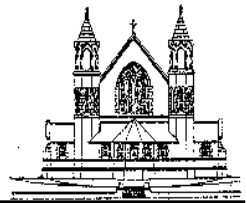




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25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24TH 2023

SEASON OF CREATION

LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission:

In this Season of Creation, we pray:
“that we grow as people, to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life.” Pope Francis.

See also the insert with this week’s newsletter, focused on our decisions as voters about the wellbeing of the Earth.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship
North Shore

All men are invited to a meeting on Wed 27 Sept at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. We hope to spend time praying the rosary with reflections led by a leader. (Please remember to bring your rosaries)

We look forward to seeing you there and spending time sharing, praying and enjoying each other’s company over supper. For more information please contact Russell 022 034 5678.

Synod On Synodality

On Sunday 15 January in Rome, at the end of the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis announced that the work of the next assembly of the Synod of the Roman Catholic Church will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer vigil on Saturday 30 September on St Peter’s Square, Rome:

“The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that on Saturday 30 September, an ecumenical prayer vigil will be held on St. Peter’s Square, with which we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. For the young people coming to the vigil, there will be a special programme throughout that weekend, entrusted to the Taizé community. As of now, I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this “Gathering of the People of God.”

All are welcome to a choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Cathedral Parnell, on Sunday Oct 1, 5 pm to pray for the Synod in Rome (which commences on 4 Oct)

Hosted by our ecumenical sisters and brothers in the Anglican tradition.

AV Systems upgrade:

Almost there! Thank you!

Our “thermometer” Is now up to \$28,950. Installers are visiting this week to set a date!!

Could you help bridge the gap of \$1050 needed to reach our target of \$30,000????

All donations are tax deductible.

God is more loving, generous and forgiving than we human beings could ever imagine. It is folly to think of God in terms of our lesser, human, selves. The goodness of God knows no bounds. The gospel story exposes the calculus we use in our daily lives. We measure out love on the basis of what we judge another to deserve or what we feel we can afford to give. Today we thank God for not being like us!

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Generous Love Of God

Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalms 145: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Philippians 1:20-24,27 Life to me is Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16 Why be envious because I am generous?

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 1 Oct *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 thought better of it and went. Tax collectors & prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Ministries	Sat 23 September	Sun 24 September
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Damian Wallis Liz McMaster	Ben Upton Kate Kearins
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker
Ministries	Sat 30 September	Sun 1 October
Welcome:	Natalie Paine	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Robert Mannion Steve Burke	Gerard Dobbs Mary Lyttleton
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Adrienne Ramskill

Praying through the week
Mondays Rosary 6pm
 Meditation 6.30
Tuesdays Choir Practice 7pm
Wednesdays 7pm
 Scripture Group, reflecting on next week's Readings.
 New faces/voices welcome!

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

Sep 24: Martha Mahoney 1952
Sep 25: Mary Wenzlick 1985, Hilda Nicholson 2001, Peter Oldham 2008
Sep 26: Rupert Calvert 2002, Shontelle Marks 2002, Isobel Lamont 2013
Sep 27: Mary Winders 1920, Inez Santo 1985
Sep 28: William Walsh 1960
Sep 29: Magdalena Manzano 1933, Joan Cann 1999, Patricia Reynolds 2001, Anthony Casey 2010
Sep 30: Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000, James Elliston 2022

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 The national Catholic newspaper Sept 24 - Oct 7, 2023 - No. 570

Bishops urge politicians to focus on real issues 3
 Care and consolation at Mass for Loss of a Child 4

Professed Carmelite
 Sr Marie Ange of Jesus makes final vows - p5

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

Church Life Survey NZ
 64 Forms have been processed since we offered the Survey in July. It remains open until November, so if you didn't complete the form there are some at the back of the church, or you can complete online: <https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H2P5V3H72CGB2X3MF5HEWFM2/en-rc>

Get the latest CDA Connect - all the news, stories and events from Auckland Diocese:
[CDA CONNECT 28 Sept 23 \(aucklandcatholic.org.nz\)](https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

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.

Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod Assembly starting in Rome on 4 October, has invited all the faithful to participate in **prayer for the Synod** from today Sunday 24 September. A Vatican News article about Cardinal Grech's letters to the bishops asking for everyone to join in the prayers is here: www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html

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

Te Taua Moana O Aotearoa Marae Visit



On Thursday St Leo’s were invited to visit the local Marae. It was a wonderful privilege and joy to be welcomed onto the Marae. The tamariki enjoyed learning about the carvings, creating putiputi using the harakeke and hearing the nature sounds played through traditional instruments. Ngahiwi spoke about the history of the weapons used in the past and how they were made. We would like to thank Ngahiwi and Terehia for supporting the kura and the Marae staff for welcoming us into this sacred space.

The children and staff are looking forward to the two weeks break and some lovely sunshine.

*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-fifth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 26 Sept:** Optional for **Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs**. Nothing is known of these two except their names and the fact that memory of them dates to the 5th Century.
- **Wed 27 Sept:** Memorial for **St Vincent de Paul, priest**. Born c 1580 southern France. Ordained 1600, devoting his life to works of charity, included relieving the sufferings of prisoners. Founded confraternities of charity for men and women. Congregation of the Mission founded to preach in the countryside and to help form the clergy; founded the Sisters of Charity, who worked with the sick and the poor and was the first congregation of women without enclosure.
- **Thu 28 Sept:** Optional for **St Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions, martyrs**. First Filipino saint. Born about 1600, Manila. A layman who worked for the Church. Married with two children, forced into exile. Went to Japan where he was imprisoned during a persecution of Christians. Was tortured and killed along with 15 companions in 1637.
- **Fri 29 Sept:** Feast Day for **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**. *Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice.*
- **Sat 30 Sept:** Memorial for **St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**. Born about 342. Studied and baptised in Rome. Lived for some years as a hermit in Syrian desert. Later ordained a priest. Preached asceticism and studying. Translated Bible into Latin, wrote biblical commentaries, and other works. Fought against heresies of Arianism, Pelagianism and Origenism.

Family Prayer resources for this week.

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

The Shoe Man Poem

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

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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

22/09 Margaret Pereira

29/09 Anne Gibson

Church Cleaning

30/09 Christopher Drake

14/10 Sasha Radford

Counters

24/09 Brian & Shyrelle Mitchell

1/10 Arthur Whelan & Frances
Downs

Hospitality

24/09 Shelley

1/10 TBA

Altar Servers

24/09 as available school
holidays

1/10 as available school
holidays

Children's Liturgy Leaders

24/09 School Holidays—none
Children's Liturgy