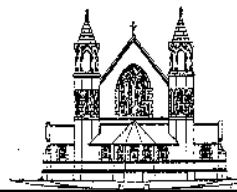




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3RD 2023

At the AGM earlier this year, a wish was expressed for a chance to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. On December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 12.30– 2pm & 5.30 –7 pm. The doors are open, so come

and spend some time in silent prayer and meditation. It's a lovely way to end the first week of Advent, as we wait for the coming of Emmanuel, Jesus, God with us, whose birth was made possible by Mary's "Yes".



Looking to spreading the love this Christmas?

The following entities would be glad of your support:

- SVDP - donate at the back of the Church or online 01-0137-0030606-00
- De Paul House Onewa Rd. N'cote
www.depaulhouse.org.nz
- Catholic Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal—cards at the back of the Church

All you need to know about Advent in our Parish - pick up the purple Advent guide from the back of the church, or read in the weekly email. Note Cleaning Bee 16/12 at 10 am. All hands welcome!



Let's celebrate together! All welcome to Parish Christmas/End of Year Dinner - potluck at **1 Eton Avenue 6pm Sunday 17 December**. Bring a small plate of food to share (not too big as we don't want to waste food) and something you'd like to drink. Come along and enjoy one another's company. Children and any visiting family members are also welcome. No RSVP needed.

RITE 2 RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT. 7 PM HERE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

The call to watch out for the coming of the Lord may seem like a threat, but is meant to challenge us to be fully alive in the here and now. The first Sunday of Advent repeats the invitation Paul gave to the Corinthians, to be thankful for “all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ” and to be “steady and without blame until the last day.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Waiting For The Lord

Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Psalms 80: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Mark 13:33-37 Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 Dec

The Good News

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Prepare a way for the Lord.

Psalms 85: O Lord, let us see your mercy.

2Peter 3:8-14 We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

Mark 1:1-8 Make his paths straight.

Ministries	Sat 2 December	Sun 3 December
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Damian Wallis Robert Mannion	Yem Braid Denise O’Shaughnessy
Communion:	Kitt Isidro	Maryanne Offner
Ministries	Sat 9 December	Sun 10 December
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Steve Burke	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks
Communion:	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.

RITE 2 RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT. We gather as a community and celebrate the liturgy. Then we seek individual confession and absolution. We conclude with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. All the Reconciliation liturgies below start at 7 pm.
 Dec 6, NORTHCOTE St Mary’s
 Dec 7, TORBAY, St Francis
Dec 10, DEVONPORT, St Francis and All Souls

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 04: Msgr Alfred Huia Hyde 1985, Keith Hooper 2020; Nola Hendry 2021
Dec 05: Valda Murphy 2002, Alvin Josef 2008
Dec 07: Charles Old 1985, Gwendolyn Brown 2004
Dec 08: Robert Fullerton 1979
Dec 10: John Molloy 1987, Jim McKay 2014, John Fogarty 2022

Journey to Bethlehem we will be screening at The Vic, Devonport from this weekend until Christmas. See their website for screening times <https://www.thevic.co.nz/movie/journey-to-bethlehem>
 A new refreshing approach to the nativity story.
See poster at back of church.

Dec 12, TAKAPUNA, St Joseph’s
 Dec 13, OREWA, St John’s
 Dec 14, GLENFIELD, St Thomas More
 Dec 15, Fri - BEACHHAVEN, Maria Assumpta

FROM THE DIOCESE

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - **Saturday evenings** to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; **Wednesday mornings** in silent Meditation; **Wednesday evenings** to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

Taize Prayer for Advent, Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay *graphic attached*

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 0210710277

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 10th December at 4pm in Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral followed by a light meal. All disabled people and their whānau and support workers most **WELCOME!**

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED

PILGRIMAGE Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407

News from St Leo's.

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



St Leo's Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to help at the school fair. We had an amazing turnout and the weather was perfect. It was great to see the community getting together to support our wonderful kura.

Nativity Show

The school is working very hard to put this show together. This will be held in the hall at 10am on the 13 December. Please join us to celebrate this special occasion.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal

COMMUNITY CAROLS

**At Holy Trinity Church, Devonport
Thursday 14th December, 7.00pm**

Begins at **6.00pm** with Picnic, Sausage Sizzle, Bouncy Castle, Ice-Creams. Bring the family.

This is an ecumenical event hosted by the Combined Churches of Devonport & Belmont.

Our parish is responsible for selling ice-creams from 6.00pm. We need volunteers for this.

Young people, please apply (or any age).

Contact Stephen 0210608561, or email the parish office

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Feast Days in the Thirty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 4 Dec:** Optional memorial for St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church. Born about 675. After holding public office, he withdrew to the monastery of Sabos near Jerusalem. He wrote "The Fount of Wisdom", a comprehensive teaching on Christian doctrine, which had great influence on later theology. He died about 750.
- **Wed 6 Dec:** Optional for **St Nicholas, bishop.** Bishop of Myra in Lycia in the 3rd century. Very little is known in fact of his life, though a great tradition has grown around him and popular devotion to him from early times. It's said that his incorrupt body exuded the odour of myrrh with healing property. Stories of his generosity led to a tradition of giving gifts in his name at Christmas time, hence his association with the season.
- **Thurs 7 Dec:** Memorial for **St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born 339 at Trier, practiced in Roman law-courts and appointed to office in Milan. While still a catechumen was elected Bishop of Milan by the laity – hesitated to accept, but was baptized, ordained and studied theology, became famous as a preacher & defender of the faith. He received St Augustine into the Church. He fought paganism and protected the Church against political power.
- **Fri 8 Dec:** Solemnity for **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** (Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Sat 9 Dec:** Optional for **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin,** to whom Our Lady appeared on this day in 1531 at Guadalupe, leaving a miraculous image on his cloak.

Kidz Korner: Celebrating ADVENT Week One

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/>

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

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

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Ministry Reminders

Flowers

1/12 Kate O'Rourke

8/12 Annie Gray

Church Cleaning

9/12 Sasha Radford

16/12 Cleaning Bee

Counters

3/12 Shyrelle & Brian

Mitchell

10/12 Arthur Whelan &

Frances Downs

Hospitality

3/12 Susan Reeves

10/12 Yem

Altar Servers

3/12 Joseph Wolfkamp

10/12 James Farrell & Maria

Branco

Children's Liturgy Leaders

3/12 TBA

10/12 Anna R & Julia S