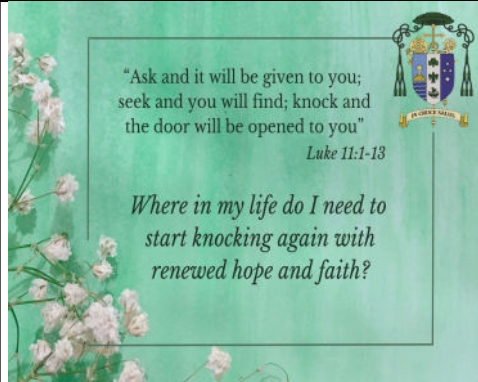




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**JULY 27TH 2025 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Parish Formation Sessions for Liturgical  
Ministers**

**Welcome and Communion** — Sunday  
27<sup>th</sup> July,  
3.30pm

**Readers** — Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



To those children who were baptized last Sunday, and congratulations to their families:  
Kowhai Cairney. Hunter Willetts and Teukitanga Makasini are the newest members of our Parish family.



**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.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church. Please think about nominating another parishioner who could help the work of the Parish Council, or talk to one of the present members to see if you yourself could contribute

**Parish Safeguarding: a note of appreciation.**

Thank you to all those generous volunteers who give their time and energy to working with children and vulnerable adults in our parish community - SVDP, Ministers to the Sick and Housebound, Children's Liturgy. Your contribution is invaluable.

These last three Sundays in Ordinary Time have all provided answers to the question 'What must we do?' — Love God and neighbour; listen to the Word, be in tune with God; try to know God better through prayer. All three are necessary for a disciple who follows Christ on the road to Jerusalem.

### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*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.

### **18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

3 August

*Christ Who Is Everything and In Everything*

**Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23** What does a person gain for all their toil.

**Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**alt. Psalm 90: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

**Colossians 3:1-5,9-11** You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

**Luke 12:13-21** This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

<b>inistries</b>	<b>Sat 26 July</b>	<b>Sun 27 July</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Grag Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Mannion	Sarah Sparks
	Kath Petrie	John Knight
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion	Kate Casey,
	Mila Burke	Adrienne R, Flo S
	Denise Ross	Maryanne Offner
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 2 August</b>	<b>Sun 3 August</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Joseph Wolfkamp
<b>Readers</b>	Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton
	Steve Burke	Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Kitt Isidro	Gabriel Sagripanti
	Denise Ross	Francisca, Monica D

Joshua Meeting North Shore  
**Wed 30 July 25 at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start** at St Thomas More Parish Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. A Joshua leader will share a testimony on how God has influenced his life. **Tet-woo Lee** is a loyal parishioner of St Mary's Church, Avondale (yes, the church that recently got burnt down). A Doctor of Science, he spends his time between family, the Auckland University, his parish and the Joshua movement.

**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 27:** Eric Drought 1994, Lilian Cameron 2008

**Jul 28:** Leonard Cameron 1981, Nora Mahony 1981

**Jul 29:** Patricia Reynolds 2001, John Misz 2004

**Jul 30:** John Redmond 1923, Walter Briggs 1947, Kathleen Hendry 2006, Margaret Heenan 2016, Madeleine Feeney 2017

**Jul 31:** Mary Morrissey 1952, Harriett Connor 1956

**Aug 01:** Mildred Gardes 1935, Ada Hempseed 1944, Kevin Feeney, 2017

**Aug 02:** John Gordon 1952, David Caldwell 2001, Theresa English 2011

### ***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

### Annual report 2025.

Access this at [Catholic-Diocese-Annual-Report-2025-1.pdf](https://www.catholic-diocese-auckland.org.nz/annual-report-2025-1.pdf) for some really interesting insights into how the Diocese works. You can also listen to key points from James van Schie, the Diocesan General Manager on YouTube.

### 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**

**"ALONE AGAIN ?"** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 5-7 September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 30 JULY. For further information please phone Karena evenings on 021-802-352. [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

**Interfaith Peace prayer service for peace** in Gaza, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all war-torn places.

2pm Saturday 9 August. St Mark's Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd. All Welcome

**World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope | Sat 2nd August 10am-8:30 pm**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

## Columbarium update Week ending 25th July:



The bricklaying team hard at work laying the paving design in Heritage red bricks. Next week will see the laying of the walkway and work will begin on the eastern door access, weather permitting.

ST LEO'S

**COUNTRY & WESTERN  
QUIZ  
NIGHT**

DRESS IN THEME!

**FRI 12<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER** | **7:30 PM START**  
(DOORS OPEN 7PM)

Devonport RSA, 61 Victoria Road (upstairs)

FREE NIBBLES & SPOT PRIZES! | CASH/EFTPOS BAR & RAFFLES

TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE  
(JOIN A MIXED TEAM OR MAKE YOUR OWN)

Tickets \$29/person  
[https://events.humanitix.com/stloes\\_quiz\\_2025](https://events.humanitix.com/stloes_quiz_2025)

BARFOOT & THOMPSON  
PROPERTY MANAGERS  
TRISH FITZGERALD 021 592 4502  
TRACEY LAWRENCE 021 1720 8881

## Feast Days in the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 29 July: St Martha.** The sister of Mary and Lazarus; she appears in the Gospel three times — when she receives the Lord into her house and waits on him; at the resurrection of Lazarus, when she proclaims her faith in Jesus, ‘Son of the living God’; and in John 12:2, at the meal given to Jesus six days before the Passover.
- **Wed 30 July: St Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Born about 400, bishop of Ravenna. His preaching was famous, and more than 180 sermons, on scripture & the liturgical year, have survived. Died about 450.
- **Thurs 31 July: for St Ignatius of Loyola, priest.** Born 1491 at Loyola in the north of Spain, of a courtly family. Became a soldier, but during convalescence from a wound was converted to a deep love of Christ and a missionary sense. Studied theology in Paris. With companions formed the Society of Jesus to resist the Protestant Reformation, to reform the Church from within, and to educate the young in religion. He died in 1555, at Rome.
- **Fri 1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born 1696 in Naples. A lawyer who became a priest. Founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists). A fervent preacher and moral theologian of eminence, who opposed the rigours of Jansenism. Much in demand as a confessor. He died in 1787.
- **Sat 2 Aug: St Peter Faber, 1506-46.** Co-founder of the Society of Jesus.

**Cath News this week:** Church leaders share concerns with Prime Minister and more.  
[newsletter@cathnewsnz.com](mailto:newsletter@cathnewsnz.com) .> Free in your inbox every Friday.

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**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 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**

27/7 Arthur Whelan and  
Frances Downs

3/8 Alix & Bill Hooper

**Hospitality**

27/7 Shyrelle & Norrene

3/8 Maria & Jeremy

**Altar Servers**

27/7 Maria Branco, Grace  
Rumble

3/8 Rosemary Dobbs

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

27/7 Catherine & Alice  
Gillies

3/8 MJ and Millie Lendich