



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

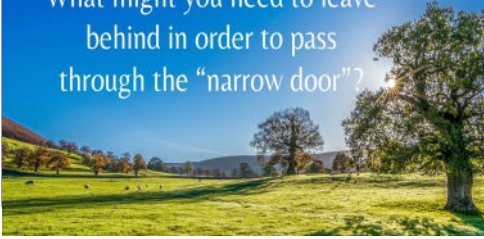


AUGUST 24TH 2025 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Make every effort to enter  
through the narrow door”  
Luke 13: 22-30



What might you need to leave  
behind in order to pass  
through the “narrow door”?



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

01 September – 04 October | #SeasonOfCreation

***“Future generations will never  
forgive us if we miss the  
opportunity to protect our  
common home.***

***We have inherited a garden;  
we must not leave a desert for  
our children.”***

[Joint statement from Pope Francis, the  
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and  
Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.](#)

Thank you to each of the 30-odd people who attended the Parish AGM last Sunday. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council.

For 2025-26 the Parish Council members are :

Riaan Blom, Helen Doyle, Maryanne Offner, Flo Sapa' u., Greg Shanahan, Mike Simpson, Levente Ven and Damian Wallis, under the leadership of Fr Neil. Stephen Bell and Kathleen Petrie are members of the Parish Council by virtue of their job descriptions.

Members of the Council will be commissioned at Masses this weekend, and will hold their first meeting on Tuesday 26th August..

**Special Collection this Week**

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

Today's gospel concludes Jesus' instructions to his disciples on the road to Jerusalem with the promise that people from all over will eat in the kingdom of God; but, the door is narrow and will not be open indefinitely. Some who thought they had a right to be there will be left out.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*The Lord Gathers A People To Himself*

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

**Psalms 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.

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

31 August

*Jesus, The Mediator Of A New Covenant*

**Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29** Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord

**Psalms 68: God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor.**

**Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24** You have come to Mt Zion and to the city of the living God.

**Luke 14:1,7-14** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

	<b>Sat 23 August</b>	<b>Sun 24 August</b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Kate Kearins Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Mila Burke Denise Ross	Adrienne R Monica Duot Flo Sapa'au
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 30 August</b>	<b>Sun 31 August</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Joseph Wolfkamp
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Petrie Riaan Blom	John Knight Gerard Dobbs
<b>Communion</b>	Janet Monga Kitt Isidro	Pauline B.,Iain Gilies Francisca K

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

**Aug 24:** Edna Wilkinson 1997

**Aug 26:** Anthony Patel 1948

**Aug 27:** Catherine Kenny 1938, John Murphy 2003

**Aug 28:** George Sinclair 1948, Mary Piper 1983

**Aug 29:** Bernard O'Hara 1959, Kathryn Eddon 1998, Frances Slater 2018

**AN INVITATION TO ALL MEN**

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore Meeting**

**Date: Wed 27 Aug 25**

Venue: St Thomas More Church, Glenfield  
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start - 9.00pm.

Come and join other men and share time together.

For more info contact **Jerome 027 233 4380** or **Mike Lobo 021 280 9285** -

Join us for this special time of **FORMATION and ENCOUNTER at...CALLED to LEAD - A weekend Retreat for All Men!** (see poster)

7pm Fri 10 Oct to 3pm Sun 12

Oct Venue: Chosen Valley

Christian Camp, Ararimu, Auckland

Retreat Director: Mike

Lobo, Attending Priest: Fr Carl

Telford SM, Cost: \$175pp

includes GREAT FOOD and Accomodation.

<https://>

[menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead](https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead)

## From the Diocese

The Auckland Catholic Charismatic Network invites all young adults to **Made for More**.

Please join us for a morning of fellowship, praise and worship, teaching and food.

This is your chance to get to know others who share your faith.

Sept 13th, 9.00am -1pm

Venue: Chinese Community Centre, 84 Kelmarna Rd

Numbers are limited. Please register by scanning the code on the flyer or at

[REGISTRATION:HTTPS://](https://tinyurl.com/3A5XN34T)

[TINYURL.COM/3A5XN34T](https://tinyurl.com/3A5XN34T)

[See poster at back of church for QR code.](#)

## Columbarium update

**Week ending 22 August 2025**

**On site, the plasterer has begun work, plastering the new front entrance.**

**Off site, KP Tanks are working hard making the niches and now have 37 made. We are hoping that the first batch will be installed today so pop in soon and take a look.**



## Test Your Knowledge at the St. Leo's Quiz Night!



# COUNTRY-WESTERN

Get ready to put on your thinking caps and join us for a fun-filled evening at the St. Leo's Quiz Night! It's happening on Friday, September 12th, and promises to be a fantastic night of friendly competition, laughter, and community. Gather your family and friends to form a team and compete to win some great prizes. The quiz will cover a wide range of topics, so there's something for everyone!

Tickets are \$29 per person, and all proceeds go towards supporting our school's resources. There will also be a silent auction featuring some incredible items, as well as drinks available for purchase throughout the night. Don't miss out on this chance to have a great time while supporting a wonderful cause. Get your team together and start studying! Buy your tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2025>

**G.I.F.T. Dinner Disco** - Saturday 30th August - 6pm to 9pm at the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. **Welcome** to all people with intellectual disabilities, their support workers and whānau.

**Catholic Young Adults Ball** | Saturday 13 September 7pm-11pm 'THE ROARING TWENTIES'.

Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/young-adults-ball>

## Feast Days in the Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 25 Aug: St Louis.** Born 1214, King of France at 12. Third Order of St Francis, his life governed by penance, prayer, love and service of the poor. He had 11 children and was a good father, a just and considerate ruler. Died on crusade to Holy Land in 1270.
- **Mon 25 Aug: St Joseph Calasanz, priest.** Born of a wealthy family in Aragon in 1556, ordained in his 30s, went to Rome in 1592. Dedicated to educating young people, he founded the first free school there. Others came to work with him and a religious congregation formed to carry on the work which spread thru' Italy & Germany.
- **Wed 27 Aug: St Monica.** Born in 332 in North Africa, of a Christian family, married to a pagan, Patricius, whom she brought to the faith. Monica best known as the mother of St Augustine of Hippo. She had four children, but prayed and wept for Augustine, whose conversion filled her with joy.
- **Thurs 28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born at Thagaste, Nth Africa 354, Augustine was a brilliant young man whose early life was wild and unsettled. He was converted by the prayers of his mother, and baptized by St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in 387. Returned to Africa and lived an ascetic life. Became Bishop of Hippo. His many writings present a theology and a spirituality that are exceptional, and have had great influence, even today.
- **Fri 29 Aug: Memorial for The Passion of St John the Baptist.** (Thess. 4:13-18, Psalm 71, Mark 6:17-29).

**Church leaders support Māori wards ahead of votes** . More than 100 churches will host workshops on retaining Māori wards in local or regional councils ahead of referendums later this year .

Read more in CathNews New Zealand <newsletter@cathnewsnz.com> Free each Friday.

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**Parish Bank Account: [BNZ 02-0108-0706881-000](#)**

**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**

30/8 Christopher Drake

**Counters**

24/8 John Knight & Kate  
Kearins

31/8 Kater Kearins & John  
Knight

**Hospitality**

17/8 Francisca (AGM)

24/8 Scott & Zoe

**Altar Servers**

24/8 Maria Branco

31/8 Grace Rumble, Chiara  
Albrecht

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

24/8 Catherine & Alice  
Gillies

31/8 Family Mass, No  
Children's Liturgy