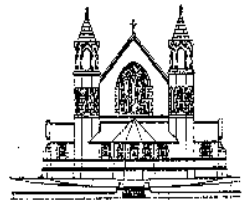




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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JULY 20TH 2025 – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our prayers are with the parish community of St Mary's Avondale as they work to rebuild after the devastating fire last Monday. Parish Priest Fr Andrew Matthew said that although many sacred objects had been destroyed, "they are replaceable. People are not. We are a strong community here in Avondale." May they know they are held in prayer and support as they grieve their beloved Church building and walk forward as living stones of the Church, the People of God.

**Parish Formation Sessions for Liturgical
Ministers**

Welcome and Communion — Sunday 27th
July, 3.30pm

Readers — Sunday 3rd August, 3.30pm

These sessions are for current ministers as well as any who may be interested. Would you consider volunteering for one of these roles? If you're thinking about it or interested, you're welcome to attend either of these sessions.

CARING SUNDAY — 20 July 2025

Catholic Caring Foundation's Annual Appeal.

The Catholic Caring Foundation is the Bishop's charity which assists vulnerable children, at risk youth, older people living in isolation, victims of domestic violence, refugees, the homeless and all living in extreme hardship. It gathers donations and distributes grants to community groups working in areas of very high need.

Please support the foundation with the Special Collection today. Envelopes are available.

You may also donate through the website
www.caringfoundation.org.nz



Parish AGM

August 17th 10.30 am

Please set this date in your diary, and come along to contribute to the future direction of our parish.

Pilgrims of Hope?

Synodality?

Reshaping?

What do these abstract concepts mean in practical terms for us as a faith community?
How do they affect our relationships with each other and our mission in the wider world?

Booklets summarizing the 2024/2025 parish activities to date will be available in the week beginning August 10th, in hard and digital copy.

Before we can offer hospitality we must be open to being surprised. Before we can welcome God into our lives we must be convinced of the possibility that God acts in strange ways and can come to us under the most unlikely guises.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Jesus Our Friend

Genesis 18:1-10 Lord, do not pass your servant by.

Psalm 15: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Colossians 1:24-28 A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.

Luke 10:38-42 Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

27 July

Our Father In Heaven

Genesis 18:20-32 I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

Psalm 138: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Colossians 2:12-14 He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

Luke 11:1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you.

Ministries	Sat 19 July	Sun 20 July
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Steve Burke Damian Wallace	Ben Upton Kate Kearins
Communion	Janet Monga Denise Ross	Monica Duot, Iain G Maryanne Offner
Ministries	Sat 26 July	Sun 27 July
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Grag Shanahan
Readers	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	Sarah Sparks John Knight
Communion	Lisa Mannion Mila Burke	Kate Casey, Adrienne R, Flo S

CathNews New Zealand is now available for the week beginning July 18th at newsletter@cathnewsnz.com Articles cover Pope Leo's statement on politics that unite, rather than divide, the National Library's planned disposal of holy books, a call for Catholics to speak out more loudly on justice issues, and so much more internationally and locally. Free in your inbox twice a week.

Your prayers are requested for those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Jul 19: William Corcoran 1947, Thomas O'Connor 1962 Antonia Dubbelman 2005, Colleen Oliver 2013

Jul 20: John Woods 1955, James Sheehan 1980

Jul 21: Violet Hyde 1986, Michael Pullin 1992, Ivy Papa 2003, Fiona Knight 2022

Jul 22: Leonora Brock 1953, Eileen Whittaker 1982

Jul 23: John Dykes 1978, Lilian Vieyra 1980

Jul 24: Ellen Sheahan 1890, Alice Bowden 1955, Raymond Van Anwerkerk 1959, Archibald (Lofty) Vieyra 1990, Christopher Martin 2012

Jul 25: Julia Armiger 1944, Leo Brady 1999

Jul 26: John Considine 1913, Ivy Smith 2000

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,
Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room
These continue during present construction.

Wednesday Scripture Group is taking a break for the winter. Watch this space for recommencement details.

From the Diocese

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

30 July. Every year, about 50 million people world-wide become victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. This World Day is observed to raise awareness, encourage action, and promote the protection of victims. **'On any given day in NZ, there are 8,000 individuals living in modern slavery.'** (*Forced labour; forced marriages; sexual exploitation*) Global Slavery Index 2023. What can you do a. Write to Members of Parliament and encourage them to support The Modern Reporting Bill which is currently before parliament. b. Share with others your awareness of modern slavery. Google 'Trafficking and Modern Slavery in New Zealand'. Support anti-trafficking organizations such as Caritas NZ; Tearfund; Hagar NZ.

Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 31st October 6pm to Sunday 2nd November 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration and details here:

www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

At Mary McKillop Chapel, Mission Bay
Mary MacKillop's feast day Vigil Prayer based on the theme of our Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope is on **Thursday August 7th at 5.30pm in the Chapel.** This will be followed by a light finger food Tea. To register for this evening for catering purposes please phone Sr Julian Langton by **1 August. 09 528 1801**

Taize Prayer Friday 15 August at 7pm.

Columbarium update Week ending 18th July:



Our block wall has gone up and today was filled with 4.8 cubic meters of concrete. This will now be waterproofed and the back and pillars will be covered in heritage red bricks very similar to the church.



Many thanks to St Luke's Guild (Monday Gardening team) who went out to KP tanks in Kumeu to

wrap the polystyrene sleeves in paper, to ensure they come out of the moulds easily. 100 done, only 208 to go !



Feast Days in the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church.** Born at Brindisi 1559, he was a born preacher and entered the Capuchin Order at Verona in 1575. A man of learning who took an active part in Catholic reform; he travelled throughout Europe, preaching, and writing on Catholic doctrine. He died in 1619.
- **Tues 22 July: St Mary Magdalene.** Mark 16:9 tells us that Mary was the first to whom the risen Christ appeared. She was one of his disciples, accompanied him on his journeys through the villages preaching (Luke 8:3), and stood by the cross at his crucifixion.
- **Wed 23 July: St Bridget, religious.** Born Sweden 1303, of high society. Married at 13yrs, had eight children. She and her husband lived devout lives. After his death in 1344, Bridget lived an ascetic life, received revelations and appealed to kings of Europe and the Pope for peace and the restoration of the papacy to Rome. Went to Rome for the Holy Year in 1350, and lived there the rest of her life in poverty. Sought approval for foundation of a religious community (now known as the Bridgidines), approved after her death in 1373.
- **Thurs 24 July: for St Sharbel Makhlof, priest.** A Lebanese monk, born in a small mountain village and ordained in 1858. Devoted to the BVM, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer, by the way he lived. Died 1898.
- **Fri 25 July: St James, Apostle.** James was the brother of John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the bringing to life of Jairus' daughter, and at the Transfiguration. Beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about 42 AD.
- **Sat 26 July: Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM.** These names are given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin by a tradition dating back to the second century.

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**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 the coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers Sue Story

Church Cleaning

2/8 Dobbs family

Counters

20/7 Shyrelle & Brian
Mitchell

27/7 Arthur Whelan and
Frances Downs

Hospitality

20/7 Kate Casey

27/7 Shyrelle & Norrene

Altar Servers

20/7 Joseph Wolfkamp,
May Upton

27/7 Maria Branco, Grace
Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

20/7 Steven Albrecht & Julia
Strickett

27/7 Catherine & Alice G.