



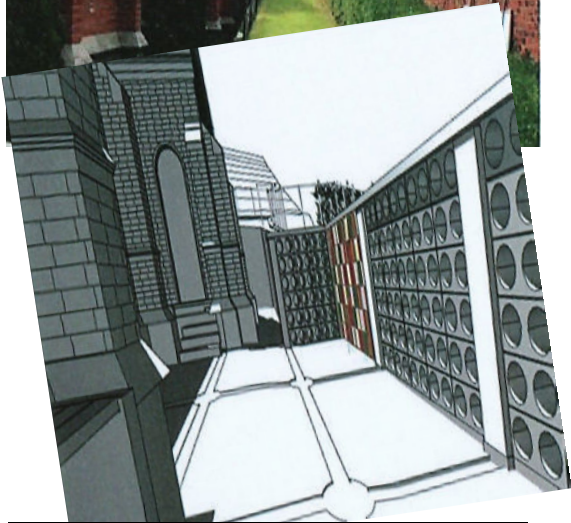
**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15TH DECEMBER 2024



Gaudete Sunday: Let us rejoice, the Lord is very near. Philipians 4



** **Christmas Flowers** **
** Parishioners are invited to offer donations **
** toward the cost of fresh flowers for our **
** church for Christmas. Please place your **
** donation in the box at church door, or **
** direct credit to: 02 0108 0706881 000 **
** St Francis de Sales & All Souls Devonport **
** Parish Account (ref. Flowers) **
** Thank you. **

**Advent Reconciliation Communal Rite
here this Sunday 15 December 7pm**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

The Solemn Feast of Christmas will be celebrated at the following times:

Tuesday 24th December ...

Christmas Eve: 5.30pm (Carol singing from 5pm)

9.00pm (Carol singing from 8.30pm)

Wednesday 25th December ...

Christmas Day: 9.30am

The Columbarium project is GO!!!

The Property and Finance Committee have finalised the funding proposal and the Diocese is with us on the fast-track. We hope to commence building early next year so that by this time next year, or earlier, we will have a permanent resting place for the ashes of our loved ones, as part of our faith community. Contact Kath in Parish Office for more info.

Today is the midpoint of Advent, once called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. Hope and joy permeate the readings and indeed we cannot help noticing the hope that permeates all the Advent readings.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Day of Festival

Zephaniah 3:14-18 The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you, as on a day of festival.

Psalms: Isaiah 12:2-6: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 The Lord is very near.

Luke 3:10-18 What must we do?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22 Dec

Mary's Child: The Prince of Peace

Micah 5:1-4 Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

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

Hebrews 10:5-10 Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Luke 1:39-44 Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Ministries	Sat 14 December	Sun 15 December
Welcome:	Sarah Menzies	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Steve Burke Riaan Blom	John Knight Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Janet Monga, Mila Burke Kevin Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill, Flo Sapa'u Pauline Baker
Ministries	Sat 21 December	Sun 22 December
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers:	Robert Mannion Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Denise O'Shaughnessy Mary Lyttleton
Communion:	Riaan Blom, Lisa Mannion, Kasey Isidro	Kath Casey, Francesca Knottenbelt, Gabriel Sagripanti

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,
Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

Wednesdays: Please note—Scripture Group is now taking a break until Jan 29, 2025.

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

Dec 16: Velma Swann 2018

Dec 17: Faye Patricia Agett 2023

Dec 18: Matthew Buchanan 2009, Mary (Jo) Aitchison 2017

Dec 19: Karl Röllin 2003, Gregory Cooper 2004, Msgr Paul Cronin 2010

Dec 20: Rev Dr Frances H Terry 1978

2025 Columban Art 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.

Pay by cash, Eftpos, or online to: 02-0108-0706881-000 (Ref: Calendar)

St Vincent de Paul Twinning Project: Samoa

Material aid still required from walkers to children's books, clothing to kitchen equipment., clean and in good order. Good can be shipped to: St Vincent de Paul 47 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 1062

The receipt of goods will be between mid-January and mid-February. Contact Pauline 027 3393155 in Devonport SVDP for help.

Lavender for your garden?

If you would like a cutting from the original hedge for your garden, they will be on sale next week for a gold coin donation.

Thanks to St Joseph's Guild for cultivating these so carefully.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Christmas Mass on Shine TV this year Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3pm.

Christmas Mass Times the diocese has collected the times of Christmas Masses throughout the diocese which can be accessed from the front page of the website or directly <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2024/>

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is excited to be launching a new initiative called Dovecotes. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to Dovecotes', contains all the relevant information. It's on our website:

www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com

Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2025

Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course : **Sat 15 and Sun 15**

February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love -Wed evenings starting **12 February 2025**; Hillsborough, Auckland

All adults 20+ are welcome. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Opening of the Year of Jubilee Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

From St Leo's Catholic School



A joyful Christmas to all families in the Parish, from St Leo's. Happy holidays to all students and staff. Looking forward to seeing you next year!



Can you lend a hand to make the church beautiful for Christmas? Cleaning Bee Sat 21 December 10-12 approx. All welcome

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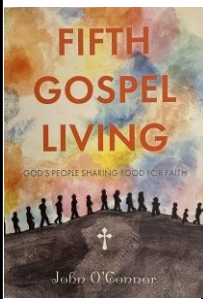
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Fr John O'Connor's new book - thoughtful reading for Advent, Christmas or any time at all. \$35 a copy. Available from Parish Office or www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Feast Days in the Third Week of Advent

- **Sat 21 Dec: St Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church.** Born 1521, at Nijmegen in Holland. Entered Society of Jesus, ordained 1546 and went to Cologne where he founded a Jesuit house. A vigorous defender of Catholicism, he published a catechism which was influential in the Counter-Reformation. Died 1597.

OCTAVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS — 17-24 DECEMBER

We enter the eight days before Christmas, in intense anticipation. The **Gospel Acclamations** in this period welcome the approaching Messiah: O come...

Wisdom of the Most High, ordering all things with strength and gentleness, come and teach us the way of truth.

Ruler of the House of Israel, who gave the law to Moses on Sinai, come and save us with outstretched arm.

Root of Jesse, set up as a sign to the peoples, come and save us, and delay no more.

Key of David, who open the gates of the eternal kingdom, come to liberate from prison the captive who lives in darkness.

Morning Star, radiance of eternal light, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

King of the peoples and corner-stone of the Church, come and save mankind whom you made from the dust of the earth.

Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, come and save us, Lord our God.

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

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

Masses next weekend

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Masses during this coming week

Wed.12 noon. Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5pm on Saturdays

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

15/12 Sue Story

22/12 Christmas Flowers

Church Cleaning

15/12 Parish Clean

Counters

15/12 Denise & Karl

22/12 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

15/12 Yem

22/12 Gerard & Mia

Altar Servers

15/12 Joseph Wolfkamp,
Poppy Weekes

22/12 as available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

15/12 Catherine & Alice
Gillies

22/12 School holidays—no
Children's Liturgy