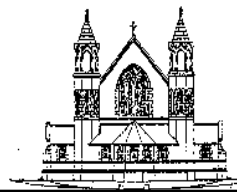




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24TH 2023



Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou.

This is the final bulletin for 2023. The next parish newsletter will be available on Sunday 21 January 2024.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY
AND HOLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION,
AND A BLESSED AND FRUITFUL NEW
YEAR.**



Loving God

It is easy to be stressed during the Christmas season, there is a lot happening. Help us to remain focused on You. While distractions abound, help us to remember, that Jesus – God with us is the reason for the season.

**MASS ON NEW YEAR'S
DAY.**

**There will be Mass at 9.30
on Monday January 1st,
feast of Mary, Mother of
God, and a Day of Prayer
for World Peace.**



To all those who put their hands up as volunteers to support our church in so many ways over 2023. You make our worship beautiful; you help to create this vibrant community; you reach out to others. We would not be the Church in Devonport without you. Thank you for your generosity.

Our spirit of hope has been growing in intensity as the weeks of Advent have passed. We have looked forward by progressively moving back in time. We began with the final day of the Lord, then turned our attention to the mission of John the Baptist, and now focus on the birth of the Messiah.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary, The Ark Of God's Covenant

Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

Psalms 89: I will sing for ever of the goodness of the Lord.

Romans 16:25-27 The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

Luke 1:26-38 Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

31 Dec

Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.

Psalms 105 The Lord is our God. He remembers his covenant forever.

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

Luke 2:22-40 The child grew, filled with wisdom.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 Jan

The Revelation Of Christ To The World

Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Psalms 71: Let all nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 3:12-21 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do the king homage

Ministries	Sat 23 December	Sun 24 December	2024 Columban Calendars \$12 each On sale now from church door after Sunday Mass or available from parish office. These are great value and make excellent gifts.
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan	
Readers:	Steve Burke Nicki Witham-Blackwell	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton	
Communion:	Janet Monga	Francisca Knottenbelt	
Ministries	Sat 30 December	Sun 31 December	Christmas Flower donations still welcome. Many thanks. Box at church door or credit (ref. Flowers). 02-0108-0706881-00
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith	
Readers:	Robert Mannion Damian Wallis	Vanessa Baldey Nevil Gibson	
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Flo Sapa'u	

Let us remember those whose whom we remember in this month of All Souls, for those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dec 25: William Hancock 1978, Alfred Clarke 1980, Pauline Lonie 2014, Rev Fr Paddy Collins 2017

Dec 27: Elizabeth (Betsy) Knottenbelt 2005, Murray Woodham 2014

Dec 28: Anne O'Sullivan 1984, Kathleen Bell 1996, Gwen Watson 1996

Dec 29: Mary Kyle 1994

Dec 30: Antonio John Martin 1985, Richard Lee 2010, Patrick McHugh 2014, Jacob Gunnell 2022

Dec 31: Ida Ocleshaw 1983

Jan 1: Alma Simmonds 1914, Laurence Maxwell 1936, Viola Willetts 2014

Jan 2: Alice Holland 1977, William Stanley 1978, John McBride 1987

Jan 3: John Boylan 1924, Horace Jones 1929, Hector McLennon 1962

Jan 4: James Henderson 1916, Dorothy Cousins 2002, Joe Byrnes 2016

Jan 5: Catherine Ryan 1908, Jane Kalaugher 1952

Jan 6: George Stott 1926, Leonard James 1947,

From the Diocese:

Hāto Petera past students and whānau are invited to comment on draft proposed repurposing plans for the site by 19 January. More information at: <https://hatopetera.com/about-hato-petera/>.

Hāto Petera repurposing: All whānau and local communities are encouraged to review the proposals at

www.hatopetera.com/about and provide feedback by **Friday 22 December** to teresam@cda.org.nz.

To read about diocesan events in the last weeks and start filling your 2024 diary with opportunities for faith development, fun and diocesan life **download the latest edition of CDA connect** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf>

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. 12-14 January. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407

Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre Job Vacancy

This full-time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. t. To view the full advert and to apply, please visit website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

The Parish Office will close from December 22nd and re-open on January 22nd. Special Collections will continue to be banked over this period.

The Wednesday Scripture Group has finished for the year and will restart in February. The **Monday Meditation Group** has also finished and will restart in February

Rosary will continue each Monday at 6pm except for Dec 25 and Jan 1.

New Ministry Rosters will be available in the New Year. Please feel free to help out as available over the holiday period.

Faith Development Opportunities over the holiday period from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>

Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/March on the theme of **Miracles.**

For a 2024 Calendar of events run by **Auckland Catholic Youth and Young Adults Ministry**

check this link:

[2024-Calendar.png \(1080x1080\)](#)
aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Calling all Altar Servers.

A one day get-together of Altar Servers from all North Shore parishes will be run by Mark Bond the Seminarian attached to St Joseph's parish, Takapuna. Details are as follows :-

Date : Wednesday 10 January

Time : 9.15 am at Mass in St Joseph Takapuna.

Finish Time : 2.15 pm

Feast Days in The Christmas & New Year Period

- **Mon 25 Dec:** Solemnity for The Nativity of the Lord.
- **Tue 26 Dec:** Feast of St Stephen, martyr.
- **Wed 27 Dec:** Feast day for ST JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist.
- **Thurs 28 Dec:** Feast day for THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs.
- **Fri 29 Dec:** St Thomas a Becket, bishop and martyr.
- **Sun 31 Dec:** Feast for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.
- **Mon 1 Jan:** SOLEMNITY FOR MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD. World Day of Prayer for Peace.
- **Tue 2 Jan:** Memorial for St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church.
- **Wed 3 Jan:** The Holy Name of Jesus.
- **Sun 7 Jan:** Solemnity for the Epiphany of the Lord.
- **Mon 8 Jan:** Feast for the BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
- **Sat 13 Jan:** St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church.
- **Wed 17 Jan:** Memorial for St Anthony, abbot.
- **Sat 20 Jan:** St Fabian, pope and martyr. St Sebastian, martyr.
- **Mon 22 Jan:** St Vincent, deacon and martyr.
- **Wed 24 Jan:** Memorial for St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church.
- **Thurs 25 Jan:** Feast for The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle.
- **Fri 26 Jan:** Memorial for St Timothy and St Titus, bishops.
- **Sat 27 Jan:** St Angela Merici, virgin.

Kidz Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf>

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Parish Bank Account: **BNZ 02-0108- 0706881-000**

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

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, Julia Strickett, 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 during the week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass on Saturday

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

05/01 Elizabeth Light

Church Cleaning

TBA

Counters

24/12 Denise and Karl

02/01 Anne Feeney &
Christina Kersey

Hospitality

24/12 Mia Dobbs

07/01 Francisca

Altar Servers

As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

As available to lead
procession of children at Vigil
Mass Sat 24 December