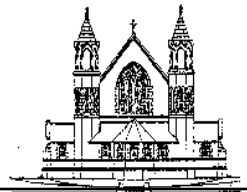


DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 21ST 2024**

**Feast of St Francis de Sales  
Wednesday 24th January  
Mass at 12.00pm**

St Francis was, and is, renowned for his writings of spiritual direction. Here is a couple of sample quotes:

“In prayer we approach God and place ourselves in His presence for two reasons. The first is to render to God the honour and praise we owe Him, and this can be done without His speaking to us or our speaking to Him..... The second reason why we present ourselves before God is to speak to Him and to hear Him speak to us through inspirations and the inner stirrings of our heart.”

“Great deeds may not always come our way, but at all times we can do little deeds with perfection, that is, with great love”.



**Parish BYO Picnic.** All welcome. Sunday 21 Jan (weather permitting) 5.30 pm at the Bath Street reserve, north end Cheltenham Beach. Celebrate summer & St Francis!

**The Parish Pastoral Council** meets for the first time in 2024 on Tuesday evening of this week.

Key items on the agenda will be

- Continuing Synodality
- Where to in Mission this year?

As always, we value your input. Please use the suggestion box at the back of the church or talk to one of the PPC members or email [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:**

For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

**Women's Prayer Retreat** - A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | Fri 16 Feb 5pm - Sun 18 Feb 3pm | Earlybird (by 31 Jan) \$300 | Standard (after 31 Jan) \$330

**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 21 Feb | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr

**Homecoming** - A Lenten retreat that will reflect on the spiritual implications of Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm- Sun 24 Mar 4:30pm | Earlybird \$300

Today's readings have a dynamism about them that jolts us out of our easy lethargy in these languorous summer days. Welcome or unwelcome, the call to repent — to change our ways — is in the air.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*The Lord Who Teaches Us His Ways*

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

**Jonah 3:1-5,10** The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

**Psalms 25: Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**1Corinthians 7:29-31** The world as we know it is passing away.

**Mark 1:14-20** Repent, and believe the Good News.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** 28 Jan

*The Lord, Our Teacher*

**Deuteronomy. 18:15-20** I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

**Ps 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**1Corinthians 7:32-35** An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

**Mark 1:21-28** He taught them with authority.

**Ministries Sat 20 January**

**Welcome:** Kath Petrie

**Readers:** Robert Mannion  
Steve Burke

**Communion:** Lisa Mannion

**Ministries Sat 27 January**

**Welcome:** Natalie Williams

**Readers:** Nicki Witham-Blackwell  
Kath Petrie

**Communion:** Kitt Isidro

**Sun 21 January**

Emma Mackie-Watts

John Knight  
Sarah Sparks

Iain Gillies

**Sun 28 January**

Greg Shanahan

Kate Kearins  
Gerard Dobbs

Adrienne Ramskill

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore** will hold their first meeting for 2024 on **Wed 31 Jan** at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. All men are invited and we hope you will join us for a cuppa and fellowship.

**Part-time work wanted.** Candace, a parishioner and mother of school-age children. Is looking for part-time work—cleaning, cooking, child-minding or garden-tidying. Any hours between 9 and 2.30. Please ring her if you can help. 021 423 5990

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

Faye Aggett, Ineke Merkens and Alan McDonald who have died recently.

Doreen and Joe Byrnes, parents of Anne Gibson, who died in December 2019 and 2016 respectively.

**Jan 20:** James Murphy 1916

**Jan 21:** Alexander Geelan de Kabath 1991, Maxwell Campbell 1996

**Jan 22:** Laurence Coleman 1924

**Jan 23:** Mario Dell'Isola 1999

**Jan 24:** Laura Nelson 1985

**Jan 25:** Shane O'Neill 1913, Annollia Johnson 1978

**Jan 26:** May Harris 1971

**Jan 27:** June Kennedy-Good 2008

## From the Diocese:

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>

## 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](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

**Msr Tomáš Halík is a highly acclaimed** author, lecturer, psychotherapist, underground priest, psychologist of religion, and pastoral theologian at Charles University Prague. A winner of the prestigious Templeton prize, he will be in New Zealand in February to give a couple of talks.

Date: Monday, 05 February 2024

Time: 7:30-9:00pm

Venue: CTC Campus, St Columba Centre, 40

Vermont St Ponsonby

Supper will be served

This event is hosted by Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute, Catholic Diocese of Auckland and Marist Brothers.

This is a free event, however we appreciate your registration with Fr Merv Duffy at [m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz) for catering purposes. Alternatively, you can register through our Facebook event page [here](#)

## 2024 AUCKLAND CLERGY APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE 3/4 FEBRUARY

Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki Plains  
Parish Priest Fr Rob O'Brien

Flatbush Assistant Priest &  
Te Unga Waka Parish Priest Fr Larry Rustia

Glenfield Parish Priest Fr Pio Fong SM

Kaitaia Parish Priest Fr James Walsh

Manurewa Parish Priest Fr Tony O'Connor SM

Mt Albert Parish Priest Fr Marchellino Park

Papatoetoe Assistant Priest Fr Thomas Park

Papakura Parish Priest Fr Mathew  
Vadakkevettuvazhiyll

Pukekohe Assistant Priest Appointment pending

Waiuku Parish Priest Appointment pending

On Leave Fr Alfredo Garcia

## Seminarian on Pastoral Placement

Owairaka Ryan Sy

## Priests leaving the Diocese

Fr Nathaniel Brazil

Returns to Palmerston North Diocese as PP  
Stratford

Fr Patrick Breeze SM

To Christchurch Diocese, Christchurch South  
Parish

Fr Peter McAfee SM

To Christchurch Diocese, Christchurch South  
Parish

## Feast Days in the Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 22 Jan: St Vincent, deacon and martyr.** A deacon of the Church at Saragossa. He was put to death at Valencia in Spain, during the persecution of Diocletian, in about 304.
- **Wed 24 Jan:** Memorial for **St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Bishop of Geneva at the time of Calvin, he strove for the renewal of the faith. His “Introduction to the Devout Life” is a classic of spiritual direction, and is still read. He died on 28 Dec 1622, at the age of 55. Patron saint of journalists. **Patron of our parish.**
- **Thurs 25 Jan:** Feast for **The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle.** This day celebrates Paul’s encounter with Jesus, in a blinding light, on the road to Damascus which so radically changed him. See Act 9:1-22 or Acts 22:3-16.

## **Titipounamu Study & Joy**

**Bible Stories**—What do they mean? Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sunday, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr & 05 May 2024, 4-6pm (Zoom). Koha.

**The Mystery of Miracles** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>  
Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm \$25/session or \$80/series incl. study material.  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Stephen Bell

**Parish Secretary:** Kathleen Petrie

**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](http://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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** before Vigil Mass on Saturday

## **Ministry Reminders**

### **Flowers**

19/01 Margaret Pereira

26/01 Anne Gibson

### **Church Cleaning**

25/01 Dobbs family

### **Counters**

21/01 Shyrelle & Brian

28/01 Arthur Whelan &  
Frances Downs

### **Hospitality**

21/01 Sue Story

28/01 Fiona Brunton

### **Altar Servers**

As available

### **Children’s Liturgy Leaders**

28/01 Julia Strickett &  
Anna Rumble