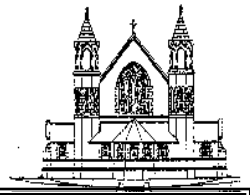




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 29TH 2023



(From Cathnews NZ 27/10/2023) As the Synod in Rome comes to a closure for this year, the world media's relative silence about the Synod is strangely fitting in this moment when so many lamps are going out in our world. It makes sense that news on the Synod is being overshadowed by other world events such as those in Israel and Gaza, without forgetting Ukraine and the situation in the Caucasus.

It would be mistaken to believe that the synod will decide on specific issues like blessing gay couples, ordaining women as deacons or priests and authorising married priests. It will call for further prayer, conversation and research on controversial topics in preparation for the second session of the synod in October 2024. But at the conclusion of the month-long summit on the future of Catholicism, the synod assembly will issue a letter to "[people of God](#)". (click here)

Praying for The Dead During November

The month of November is the traditional time to particularly remember and pray for all who have died, beginning with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) on November 2nd. Our church was officially opened on 2nd Nov 1919 by Bishop Cleary who dedicated it to All Souls.

You are invited to write the names of departed loved ones on the paper provided in church — these will be placed at the altar during the month of November.

A NEW YEAR –A NEW GOSPEL The calendar ticks on and soon we will be starting a new Church year. On December 3rd, with the first Sunday of Advent, we begin looking closely at the Gospel of Mark, Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions are offering, via Zoom, The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 13 & 20 Nov, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/>

Please note: Fr Neil will be away on Retreat 5-10 November. There will be Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion on Wed 8/11, Friday 10/11. Saturday to be advised.

Formation Sessions for Liturgical Ministers

Ministry of Welcome: Next Sunday 29 October 4-5pm, in the church, followed by wine & cheese.

We need a few more people for this ministry. Would you consider volunteering for it? Why not come along and find out more?

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *The Commandment Of Love*

Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Psalm 18: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1Thessalonians 1:5-10 You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Matthew 22:34-40 You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *5 Nov God's Message Of Eternal Life*

Malachi 1:14—2:2,8-10 You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Psalm 131: In you, O Lord. I have found my peace.

Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well

Matthew 23:1-12 They do not practise what they preach.

Ministries	Sat 28 October	Sun 29 October	Praying through the week Mondays Rosary 6pm Meditation 6.30 Tuesdays Choir Practice 7pm Wednesdays 7pm Scripture Group, reflecting on next week's Readings.
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Kath Petrie	
Readers:	Damian Wallis Steve Burke	Mary Lyttleton John Knight	
Communion:	Denise Ross	Flo Sapa'u	
Ministries	Sat 4 November	Sun 5 November	Please support the Wine Tasting Fundraiser to buy a laptop for the AV system 7 November 6-8 pm at Glengarry, Devonport. Tickets \$40, and limited to 40 people, so book and pay by internet to Parish Bank Account with your name and winetasting as ref. Any questions to Karen 021 777 358 or Kath in the Parish Office 445 0078
Welcome:	Natalie Paine	Anne Gibson	
Readers:	Liz McMaster Robert Mannion	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks	
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Maryanne Offner	

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

Oct 30: Delfin Samson Jr 2022

Oct 31: James Boylan 1922, Andrea Hendry 1961

Nov 1: Desmond Butler 1991, Terence Fagan 2005

Nov 2: Agnes Reid 1941, Jessie Anderson 1944

Nov 3: Horace Stewart 1937, Joan Goldwater 1992

Nov 4: Michael Styick 1934

Nov 5: Ronald Hayson 1993, Walter Southeran 1994

Alan Wingrove, 2007

The Columban Calendar 2024 has arrived. You can pay in cash or online to the parish account and pick it up from the office or the church foyer. Price: \$12

SVDP Christmas cards \$7 per pack of 6 available at the church door or online to **SVDP** bank account **01-0137-0030606-00**

SCAM ALERT FROM THE DIOCESE

We would like to make people aware that more priests are being hacked by text scammers. The text starts by saying name of the priest and can include your name; that they are in a meeting so don't phone but text back; that your help is critical and highly appreciated. If you respond, they will ask you to do something for them, i.e.. buy gift cards and they will pay you back or something else.

General things to remember.

- Always carefully check the email or phone number it has come from.
- Don't click on any links until you know they are safe.
- Priests will not be asking you to buy them anything.

If anyone is unsure ring the parish office number before replying. The scams are very good and don't always include bad grammar or spelling errors, but often rely on urgency so that you don't think before replying.

The Joint Anglican-Catholic bishops statement on Israel-Palestine conflict is on the Church Noticeboard and attached to the emailed Newsletters.

The Anglican and Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, meeting together in Wellington last week, jointly express their horror at the latest acts of violence and join international voices in calling for an immediate ceasefire.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

- ☑ University Ministry Coordinator
- ☑ Youth Ministry Officer
- ☑ Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant
- ☑ Mt Eden Corrections Facility - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy For details please see: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

News from St Leo's.

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

NZ Sculpture Onshore

NZ Sculpture Onshore will exhibit a range of artwork this year including artwork from several schools. "There will be quirky and thought-provoking works, soaring monumental sculptures, sound and light art works and site-specific installations. Also, there will be many accessible works specifically for adding that special touch to home gardens.

St Leo's will be showcasing their three pyramids which reflect the Catholic character of the school and the local history of Te Hau Kapua. St Catherine students have been working really hard to get these sculptures ready with guidance from Mr M and Mrs Christy.



Exhibition: Saturday 4

November to Sunday 19 November 10.00am – 5.00pm (closed Mondays). Buy tickets: <https://nzsculptureonshore.co.nz/pages/buy-tickets-1>

Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal

St Leo's Board invites parishioners to consider sponsoring a child's Attendance Dues for 2024. These are the compulsory dues charged by the Diocese, total \$516 per year or \$129 per term. What a great way to support our young Catholic community and grow the school roll. Donations are tax deductible. Contact School 445 9339 if you can help.

Feast Days in the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 1 Nov:** Solemnity for **ALL SAINTS**. We offer celebrate the victory of our God in the company of all the redeemed in the heavenly kingdom. (Apoc 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 23:1-61 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12).
- **Thurs 2 Nov:** **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls Day)** — Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all people die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- **Thurs 2 Nov:** Optional for **St Martin de Porres, religious**. Born at Lima, Peru, in 1579 of a native mother and a Spanish father. Entered Dominican Order where he continued as a medical assistant. Lived a life of fasting and prayer. Died in 1639.
- **Sat 4 Nov:** Memorial for **St Charles Borromeo, bishop**. Born Italy in 1538. Prominent defender of the faith at time of the Counter-Reformation. Ordained young, he studied canon & civil law; made cardinal and Archbishop of Milan by his uncle, Pope Pius IV in 1559. Involved in Council of Trent and drafted the Catechism. Concerned with the administration and moral life of the clergy. Established seminaries, and organisations for the religious education of children. Cared for sick during plague of 1576. Died 1584. He is the patron of learning and the arts.

Kidz Korner: Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirtieth-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

Weekday Masses

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: usually after 9 am Mass
Saturday,

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

27/10 Gayle Kallaugher

3/11 Elizabeth Light

Church Cleaning

28/10 Elaine and Les

11/11 Dobbs Family

Counters

29/10 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell

5/11 Arthur Whelan & Francis
Downs

Hospitality

29/10 Norrene

5/11 Fiona Brunton

Altar Servers

29/10 as available

5/11 Joseph Wolfkamp & Maria
Branco

Children's Liturgy Leaders

29/10 Anna Rumble & Claire
Gillies

5/11 Steven Albrecht & Alice
Gillies