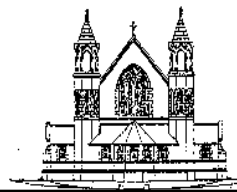


**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5TH 2023



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.

**FORMATION OF PARISH LITURGY MINISTERS
Ministry of Communion:**

Sunday 12 November 4-5pm, in the church, followed by wine & cheese.

For all Communion Ministers, including those who take Communion to the sick/homebound.

Are you interested in this ministry?
Why not come along and find out about it?



The new AV installation will start this week. We have to buy a laptop for input and provide a secure cabinet to store the laptop alongside the

organ. There will be a fundraiser Winetasting on Tuesday 7 November at Glengarry in Devonport 6-8pm.

Tickets are selling slowly and we need a minimum of 20 to go ahead.

Don't delay—join us today!

\$40 a ticket to 02-0108-0706881-00 with Wine-tasting as reference.

The final document from this year's Synod has been released and can be read at this link [Synod Synthesis Report now available to download in English « \(cathnews.co.nz\)](https://www.cathnews.co.nz/synod-synthesis-report-now-available-to-download-in-english)

Reaction has been mixed: Conservatives warn that the Church is being 'warmed up' to major changes in doctrine, while progressives are complaining their issues have not been addressed or the document does not go far enough. But the Synod is not finished. In the next 11 months, before the second session begins, there is time for prayer in the Holy Spirit, and for putting the synodal process into practice in our local context.



31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12 Nov

The Bridegroom Is Here!

Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Psalm 62: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Matthew 25:1-13 The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Ministries	Sat 4 November	Sun 5 November
Welcome:	Natalie Paine	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Liz McMaster Robert Mannion	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Maryanne Offner

Praying through the week

Mondays Rosary 6pm
Meditation 6.30
Tuesdays Choir Practice 7pm
Wednesdays 7pm
Scripture Group, reflecting on next week's Readings.

Ministries	Sat 11 November	Sun 12 November
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers:	Nicki Witham-Blackwell Robert Mannion	Ben Upton Kate Kearins
Communion:	Janet Monga	Flo Sapa'u

Your prayers are requested for our Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, based here in New Zealand and Oceania for the past three years now. He was rushed to hospital after suffering a severe stroke and is now in the Lower Hutt Hospital, in a stable condition. Please pray for him.

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

Nov 6: William McCarthy 1961, Kathleen Heaton 1994

Nov 7: Trilby Carrigan 2014

Nov 8: Kathleen Sheehan 1959, Kathleen Switzer 1998, Caoimhe Taylor 2005

Nov 9: Frances Manning 1980, Matthew Meehan 1999, Marie Bennett 1999

Nov 10: Alfred Glover 1918, James Stitt 1946

Nov 11: Rosanna Thompson 1950, Ruby Radonich 1951, Gloria Callanan 2020

The Columban Calendar 2024 (\$12) and SVDP Christmas cards \$7 per pack of 6 available at the church door

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Come and visit us and see the diocesan centre. 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, purchase liturgical resources and more.

You are warmly welcomed to join us for our final Auckland Divine Renovation event for the year. We will be watching the recorded session of Revival and Renewal – **Watch Party** . 6pm at 30 New St – Ponsonby Monday 4th November. Dinner provided. Please register at Divinerenovation/events. For more information, please contact Cheryl Surry on

Cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org or Stephenf@cda.org.nz

Carmel College Christmas Market by the Lake - Saturday 18 November - 10am-3pm - 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford. Come along and wander around over 65 stalls. Indulge in great food from our food trucks, sausage sizzle and delicious home baking stand and enjoy live performances throughout the day. There will be plenty of chances to win, with some amazing prizes up for grabs in the raffle and a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest to view.

Between 8 to 23 October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza. A humanitarian crisis is looming. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is calling for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people. Prayers and donations: Caritas Facebook page and website. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>

News from St Leo's.

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

Peninsula Kapa Haka

Last week on Thursday, St Leo's students performed at the Peninsula Kapa Haka festival which was held at Hauraki Primary. They started off by singing a waiata with Belmont Intermediate. It was great to see the older tamariki supporting the younger St Leo's students throughout the performance.



Choir Performance

This week St Leo's choir performed at the Navy Kindy. They showcased one of the songs which will be sung at our school Nativity Show. The students sounded amazing.

God Bless. 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.

Senior Coffee Group: next meeting

9th November at 10am at Ruth Ryan's house
86b Ngataringa Rd., Devonport.
Please phone 0211662507 for directions.
Everyone is very welcome !

Feast Days in the Thirty-first Week of Ordinary Time

- **Thurs 9 Nov:** Feast for **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**. Commemorates the first public site of the Church of Roman Christianity – a large meeting hall on Lateran Hill donated by Emp. Constantine. Dedicated in 324 as “Church of Our Saviour”. Later replaced by a new church dedicated to St John the Baptist. This is the pope’s parish church as bishop of Rome.
- **Fri 10 Nov:** Memorial for **St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**. Elected pope in 440, a time of civil and doctrinal disorder: Attila’s invasion was threatening and monophysite heresy was abroad. Leo persuaded the Huns to withdraw beyond the Danube and negotiated with the Vandals upon their seizure of Rome in 455. In 451 the Council of Chalcedon restated the doctrine of the incarnation and primacy of Peter. A man of keen intellect & faith, Leo died 461.
- **Sat 11 Nov:** Memorial for **St Martin of Tours, bishop**. Born about 335, in a pagan family. Martin was a soldier in the Roman army until his conversion and baptism. In 360 he joined St Hilary at Poitiers and founded the first monastery in Gaul, at Lige. Made bishop of Tours in 372.

Kidz Korner: Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirty-First-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

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

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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

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion this week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: not available this Saturday,

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

3/11 Elizabeth Light

10/11 Leslee Burton

Church Cleaning

11/11 Dobbs Family

25/11 Christopher Drake

Counters

5/11 Arthur Whelan & Francis
Downs

12/11 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

5/11 Pauline Baker

12/11 Fiona Brunton

Altar Servers

5/11 Joseph Wolfkamp & Maria
Branco

12/11 Leo Radford

Children’s Liturgy Leaders

5/11 Steven Albrecht & Alice
Gillies

12/11 Mary-Jane and Millie
Lendich