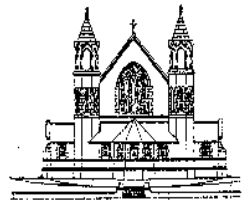




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8TH DECEMBER 2024**

*Prepare ye  
the Way of  
the Lord*

Luke 3:4

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday 9th December 2024  
From 10.30am--12.30pm  
Evening - 5.30 –7.30 pm  
Come and spend time with  
God in stillness and silence.



**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: Parish a/c 02 0108 0706881 000 (Ref: Flowers)  
Thank you.

**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)

Could you help the Lavender Hedge survive the summer? We need some volunteers, one day a week, to water the new plants. Demonstration available. Please let Kath know your availability.

**St Vincent de Paul Twinning Project: Samoa**

Discussion with the National Council of Samoa has identified there is a high level of need required for material aid.

The aid required includes:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers and walking frames
- Hospital beds
- Crutches and walking sticks
- Children's clothing
  - Babies and toddlers
  - 5 years to 10 years old
- Children's books

NB: these must be current or recent publications useful for schools

- Bed linen, all sizes
- Towels
- Warm clothes. These are distributed to families travelling to NZ for hospital referrals
- Utensils, knives, forks and spoons
- Pots, pans and bowls (stainless steel)
- School desks and chairs

**As with past requests, all goods need to be in good order and condition and clean.**

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 if you need help transporting goods to Otahuhu.

This second Sunday of Advent is a stepping-stone towards the great feast of Christmas. Without losing sight of the end times that lie ahead, we begin to focus on the event that transformed human history: the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But first, we are drawn into ancient Israel's deep and patient longing for the Messiah.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*The Joy of Salvation*

**Baruch 5:1-9** God means to show your splendour to every nation.

**Psalms 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

**Philippians 1:3-6,8-11** Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

**Luke 3:1-6** All people shall see the salvation of God.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

15 Dec

*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?

Ministries	Sat 7 December	Sun 8 December
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers:</b>	Damian Wallis Kath Petrie	Nevil Gibson Ben Upton
<b>Communion:</b>	Denise Ross, Kitt Isidro, Lisa Mannion	Kate Casey, Maryanne Öffner, Gabriel Sagrapanti
Ministries	Sat 14 December	Sun 15 December
<b>Welcome:</b>	Sarah Menzies	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Riaan Blom	John Knight Gerard Dobbs
<b>Communion:</b>	Janet Monga, Mila Burke Kevin Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill, Flo Sapa'u Pauline Baker

**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 01:** Mario Isidro 1934, Patricia Bolger 1952, Kathleen Dolan 1996, Patrick Baker 2000, Patricia Vieyra 2003

**Dec 02:** Victor (Vic) Clarke 2020

**Dec 03:** Tony Pearce 1984, Kathleen Sandford 1994

**Dec 04:** Msgr Alfred Huia Hyde 1985, Keith Hooper 2020; Nola Hendry 2021

**Dec 05:** Valda Murphy 2002, Alvin Josef 2008

**Dec 07:** Charles Old 1985, Gwendolyn Brown 2004

**From the Parish Council:**

- Greg Shanahan has been voted Deputy Chair now that Mike Simpson has taken over the Chair.
- Columbarium Operations Committee appointed: Mike, Kath & Alan Light to work with Property & Finance Group
- Hall Management Committee also appointed to work with school.

**Advent Reconciliation Devonport 7.00pm 15 December**

The Second Rite of Reconciliation respects the privacy of each penitent, while also acknowledging the sacrament's communal nature. It can be a moving experience to pray for one another in this way as we seek forgiveness.

**NS Parishes December: All @ 7.00pm**

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Takapuna	<i>St Joseph</i>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Torbay	<i>St Francis</i>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Northcote	<i>St Mary</i>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orewa	<i>St John</i>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Glenfield	<i>St Thomas</i>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	BeachHaven	<i>Maria Assumpta</i>

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**Local Youth Ministers Wanted!** The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

**Food For Faith** for Advent. Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) to prepare for Christmas receiving daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor's Food For Faith website.

**G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Celebration** Growth in Faith Together for people with intellectual disabilities. Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Balmoral. After mass please join us for a meal. Everyone welcome.

**See the Need. Be the Hope! Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal** Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have **double the impact!**. Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or call (09) 360 3012.

**Year of Jubilee** Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. A calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers. Explore and return regularly to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/> See also Jubilee Jottings—suggestions for family and parish life. Inspiring ideas at <https://cdaportal.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>

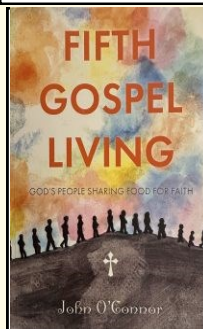
## From St Leo's Catholic School An Incredible Evening of Music

What a magical night! Our recent music evening, led by the talented Dominic Blaazer and our extraordinary St. Leo's choir, was a true celebration of talent and community. The choir's harmonies filled the room with joy, and Dom's inspiring leadership brought out the best in every performer. Thank you to everyone



who attended and supported the event. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of music to unite us and showcase the incredible

talents of our students. We are so proud of our young singers and grateful for the dedication and passion that Dom brings to our music program. Here's to many more evenings of song and celebration at St. Leo's! **God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal**



Fr John O'Connor's new book - thoughtful reading for Advent, Christmas or any time at all. \$35 a copy. Available from [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) or see Kath in Parish Office to order a copy.

## Feast Days in the Second Week of Advent

- **Mon 9 Dec:** Solemnity for **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. She whom God chose to be the mother of Christ and the new Eve, the mother of all the living.
- **Wed 11 Dec:** **St Damasus I, pope**. Born about 305, elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome in 366. He summoned synods to suppress various heresies rife at the time, particularly Arianism and Donatism. He commissioned St Jerome to undertake translation of the scriptures. He embellished and conserved the tombs of the martyrs. Died in 384.
- **Thurs 12 Dec:** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our Lady appeared to the peasant farmer Juan Diego, leaving a miraculous image of herself on his cloak.
- **Fri 13 Dec:** **St Lucy, virgin and martyr**. Born in Syracuse, she lived her Christianity without concealment, and was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

**Sat 14 Dec:** **St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church**. Born Spain 1542, became a Carmelite and ordained in 1567. St Teresa of Avila encouraged him to undertake a reform of his Order, but he was opposed and suffered many setbacks. His life of prayer bore fruit in writings that are classics of the mystical life. *The Ascent of Mt Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, The Spiritual Canticle, The Living Flame of Love*

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**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Neil Darragh

[neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**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. PFC projects)

**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

**Proprietor's Reps:** 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

**Masses during this coming week**

Wed.12 noon. Friday 12 noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 5pm on Saturdays

### **Ministry Reminders**

#### **Flowers**

8/12 Leslee Burttton

15/12 Sue Story

#### **Church Cleaning**

15/12 Parish Clean

#### **Counters**

8/12 Christina K & Gabriel  
Sagrapanti

15/12 Denise & Karl

#### **Hospitality**

8/12 Shyrelle & Norrene

15/12 Yem

#### **Altar Servers**

8/12 Bella & Chiara  
Albrecht

15/12 Joseph Wolfkamp,  
Poppy Weekes

#### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

8/12 Julia Strickett & Isla  
Gillies

15/12 Catherine & Alice  
Gillies