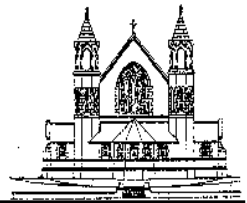




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8TH 2023

**SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY — 8 October**

The concept of a **Consistent Ethic of Life** – **Te Kahu o te Ora** is grounded in the conviction that all God's creation is sacred and that all life issues are closely connected. It also lays down the wero - challenge - to look at the world in an integrated way and to critique not just our relationships with other persons and with God but with all of creation.

**Everything is connected.**

Read the NZ Catholic Bishops revised version of **Te Kahu o te Ora** at this link:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>



We have taken the Consistent Ethic of Life for the theme of our 4th and last Election Flyer, inserted in the newsletter. We hope they have given you food for thought, over the last 4 weeks. The Mission of our Parish is to work for the establishment of the reign of God on earth. This means engaging in action for the wellbeing of people, of society, and of the planet itself—all the works of a Creator God, incarnate in Jesus Christ, who said: *I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.* That means, at this time in NZ, engaging in politics, but not in party politics. As a Parish Council, we have Mission on the agenda for every meeting. We thank you for your feedback and suggestions, which are always welcome.

**FORMATION OF PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** The following Session times have been arranged for some on-going formation:

**Welcome:** Sunday 29 October 4pm,

**Communion:** Sunday 12 November 4pm,

**Readers:** Sunday 19 November 4pm.

The sessions will be 4-5pm followed by social time (eg wine & cheese).

Welcomers lead the Gathering Rite and the Prayers of Intercession. Readers proclaim the Word in a meaningful way. Communion ministers bring Christ (Eucharist) to the people.

If you are interested in taking a more active role in parish liturgy, or finding out more about these ministries, you are welcome to come along, or contact Stephen 021 060 8561.

The common image of the vineyard joins the first reading and the gospel. Those who live in vine-growing areas will resonate with images of preparing the soil, planting the vines, pruning and tending, and finally harvesting the grapes. The sacred writers saw in this yearly ritual a symbol of God's dealings with Israel and indeed with all people.

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *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.

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *15 Oct The Lord's Wedding Feast*

**Isaiah 25:6-10** The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

**Psalms 22: I shall live in the Lord's house all the days of my life.**

**Philippians 4:12-14,19-20** There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

**Matthew 22:1-14** Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 7 October</b>	<b>Sun 8 October</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Liz McMaster Damian Wallis	Sarah Sparks John Knight
<b>Communion:</b>	Denise Ross	Iain Gillies
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 14 October</b>	<b>Sun 15 October</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Ben Upton Yem Braid
<b>Communion:</b>	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker

**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:*

**Oct 09:** John Cocoran 1952

**Oct 10:** Maria Kennedy 1929, Yvonne Brideson 1983

**Oct 11:** Catherine Russell 1990, Katy Colson 1996, Mario Isidro 2009, Patricia Nuttall 2016

**Oct 12:** Mary Blackman 1955, William Tucker 2001, Graeme (Gus) Lynch 2004

**Oct 13:** Mary Knight 2017

**Oct 14:** Eileen Creedon 1984, Nevinka Murdoch 2013

**Oct 15:** Maria Moran 1931, James Kyle 1977

The next Senior Coffee Group meeting will be on 12th October 10am at 2 Patuone Ave. Phone Kathy Lynch 4451645 for directions



ALL WELCOME!

**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

**Please Note: Mass times this week.**

Father Neil will be away from 09-13 October. There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Wednesday and Friday at noon, and Saturday at 9am

### **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**

#### **Taize Prayer Evening**

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

#### **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.

The latest **Caring Foundation newsletter** is now available See where your donations are truly making a difference to help so many in need throughout the diocese. A huge thanks to everyone who has supported our appeals – check out the agencies that are bringing our grants to life! Take our newsletter home and share, or check out our website. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz/newsletters](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz/newsletters)

#### **Volunteers required to assist in updating**

**Diocesan Archives.** Need to be an accurate typist, with a keen eye for detail and familiar with spreadsheets. 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](mailto:keiths@cda.org.nz)

## **New Letter from Pope Francis "Laudate Deum" (Praise God)**



Pope Francis, rejects all attempts to deny climate change is real, and calls on action beyond prayer. In this

document, published on October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Pope expresses hope that societies around the world will change their lifestyles and intensify grassroots activities aimed at reducing the negative human impact on the natural environment, to prevent even more tragic damage to the Earth. *Laudate Deum* is not a standalone document; it is an extension of [Laudato Si](#), the 2015 encyclical in which Pope Francis shared his "heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home." In this new letter, the Pope calls on politicians and the rich, to work for the common good, and not for their own profit and particular interests. At the end of the document he points out that "when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies".

[Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father "Laudate Deum" to all people of good will on the climate crisis - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#)

### **Feast Days in the Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time**

- **Mon 9 Oct:** Optional for **St Denis, bishop and martyr, and companions, martyrs.** Lived in the third century. Was one of seven bishops sent to convert Gaul, became bishop of Paris and was martyred, perhaps in 251.
- **Mon 9 Oct:** Optional for **St John Leonardi, priest.** Born in Tuscany about 1541. Founded a community to teach the young and to instruct adults against the Protestant Reformers. Went to Rome and worked with Philip Neri for a time. In preparing priests for mission work, he laid the foundations of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. He died in 1609.
- **Wed 6 Oct:** Optional for **St John XXIII, pope.**
- **Sat 14 Oct:** Optional for **St Callistus I, pope and martyr.** Became pope in 217. His papacy was marked by controversy, particularly with Hippolytus. He was martyred in 222.

### **Family Prayer resources for this week.**

This week: Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Prayer is Being Gazed Upon

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Prayer-is-being-gazed-upon-1.pdf>

**LINE DANCING - Come along to our Beginner classes on Tuesdays at St Leo's School Hall from 6.30 - 7.30pm and have some fun! Only \$10.00 per class. Contact Kirst 021 164 1113**

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**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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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](http://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

**Weekdays: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** usually after 9 am Mass Saturday, not available this week.

### **Ministry Reminders**

#### **Flowers**

6/10 Kate O'Rourke

13/10 Annie Gray

#### **Church Cleaning**

14/10 Sasha Radford

28/10 Elaine and Les

#### **Counters**

8/10 Denise and Karl

15/10 Kate Kearins & John Knight

#### **Hospitality**

8/10 Francisca

15/10 Susan Reeves

#### **Altar Servers**

8/10 Ben & Rosemary Dobbs

15/10 Joseph Wolfkamp, Leo Radford

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

8/10 Julia Strickett, Kath Petrie  
Sunday Oct 15th—new roster