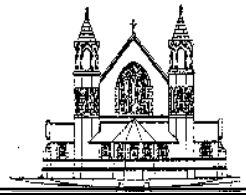


**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 28TH 2024

Psalm 94

If today you hear God's
voice harden not
your heart.



How well do I listen to God?



This week is the signal for everything to return to “normal” - back to school, back to work, picking up routines. We pray: Bless us Spirit of Life during this new year with... the light of a new dawn, the gratitude of dry ground in rain, the wonder of children. In the name of Him who makes all things new, Jesus the Christ. Amen

14th February is ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return any palms you have from previous years' Passion Sundays, we will be collecting them over the next two weeks — these palms will be burned to make the ashes.

From the Parish Council:

As we head into 2024, we take note of a number of threads, emerging and continuing. We are beginning a period of re-thinking the future of the Church in solidarity with the Synod of Rome, which begins its second session in October this Year. What does “synodality” mean for us and our Mission as the Church in Devonport?

We are proposing a series of conversations over four Sundays during Lent, to look more deeply into the meaning of “synodality” in our own context— listening to each other, talking together, praying and discerning..

The first of these will be on Sunday 18th February at 5.30 pm at the Church or the Hall, depending on numbers.

One of the key themes of the Synod is Participation. Please note the date and consider coming along. Your contribution is valued and important.

NZ Catholic \$4
The national Catholic magazine
Jan. 28, Feb. 10, 2024 • No. 477

5024 Clergy appointments for six NZ dioceses 2
Fr. Maher's journey: husband, father, priest 10

Vale Cardinal Tom

Cardinal Thomas Stafford Williams, ONZ, 1930-2023, pgs 3,7,8

Six times judged Australia's leading Catholic newspaper

On sale this weekend: only \$4.— Great value!

In the early chapters of Mark's gospel Jesus appears as a person of impressive authority. What he has to say has the ring of truth about it, and the power of his personality is such that he draws the most disturbed of human beings into the realm of well-being. Are we ready to follow him?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Lord, Our Teacher

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

Psalms 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 4 Feb

Christ Who Makes Us Free To Serve

Job 7:1-4,6-7 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Psalms 147: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 I should be punished if I did not preach the gospel.

Mark 1:29-39 He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

Ministries	Sat 27 January	Sun 28 January
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Greg Shanahan
Readers:	Nicki Witham-Blackwell Kath Petrie	Kate Kearins Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Kitt Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill
Ministries	Sat 3 February	Sun 4 February
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Robert Mannion Damian Wallis	Denise O'Shaughnessy Yem Braid
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker

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. Anything considered, 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, especially Wally Papich, whose funeral was here on Friday and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jan 28: Daniel Murphy 1979, Annie Halsey 2004

Jan 29: Joseph Kirk 1954, Mary Wright 2003

Jan 30: Roland Magness 1922, Allan Wilson 1987, John McHugh 2015

Jan 31: Donovan 1887

Feb 1: Barry Drake 1987, Ronald Mewa 2002

Feb 2: Henry Gallagher 1929 Colleen Gill 1983

Feb 3: Bob Caldwell 2013

From the Diocese:

A conversation with Monsignor Tomáš Halik. Help my Unbelief! How can we find the “Galilee of Today”? Ordained secretly as an underground priest, Tomáš Halik is now theologian at Charles University Prague. Come and listen to Mons Halik. St Columba Centre 5 February 2024 7.30pm. Followed by supper. Please RSVP Fr Merv Duffy m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz by 2 February.

WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA All are welcome to celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.

Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For more information email ManuelB@cda.org.nz

Year of Prayer Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/> and will be updated regularly.

Past, present members of the **Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations**, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod’s call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February Poynton Room Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. RSVP pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz | 5 February

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.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit 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

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

14th February is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. As part of this special time of the year the Takapuna parish is hosting an introductory course on Meditation in the Christian Tradition. Christian meditation is a simple way of being in God's presence through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. In stillness we enter into union with God. In silence we give our own spirit room to breathe and to be with a God who longs to be in union with us. It becomes the prayer of the heart and the practice of the presence of God. Some also report physical and mental benefits. **The course starts on Tuesday 20th February from 7.30pm to 9-00-pm and will run for four weeks 20th & 27 February and 5th & 12th March.** It will be held in the St Joseph's parish Meeting Room, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna, (the old office) and led by members of the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation. For more information please contact Graham on 09 489 4389.

Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 31 Jan: St John Bosco, priest.** Born in Turin in 1815 and brought up in poverty. Devoted his life to the education of working youth. Founded religious congregations – the Salesian Order (inspired by the life and work of Francis de Sales), and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians – to carry on his ideals.
- **Thu 1 Feb: St Brigid, religious.** Born in the mid-400's, near Dundalk in Ireland. Her parents were baptized by St Patrick. Called to a religious life from a young age. In about 470 she founded a monastery at Cill-Dara (Kildare) and was Abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland, which developed into a center of learning and spirituality. Brigid was known for her spirituality, charity and compassion for those in distress. She is buried at Downpatrick, with St Columba, and St Patrick, with whom she is patron of Ireland.
- **Fri 2 Feb: Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.** Also known as “**Candlemas Day**” — Candles are blessed and carried in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people. Also traditionally a Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.
- **Sat 3 Feb: St Blaise, bishop & martyr.** Bishop of Sivas in Armenia in the fourth century. Patron saint of throat illnesses, and of wild animals.
- **Sat 3 Feb: St Ansgar, bishop.** Born in France 801, became a monk and in 826 set out to preach gospel in Denmark and then Sweden. Made bishop of Hamburg & papal legate to Denmark & Sweden by Gregory IV.

Bike Group: Checking if anyone is interested in joining a social bike group, for a quiet ride for exercise once a week, and a coffee to follow. Contact Chris - 02108677159

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(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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: before Vigil Mass on Saturday

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

26/01 Anne Gibson

Church Cleaning

2/02 Anne Feeney

Counters

28/01 Arthur Whelan &
Frances Downs

4/02 Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

28/01 Fiona Brunton

4/02 Mia and Gerard

Altar Servers

28/01 Joseph & Leo

4/02 Ben & Rosemary

Children's Liturgy Leaders

28/01 Julia Strickett &
Anna Rumble

4/02 Mary-Jane & Millie
Lendich