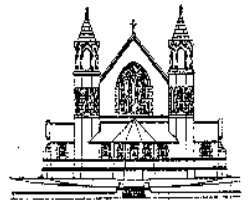




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023

SEASON OF CREATION
LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



Kia rere te rongoa me te tika

A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation we pray: that we “heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice.” Pope Francis

What concrete steps can I take this week to care, nurture and support all creation ?

Notes from the Liturgy Committee, which met in the last week

* The recent Family Mass (27 Aug) was a lovely, inclusive liturgy and the St Leo’s students and teachers are to be congratulated for their efforts.

* A new Mass Setting (Gloria, Holy Holy, etc.) is to be introduced to the weekend liturgies, which will add to the parish repertoire of music. It is the “Mass of Christ The Saviour,” composed by Dan Schutte.

Special Collection this Week
CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Annual appeal for the **upkeep of the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**. The Cathedral is the spiritual ‘home’ to all Catholics in the Auckland Diocese — a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. It requires large funds to maintain in good condition for both now and the future.

Please use the envelopes which are on table at church door, or direct credit to the parish account: 02-0108-0706881-00
With ‘Cathedral’ as reference.

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

We are now embarking on a process of engagement with mana whenua, out of respect for their kaitiakitanga on the maunga.

39 people have expressed interest in buying a niche for ashes in the last few weeks, 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: Our “thermometer” is now up to \$26,950. Thanks to all donors. Could you help bridge the gap of \$3050 needed to reach our target of \$30,000???? All donations are tax deductible.

The words of the Our Father are so oft-recited and familiar that they're in danger of becoming no more than a soothing sound. Is it true to say that if any of us prayed this prayer just once with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we'd be ready for heaven? Today's word of God invites us to reflect on just one petition: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". We foolishly dare to ask for divine forgiveness only to the extent that we forgive others. The fact is that the more we resist letting go of resentment and anger from our hearts, the less room there is for us to welcome the gift of God's mercy.

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *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 16 September Sun 17 September

Welcome: Kath Petrie Karen Rawlinson

Readers: Nicky Witham-Blackwell Yem Braid
Steve Burke Vanessa Baldey

Communion: Kitt Isidro Kate Casey

Ministries Sat 23 September Sun 24 September

Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom Anne Gibson

Readers: Damian Wallis Ben Upton
Liz McMaster Kate Kearins

Communion: Riaan Blom Pauline Baker

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!

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

Sep 18: Alwyn Jagusch 1985, Thomas Low 2001, Magdalena Manzano 2010, David Lampen Smith 2019, James Parker 2020

Sep 19: James Fagan 1934, Esme Curtayne 1978, Michael McCormick 2022

Sep 20: Alicia Archer 1950, Marjorie Brunskill 1983, Raewyn Kalaugher 2008, June Grant 2022

Sep 21: Denis Foster 1993, Anne-Marie Bluemel 1994

Sep 22: Theresa Oswin 1953

Sep 23: Jessie Franklin 1962, Muriel Pace 1987

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*

**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. Quality furniture needed to help families resettle in the community.

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

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College accepts **enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology** starts September 25.

“With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable.”. To learn more about the programmes, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

Date Claimer 9 November The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.

From Cathnews NZ this week:

- [What would you want to say at the Synod](#)
- [Pink Shoes into The Vatican – it’s happening](#)
- [On global warming, yes, there is hope](#)

*Nga mihi nui kia koutou
and a warm St Leo’s greeting to you all
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori*



This week we celebrated **Māori Language Week**. It was great that the tamariki were able to join the rest of the schools at the Catholic Schools Kahui Ako to take part in the Kapa Haka Showcase. Thank you to Ngahiwi Walker who led and supported our wonderful tamariki. They made us really proud and this is what Matua Maurice from Carmel College had to say about our performance:

Your group was truly inspirational! Many of the staff and students I spoke with highlighted your school’s performance.

Your tutor led and supported your students with such a gentle aura, but your students well and truly stole the show!

My heart was bursting with happiness and pride as your group performed. It was truly one of the best performances of the day!

Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal

Fair helpers needed for St Leo’s

Our **annual fair is on November 26th** from 11am - 3pm and we **need your help**.

Open to anyone that is able to help. We have a variety of jobs available ranging from money counters to security plus helping on stalls.

If you are able to help or if you have any questions please contact Renee on 4459339 (during school hours) or office@stleos.school.nz

If you are able to help by making preserves, sweets or cakes we would also love to hear from you. Thank you in advance.

Feast Days in the Twenty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 19 Sept:** Optional for **St Januarius, bishop & martyr**. Bishop of Benevento, martyred in 305, with six other Christians, during the persecution of Diocletian, at Naples.
- **Wed 20 Sept:** Memorial for **St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-saŋg & Companions, martyrs**. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean priest and pastor. Paul Chong Hasaŋg a lay apostle. They, along with 101 other members of the Christian community (men, women, children, the elderly), gave their lives as martyrs during the terrible persecutions that occurred in Korea in the years 1839, 1846, and 1866.
- **Thu 21 Sept:** Feast Day for **St Matthew, apostle and evangelist**. Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew. Tradition suggests that he preached in the East.
- **Sat 23 Sept:** Memorial for **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest**. Francesco was born to peasant farmers in the Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May, 1887. Devout, even as a child, entered Capuchins 1902, ordained priest 1910. On Sept 20 1918, while kneeling in front of the crucifix he received the physical marks of the crucifixion. Blood from the stigmata was said to have the perfume of flowers. Renowned as a confessor. Died 23 Sept, 1968. His funeral was attended by 100,000 people.

Family Prayer resources for this week.

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

Corrie ten Boom <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Corrie-ten-Boom.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

15/09 Leslee Burton

22/09 Margaret Pereira

Church Cleaning

16/09 Anne Feeny

30/09 Christopher Drake

Counters

17 Sept Alix & Bill Hooper

24/09 Brian & Shyrelle Mitchell

Hospitality

17/09 Shyrelle

24/09 Shelley

Altar Servers

17/09 Joseph Wolfkamp & May Upton

24/09 as available school holidays

Children's Liturgy Leaders

17/09 MaryJane & Milly Lendich

24/09 School Holidays—no Children's Liturgy