Graham 1978 Oct 03: Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003 Oct 04: Peter Coleman 1907, James Colon 1923 Oct 05: William Missen 1953, Robert Mortimer 1990, Bryon Solomon 2007 Oct 06: John Grant 1973, Mark McCleod 1955, Joan Conner 2001 Oct 07: Lily O'Hara 1953 Oct 08: William Todd, 1934</p>	<p>Long Term Volunteer Opportunities: The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure Jan 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au</p>																								
<p>Can you help the Vinnies? At SVDP we have been trying to assist a family which has been caught up in an immigration visa scam. The family come from Chile - husband and wife with two children aged 3 and 5. Can you help with donations of pre-loved children's clothing? Size 6 will fit both. They are currently wearing size 11.5 US shoes but will be growing out of them soon. If anyone can offer any assistance to the family, please contact the Parish Office or Karen Rawlinson 021 777358</p>	<p>Devonport/Belmont Churches Combined Carol Service 14 December 6-8.30 pm Holy Trinity, Church St. Is there anyone interested in helping with a Nativity Float for the Devonport Santa Parade? Contact Kath 4450078</p>																								

From the Diocese.

Vacancy Convent Security Office Baradene College, Remuera

The Baradene Convent is the Auckland home of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. This special role requires the night Security Officer to live onsite.

Accommodation in lieu of salary is included in the 2 year contract. Work hours are from 7pm -7am including weekends, with the busiest tasks in the early stage of the shift. Flexibility is in place for agreed leave and other absences. For full details please visit the CDA Website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Closing date: **20 October 2023**

Remembering Fr Julian Tenison Woods

Everyone is welcome to join in on an afternoon ritual to honour **Fr Julian Tenison Woods** the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. At Mary MacKillop Chapel Mission Bay on Saturday 7 October at 2.30pm.

Taize Prayer Evening

Thursday 12 October at 7pm at Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay.

The Sisters of Mercy invited all those pondering religious life to **'Prayer and Meal' Evening**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris Skinner. WHEN: Wednesday 4th October 2023 WHERE: Hou Mana Wai – Mercy Well-springs 104 The Drive, Epsom Time: 6.30pm All are welcome! Contact phone: 021

Hāto Petera Hui-a-Whānau Saturday 11 November from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Te Kamaka Marae. For those who wish to stay there will be Miha Māori at 6.00pm. See poster in church foyer.

Volunteers required Our Diocesan Archives protect records and artefacts dating back to the earliest days of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ is moving from a paper-based catalogue to digital. We need volunteers to transcribe our lists into spreadsheets to be loaded into the new system. You will be familiar working with spreadsheets, an accurate typist with a keen eye for detail, and able to commit a half day each week. Though not a paid role, there is parking on site, we offer full training, including in care and handling of items, and if you have a passion for history there will be plenty to interest you. The role is based at the Pompallier Centre in Ponsonby. As part of diocesan policy, candidates need to be willing to undergo criminal conviction and reference checks. If you are interested in applying or would like to find out more, please contact Keith on 09 360 3064 or keiths@cda.org.nz

From the Parish Liturgy Committee

Formation Sessions for ministers: Prior to the commissioning of ministers on first Sunday of Advent (2/3 Dec), further formation session to be held, on the following dates: Sunday 29th October for Welcomers; Sunday 12th November for Communion ministers; Sunday 19th November for Readers. Sessions will be 4-5pm, followed by social time with wine & cheese.

Questions raised at the AGM:

- Use of the church steeple bell before Sunday Mass: The liturgy committee is not averse to its use if there is some person(s) willing to ring it.
- Celebration of parish feast days, especially St Francis de Sales: it is agreed that something ought to be done to better remember and celebrate St Francis as our patron, even though his feast day falls in the summer holiday period (24 Jan). One suggestion is to hold a parish picnic on the Sunday near his feast day. [more to come...]

Feast Days in the Twenty-fifth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 2 Oct:** Memorial for the **Holy Guardian Angels**. Bless the Lord, all you angels of the Lord. Sing his glory and praise for ever. "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life.'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 336).
- **Wed 4 Oct:** Memorial for **St Francis of Assisi**. Born 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant. Gave up everything to obey the call of the Lord. Lived in complete poverty & preached the gospel. Others came to join him, and so began the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly in his lifetime. His life was a putting into practice the beatitudes. Died 1226.
- **Fri 6 Oct:** Optional for **St Bruno, priest**. Born Cologne about 1030. Was ordained and for many years ran the Cathedral at Rheims. Felt called to asceticism and solitude and so retired to mountains near Grenoble with a few companions. So began the Carthusian Order. He died in 1101.
- **Sat 7 Oct:** Memorial for **Our Lady of the Rosary**. This feast has been celebrated since the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto in 1571.

Family Prayer resources for this week.

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Twenty-Sixth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

The Art of Discernment

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/THE-ART-OF-DISCRIMENT.pdf>

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

St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 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, 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

29/09 Anne Gibson

6/10 Kate O'Rourke

Church Cleaning

14/10 Sasha Radford

28/10 Elaine and Les

Counters

1/10 Arthur Whelan &

Frances Downs

8/10 Denise and Karl

Hospitality

1/10 Sue Story

8/10 Francisca

Altar Servers

1/10 as available school
holidays

Children's Liturgy Leaders

New Roster this week