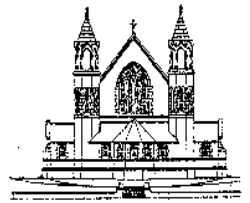




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024



Anyone who is
not against us is
for us.

Do my words and actions
reflect by belief in and
trust in Jesus?



Season of Creation 2024

1 September to 4 October

“To Hope and Act With Creation”

The season of specific prayer and reflection about God’s Creation comes to an official end this coming Friday, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. However, Pope Francis’ recent letter, *Laudate Deum*, makes it clear that each of us has an ongoing personal responsibility to our planet and our own role in arresting the damage we are doing to the Earth. It is through a combination of our own individual efforts, added to those of all other individuals, that real change can occur.

The Christian Brothers of Oceania have produced a simple checklist of possibilities to help individuals assess their own daily behaviours in terms of environmental impact. It provides a host of suggestions for making small changes in behaviour and actions which, cumulatively, can make an enormous difference.

[Click here to assess your own performance against these checklists!](#)

Check out the Lavender Hedge seedlings along the front fenceline. They are thriving thanks to great work by the men of St Joseph’s Guild and Carolyn Clark (Glorious Gardens). Thank you for all your care and hard work!

The Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Church* reminds us that: "It is not only through the sacraments and ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God..., but 'alotting his gifts to everyone according as He wills' (1Cor 12:11), He distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank...These charisms...are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation..." (#12).

26TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

God's Spirit In the World

Numbers 11:25-29 Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Psalms 19: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

James 5:1-6 Your wealth is all rotting.

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

27TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

6 Oct

The Family of God

Genesis 2:18-24 They become one body.

Psalms 127: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Hebrews 2:9-11 The one who sanctifies, and the one who is sanctified, are of the same stock.

Mark 10:2-16 What God has united, let no one divide.

Ministries	Sat 28 September	Sun 29 September
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Riaan Blom Steve Burke	Yem Braid
Communion:	Mila Burke	Francisca Knottenbelt
Ministries	Sat 5 October	Sun 6 October
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Damian Wallis	Sarah Sparks Kate Kearins
Communion:	Denise Ross	Flo Sapa'u

Hall Exterior Painting.

The Property and Finance Committee have arranged for the painting of the Hall to begin this coming week. The contractor will be using a mobile scaffold, for about 3 weeks and access to the interior of the Hall will always be possible.

We pray for all those who have died recently those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sep 27: Mary Winders 1920, Inez Santo 1985

Sep 28: William Walsh 1960

Sep 29: Magdalena Manzano 1933, Joan Cann 1999, Patricia Reynolds 2001, Anthony Casey 2010

Sep 30: Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000, James Elliston 2022

Oct 01: Catherine Graham 1978

Oct 03: Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003

Oct 04: Peter Coleman 1907, James Colon 1923

Oct 05: William Missen 1953, Robert Mortimer 1990, Bryon Solomon 2007

Prayer during the week: Mondays: Rosary in Church 6pm, Meditative Prayer 6.30pm in Meeting Room. Wednesdays: Scripture Group 7pm Meeting Room

Invitation from Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

A One-day Men's Retreat, directed by Bishop

Steve Lowe will be held on **Saturday 19**

October (8am-4pm). The retreat will be titled "**He Emptied Himself**" (Philippians 2:7) and held at St Thomas More Church. This will be a special day of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship, and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve.

The Upper Room Thursday 17th October

6:30pm-9:00pm at Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics.

Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: Go to facebook.com/ AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz

FROM THE DIOCESE

Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!! - **Vacancy for a Live-In Host** Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see our website for more info or get in touch with us enquiry@sistereretreat.com

Pregnancy Choice & Abundance Op Shop

Opening **18th October** @ 272 Ti Rakau Drive, East Tāmaki.
Demonstrating love by fully informing and supporting women to explore their options in a stress-free, nonjudgmental, safe space.
For more information contact Rebecca 021 149 1320, rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz. Follow our progress and learn more: www.pregnancychoice.org.nz | [FB@abundanceopshopeasttamaki](https://www.facebook.com/abundanceopshopeasttamaki) | www.pregnancychoice.org.nz

The Auckland Interfaith Council is pleased to announce their next series "**Exploring Sacred Spaces**". They are planning to visit 5 Sacred Spaces this year:
Wed, 02 Oct, 7-8.30pm: Manurewa Baha'i Centre (Baha'i)
Sat, 05 Oct, 1.30-3.30pm: St John the Evangelist (Catholic)
Sat, 12 Oct, 2-3.30pm: Harkrishan Sahib Ji (Sikh)
If you want to read about the previous event in this series, you might like to check out: <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2/>

Liturgy is a quarterly magazine, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools, and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is available online on the diocesan website. It is free: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/magazine/>.

From St Leo's Catholic School

Our Senior students enjoyed hearing about Catherine McAuley and the Mercy foundations of our school from Sister Bridget Crisp rsm. To



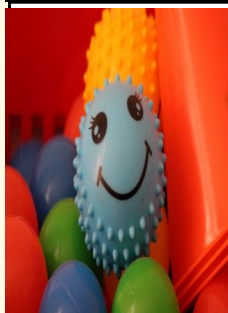
further explore our Mercy Charism is one of this year's Special Character goals. We are also looking at the topic of pathways to vocations.

Garden to Table

This week St Patrick students made smashed broad beans on bruschetta. They picked the beans from our garden and prepared them firstly by taking the beans out and boiling them so that they were soft enough to mash. After adding lemon zest, olive oil and salt the mashed beans were ready to eat on top of the toasted bruschetta. Yummy.!

This week is the last week of Term 3 and we have had an amazing term. We are all looking forward to a lovely relaxing break.

God Bless,
Vimi Chandra, Principal



Reminder. No Tuesday playgroup during school holidays 30 Sept - 11 October.

Feast Days in the Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 30 Sept: St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church.** Born about 342. Studied and baptised in Rome. Lived for some years as a hermit in Syrian desert. Later ordained a priest. Preached asceticism and studying. Translated Bible into Latin, wrote biblical commentaries, and other works. Fought against heresies of Arianism, Pelagianism and Origenism.
- **Tues 1 Oct: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church.** Born 1873 near Lisieux. Entered Carmel at age 15. Achieved perfection through daily renunciation of little things, and through prayer and meditation on the life of Christ. Poor health made missionary work impossible, so offered her daily life for the mission of the Church. Died 1897, aged 24. Patron of the missions. Known by many as 'The Little Flower'.
- **Wed 2 Oct: Holy Guardian Angels.** Bless the Lord, all you angels of the Lord. Sing his glory and praise for ever. "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life.'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 336).
- **Fri 4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi.** Born 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant. Gave up everything to obey the call of the Lord. Lived in complete poverty & preached the gospel. Others came to join him, and so began the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly in his lifetime. His life was a putting into practice the beatitudes. Died 1226.
- **Sat 5 Oct: St Bruno, priest.** Born Cologne about 1030. Was ordained and for many years ran the Cathedral at Rheims. Felt called to asceticism and solitude and so retired to mountains near Grenoble with a few companions. So began the Carthusian Order. He died in 1101.

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

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St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

Proprietor's Reps: Clare Wilde, Julia Strickett, Anna Rumble

**Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon
closed Wednesdays**

Masses next weekend

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Mases during this coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon. Rosary at 11.30 Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5pm on Saturdays

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

6/10 Sue Story

Church Cleaning

5/10 Sasha Radford

19/10 Anne Feeney

Counters

29/09 Shyrelle & Brian

Mitchell

6/10 Arthus Whelan &

Frances Downs

Hospitality

29/09 Gerard & Mia

Dobbs

6/10 Yem Braid

Altar Servers

29/09 As available for next two weeks - school holidays
New roster tba.

Children's Liturgy Leaders

29/09 School holidays—no
Children's Liturgy.

New roster tba.