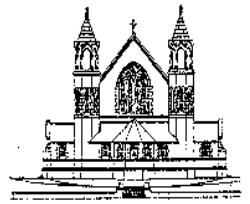




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10TH 2023

Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October (feast of St Francis of Assisi)

The “Season of Creation” is observed each year by the international Christian community as a time of thanksgiving, prayer, reflection and growth of awareness about our personal and collective relationship with the natural world, our home on this planet, in the cosmos.

A Prayer of Thanks:

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of life. We thank and praise you for the mystery of creation.

We know that you are in us, and we in you. Guide us, therefore, In our efforts to hand on the earth to future generations, so that others can seek to understand your will and purpose in the world, bring your love to perfection and magnify your holy name.

Help us overcome godlessness with love. Help us support and protect the victims of climate change everywhere, those who’ve lost their homes or livelihoods to the ravages of famine, fire and flood. Teach us to live in peace And harmony with all creation. Amen.

Want to know more? There are lots of resources available, for example: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>, or <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-4/>
Or web-search “Season of Creation”

The next coffee group meeting will be at the Ryman Pat McKay’s apartment C12 in the Duder block 10am Thursday 14 September. Pat’s phone 4452743 for directions. All are welcome

SEASON OF CREATION

LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



A Mighty River

Amos 5:24

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

AV Systems upgrade

We edging even closer to our target of \$30K— now at \$25,700. Thank You!!!

Chapter 18 of Matthew's gospel, called the 'Sermon on the Church', collects Jesus' teachings on life of the Christian community. There are words on who is the greatest, on scandal and on how the shepherd should treat lost sheep; followed by today's gospel on fraternal correction and prayer in common; next week forgiveness.

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Christ Who Paid The Debt Of Love

Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Psalms 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10 Love is the answer to every one of the commandments

Matthew 18:15-20 If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17 Sept Our Forgiving Lord

Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7 Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Psalms 103: The Lord is compassion & love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Romans 14:7-9 Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Ministries	Sat 9 September	Sun 10 September
Welcome:	Natalie Payne	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Liz McMaster Robert Mannion	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Maryanne Offner
Ministries	Sat 16 September	Sun 17 September
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Steve Burke	Yem Braid Vanessa Baldey
Communion:	Kitt Isidro	Kate Casey

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

Dove Catholic Women's Fellowship.
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 Glen Eden.
 Saturday 23 September,
 9.30-12 noon.
 Speaker: Pam Woods
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. John 9:6-7

Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Sep 11: Maria Cunningham 1920
Sep 13: Thomas Evans 1888
Sep 14: Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017
Sep 15: John Carter 1965
Sep 16: Joe Passi 2002, Patrick Heffernan 2005, Paul McLaughlin 2010
Sep 17: Elizabeth Richards 1946, Edgar Kalaugher 1984

Having somewhere to go is HOME, Having someone to love is FAMILY, Having both is a BLESSING.
De Paul House is helping low-income, homeless families rebuild their lives.
Urgent call for help. De Paul House has many families due to move to the new housing in Northcote, from our Transitional housing. We are desperately needing quality furniture to help families resettle into the community.
Needed : Beds – Double, Queen and single, dining table and chairs, drawers, sofa and lounge suites. Single duvet inners and pillows are also in short supply. Can you help us?
 Please email reception@depaulhouse.org.nz or phone 4805959. A photo of the furniture sent with the email would be helpful.

From the Diocese.

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue. The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a **Liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation**. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe. Wednesday | 25 October 7.30 pm Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna

St Joseph's Catholic School, Onehunga If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member - we would love to hear from you. We are celebrating our 175th Anniversary Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023 Contact Melanie Duarte @mduarte@sjs.school.nz to register your interest.

Carmel students Yr 7-10 are seeking opportunities to be of service in our community.

If you have a task for these delightful young helpers, please email

service@carmel.school.nz before the school holidays, starting 23 October.

We love to serve God through our neighbours. Sarah Cox, Service Coordinator

Tēnā koutou katoa - The countdown is on for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori!

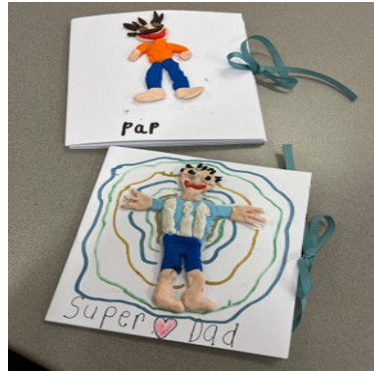
You are invited to stop what you are doing and celebrate te reo Māori at 12pm, 14 September. You can kōrero (speak), waiata (sing), pānui (read) and more - whatever you do, do it in te reo Māori.

This marks the very moment the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day, resulting in the adoption of te reo Māori as one of the official languages of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

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

St Clare and St Patrick News

On Friday the children worked with Ruth to make Father's Day cards. They had a fantastic time designing and creating some wonderful cards.



Peninsula Speeches

On Thursday May Upton and Lucetta Thomas-Cheng represented our kura in the Peninsula Speech Competition. They delivered their speeches with pride and showed manaakitanga by helping put away the chairs after the speeches were finished. Our values are truly alive through our wonderful tamariki.

God Bless,
Vimi Cahndra, 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-third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 12 Sept:** Optional memorial for the **Holy Name of Mary**. Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth.
- **Wed 13 Sept:** Memorial for **St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Antioch about 349, where he was ordained. His preaching bore great fruit, and his writings reveal brilliance of intellect and strength of faith. Lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of clergy and people. Made bishop of Constantinople but died in exile, 404.
- **Thu 14 Sept:** **The Exaltation of The Cross**. The cross on which Jesus was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption.
- **Fri 15 Sept:** Memorial for **Our Lady of Sorrows**. *Simeon said to Mary: 'This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; he is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce'.*
- **Sat 16 Sept:** Memorial for **St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop – martyrs both**. Cyprian was born in Carthage in 210, and became bishop in 249. At a time of fierce persecution, he encouraged the people by his word and example. He was martyred in 258. Cornelius became bishop of Rome in 251, was exiled by Emp. Gallus and died 253.

Family Prayer resources for next week.

[Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Twenty-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Twenty-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

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(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

8/09 Elizabeth Light

15/09 Leslee Burton

Church Cleaning

16/09 Anne Feeney

Counters

10/09 Kate Kearins & John Knight

17 Sept Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

10/09 Karen Rawlinson

17/09 Shyrelle Mitchell

Altar Servers

10/09 James Farrell & Maria Branco

17/09 Joseph Wolfkamp & May Upton

Children's Liturgy Leaders

10/09 Steven Albrecht & Anna Rumble

17/09 MaryJane & Milly Lendich