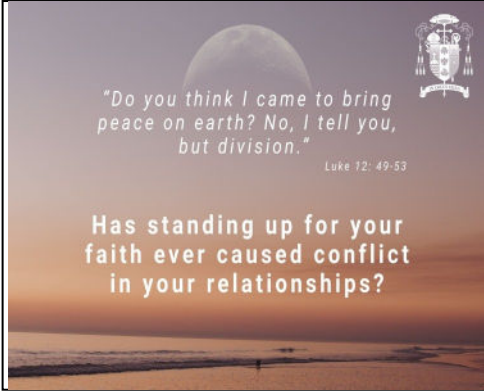




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



AUGUST 17TH 2025 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In this year of Jubilee we are delighted to welcome to the diocese **David Wells**, international speaker and friend of the diocese for a day reflecting on A Pilgrims Journey in the Synodal Church. Sancta Maria Auditorium 6th September 2025 10am to 3pm. Lunch provided. FREE Registration is essential on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/hope-in-a-synodal-world-david-wells/> This is for everyone young adults, catechists, those working in ministries such as Proclaimers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA catechists. Anyone with a disciple's heart. For further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser 021439407 or email [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz). All are welcome. (Poster in foyer)  
If you would like to share transport to this event at Sancta Maria College Flat Bush please let Kath know. 021 620805

**Invitation to all:**

**Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby** would like to invite Auckland people to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Archbishop Paul Martin of Wellington will be the principal celebrant. We are celebrating our feast day early because the seminarians will be in a parish in their dioceses for pastoral experience when the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on 14 September. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 01 September 2025 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

**Special Collection Next Week**

Annual appeal to support **Māori Pastoral Care** in the Auckland diocese will take place during Mass next weekend.

Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door, or you may direct credit to the parish account: 02 0108 0706881 000. Be sure to put your name in Details and 'Māori Care' for reference. Thank you.

*We look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible at the AGM this Sunday following the 10.30 Mass. Hospitality in the Parish Hall before the meeting.*

‘Do you suppose,’ Jesus asks, ‘that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.’ These are challenging words. No one can remain neutral. We must take a stand for or against Jesus. Whose side will we be on?

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Victory With Christ*

**Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10** You have borne me to be a person of dissension for all the land.

**Psalm 39: Lord, come to my aid!**

**Hebrews 12:1-4** We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.

**Luke 12:49-53** I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *24 August*

*The Lord Gathers A People To Himself*

**Isaiah 66:18-21** They will bring all your brethren from all the nations.

**Psalm 116: Go out to all the world and tell the good news.**

**Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13** The Lord trains the one that he loves.

**Luke 13:22-30** People from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 16 August</b>	<b>Sun 17 August</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers</b>	Damian Wallace Robert Mannion	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion	Kate C. Paulene B. Gabriel Sagripant
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 23 August</b>	<b>Sun 24 August</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Stee Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Kate Kearins Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Mila Burke Denise Ross	Adrienne R Monica Duot Flo Sapa'au

**Prayer Retreat for Women:**

**'Prayer and the Interior**

**Life'** Friday 31st October

6pm to Sunday 2nd

November 3pm 2025

registration and details

here: [www.stfrancisretreatc](http://www.stfrancisretreatc)

[entre.org.nz](http://entre.org.nz)

**Reminder Joshua Retreat 10-12 October. See poster in foyer**

**Prayer during the Week**

**Mondays:** Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,

Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

**Wednesday Scripture Group has started again on 7 pm in the meeting room, reflecting on the readings for following Sunday.**

**Wanted: wool or yarn** suitable for baby garments, which William Sanders craft ladies will knit for newborns in North Shore and Middlemore Hospitals. Can you help? Please leave at the back of the church.

**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.**

**Aug 18:** Katherine Wright 1941, Beryl Grant 1999, John Franklin 2009

**Aug 19:** Adolf Court 1928, Anne Ross 2011, Ella Maher 2014

**Aug 20:** Nicholas Casey 1913, Margaret Heffernan 2002  
Philippa Gerrard 2007

**Aug 21:** Thomas Bayot 1911, Joan Cummings 2005

**Aug 22:** Cedric Courtney 1984, Vincent Morrell 1985

**Aug 23:** John Walsh 1951, Yvonne Straznik 1999

From the Diocese

*Season of Ceaition*  
*Laudato Si*  
"Praise be to you  
my Lord"



**Pope Francis  
speaks  
to us still  
through  
his letters.**



**Ponder Pope Francis' words  
on Zoom Fridays 7 - 7.40pm**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and  
October 3rd**



contact Dianna , [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz).  
Faith Formation, Catholic Diocese Auckland

### **Local Youth Ministers Wanted!**

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland has launched a new initiative in 2025 to support young people on their faith journey. We are looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become full-time and part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and parish. To learn more and to apply, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

### **Pastoral Coordinator St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral**

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator . To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/) **Applications close at 5pm on**

**Columbarium update: week ending August 15th** The Block work was completed on our new eastern entrance. Following this the new entrance steps were framed up and the steel laid.. The concrete was poured on Thursday, to be followed by a plaster finish next week.



### **From St Leo's School:**

Please put the date in your diary for our Quiz Night, Friday 17th September 7.00 at the Devonport RSA. Country and Western - dress in Theme. Free nibbles and Spot Prizes. Cash/Eftpos bar. Teams of 6—create your own or come along and join another team on the night.

### Feast Days in the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 19 Aug: St John Eudes, priest.** Born in France 1601, lived mostly in Normandy. Founded the Institute of Our Lady of Charity to help prostitutes; and the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, tasked with the running of Seminaries. Promoted devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- **Wed 20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church.** Born near Dijon in France in 1090. Entered Cistercian Order at the age of 22; became the abbot of Clairvaux. Despite his longing for the contemplative life, he travelled a great deal in France, Germany et Italy, trying to reconcile divisions in the Church. Wrote many works on the spiritual life and theology.
- **Thurs 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope.** Joseph Sarto was born in 1835, at Riese in the province of Venice. Became Patriarch of Venice in 1893, and pope in 1903. The aim of his life was to 'restore all things to Christ'. He defended the deposit of faith, exhorted the people to take part in the liturgy, encouraged frequent communion — his motivation always pastoral. Died 1914.
- **Fri 22 Aug: Memorial celebrating The Queenship of Mary.**
- **Sat 23 Aug: St Rose of Lima, virgin.** Born of a Spanish family at Lima in Peru, 1586, Rose entered the Third Order of St Dominic, living a life of penance and contemplation while caring for the poor. She died in 1617.

### **Discover why the Family Is the Sanctuary of Life**

Join international speaker, Fr. Shenan Boquet for engaging and informative day-long seminar unpacking how God's plan for marriage and life – from conception to natural death - are the foundation of a flourishing society. **Saturday 20 September 8:00am-3:30pm**

St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland **FLI.ORG.NZPROLIFSPeAKING -TOUR-2025**

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**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 the coming week**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm**

### **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** Sue Story

**Church Cleaning**

16/8 Anne Feeney

**Counters**

17/8 Gabriel S and Christina  
Kersey

24/8 John Knight & Kate  
Kearins

**Hospitality**

17/8 Francisca (AGM)

24/8 Scott & Zoe

**Altar Servers**

17/8 Joseph Wolfkamp,  
Grace Rumble, Levente Ven

24/8 Maria Branco

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

17/8 Stephen & Bella  
Albrecht

24/8 Catherine & Alice  
Gillies