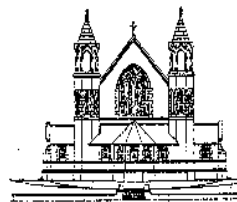




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou

This is the final bulletin for 2024. The next parish newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 January 2025

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, AND A BLESSED AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR.

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**

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)

Lavender for your garden?
If you would like a cutting from the original hedge for your garden, they will be on sale after Masses this weekend for a gold coin donation. Limited numbers available.
Thanks to St Joseph's Guild .



Liturgical Ministers — Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers
We need volunteers for the three Christmas celebrations of Eucharist. Please indicate your availability by putting your name on one of the sheets of paper, on table at church door.

Thank you!

To all our Altar Servers who have served so faithfully on this year's roster, which has come to an end for the holidays. Please feel free to volunteer as available!

The Columbarium project is GO!!!
Please keep the Columbarium Organising Group in your prayers as we continue working over the holidays. 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.

Our spirit of hope has been growing in intensity as the weeks of Advent have passed. We have looked forward by progressively moving back in time. We began with the final day of the Lord, then turned our attention to the mission of John the Baptist, and now focus on the birth of the Messiah.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

Psalm 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?

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 29 Dec

Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life.

Ps 84: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1John 3:1-2,21-24 We are called God's children, and that is what we are.

Luke 2:41-52 Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5 Jan *The Revelation Of Christ To The World*

Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Ps 72: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do him homage.

| <u>Ministries</u> | <u>Sat 21 December</u> | <u>Sun 22 December</u> |
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| 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 |
| <u>Ministries</u> | <u>Sat 28 December</u> | <u>Sun 29 December</u> |
| Welcome: | Sarah Menzies | Karen Rawlinson |
| Readers: | Kath Petrie Damian Wallis | John Knight Kate Kearins |
| Communion: | Kitt Isidro, Denise Ross Lisa Mannion | Maryanne Offner, Iain Gillies, Flo Sapa'u |

Monday 23rd will be the last Rosary meeting for the year. Recommence Monday 13th Jan.

Meditation Group has finished for the year, starting again end of January.

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

- Dec 21:** Most Rev Jean Baptiste François Pompallier 1871, Peter Bartlett 2019
- Dec 24:** Nicol Miller 1999, Joyce Hansen 2019
- Dec 25:** William Hancock 1978, Alfred Clarke 1980, Pauline Lonie 2014, Rev Fr Paddy Collins 2017
- Dec 26:** Ian Munro 2023, Ineke Merckens 2023
- Dec 27:** Elizabeth (Betsy) Knottenbelt 2005, Murray Woodham 2014

See the Need. Be the Hope! Please support Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal : envelopes at back of church.

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

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/>

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is seeking an **experienced journalist** to support its communications efforts in 2025 and beyond. This new position will assist the Church in sharing its stories and in keeping the Catholic and wider community informed about the life, mission and ministry of the Church. A background in religious journalism would be advantageous, as would experience in media monitoring. Please send expressions of interest to communications@nzcbc.org.nz no later than January 12. The role could be filled sooner than January 12 for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Can you help?

New Parish Rosters will be published early next year for:

- Counters— 2 people required after Mass on Sunday to count collection donations for banking. Takes about 30 minutes or less, once every 6 weeks or so.
- Church Cleaning: fortnightly clean to supplement the professional cleaning, once every 2 months, for about an hour.

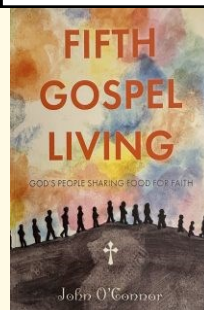
The more helpers, the fewer turns!

Congratulations to St Leo's Year 6 graduands. Taking the light of Christ from St Leo's out to the world!



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)



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 Christmas & New Year Period

- **Mon 23 Dec:** St John of Kenty, priest.
- **Wed 25 Dec:** Solemnity for The Nativity of the Lord.
- **Thurs 26 Dec:** Feast of St Stephen, martyr.
- **Fri 27 Dec:** Feast day for ST JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist.
- **Sat 28 Dec:** Feast day for THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs.
- **Sun 29 Dec:** Feast for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.
- **Tues 31 Dec:** St Sylvester I, pope.
- **Wed 1 Jan:** SOLEMNITY FOR MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD. World Day of Prayer for Peace.
- **Thurs 2 Jan:** Memorial St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church.
- **Fri 3 Jan:** The Holy Name of Jesus.
- **Tues 7 Jan:** Solemnity for the Epiphany of the Lord.
- **Sun 12 Jan:** Feast for the BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
- **Mon 13 Jan:** St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church.
- **Fri 17 Jan:** Memorial for St Anthony, abbot.
- **Mon 20 Jan:** St Fabian, pope and martyr. St Sebastian, martyr.
- **Tues 21 Jan:** Memorial for St Agnes, virgin and martyr
- **Wed 22 Jan:** St Vincent, deacon and martyr.
- **Fri 24 Jan:** Memorial for St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church.
- **Sat 25 Jan:** Feast for The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle.

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

**Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon
closed from Monday 22 Dec - Monday Jan 20**

Masses next weekend

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Masses during this coming week

Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5pm on Saturdays

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

22/12 Christmas Flowers

New roster 2025

Church Cleaning

21/12 Cleaning Bee 10-12

New roster 2025

Counters

22/12 Kate Kearins & John Knight

25/12 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

29/12 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell

Hospitality

22/12 Gerard & Mia

29/12 Karen Rawlinson

Altar Servers

22/12 as available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

22/12 School holidays—no Children's Liturgy