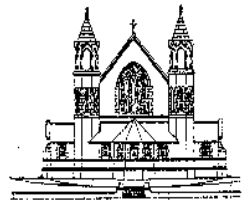




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



AUGUST 31ST 2025 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

**Season of Creation  
2025**

**1 September to 4  
October** (*feast of St  
Francis of Assisi*)

The "Season of  
Creation" is observed  
each year by the  
international Christian community as a time  
of thanksgiving, prayer and reflection about  
our relationship with all of creation, but  
especially our collective responsibility for  
the ecosystems which sustain our lives on  
this earth.

The theme this year: **"Peace With Creation"**

Pope Leo reflects on this theme in his  
message for 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., "Seeds of Peace and  
Hope." Read it at this link: [Creation25](#),  
or copy available at door of church.

***Prince of Peace, through your  
wounds, teach us to stand in  
solidarity with the woundedness of  
others, of Creation, and of the world.  
Through your resurrection, make us  
people of hope — with a vision of  
swords turned into ploughshares and  
tears transformed into joy.  
May we come together as one family,  
to labour for your peace — a shalom  
where all your people may dwell in  
safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.***

Want to know more? [https://  
seasonofcreation.org/](https://seasonofcreation.org/)



The new Parish Council met  
for the first time on  
Tuesday last week. We  
spent some time listening  
to each other's stories and  
learned more about the  
people we will be working closely with for  
the next year.

Mike Simpson was re-elected as Chair, with  
Riaan Blom as Deputy Chair.  
Fr Neil reminded us of the dual aspects of  
mission: community building as well as  
outreach to others and to the wellbeing of  
the planet—particularly timely in this  
Season of Creation.

***Prayer in the Parish this week:***

Monday - Rosary 6 pm in the church

- Meditative Prayer 6.30 in the  
Meeting Room.

Wednesday - Scripture discussion 7 pm  
Meeting Room

Friday - Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament 12.30 - 3 and 5.30—7 pm



... to the students, families and staff of St  
Leo's School who will be joining us for  
Mass this Sunday, and for Hospitality  
afterwards in the Parish Hall.

The focus of readings for the next three Sundays is the great banquet at the end of time and the conditions for entry into this banquet. Jesus' teaching challenges the values of society where pride and prejudice often supplant humility and hospitality.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*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.

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

7 Sept

*Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake*

**Wisdom 9:13-18** Who can divine the will of the Lord?

**Psalms 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**Philemon 9-10,12-17** Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.

**Luke 14:25-33** None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

	<b><u>Sat 30 August</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 31 August</u></b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Vimi Chandra
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Petrie Riaan Blom	Beth Cairney Julia Cairney
<b>Communion</b>	Janet Monga Kitt Isidro	Pauline B., Iain Gilies Francisca K
	<b><u>Sat 6 September</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 7 September</u></b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Burke Damian Wallace	Mary Lyttleton Kate Kearins
<b>Communion</b>	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Adrienne R, Flo S., Francisca K.

**"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; 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 For more info please phone Karena evenings on 021-802 352 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

**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 31:** Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977
- Sep 01:** Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994
- Sep 02:** William Harris, 1912, John Twomey 2005, Johana (Joan) Lyons 2018
- Sep 03:** Ella Bannon 1907
- Sep 04:** Margaret Sheffield 1962
- Sep 05:** Rhoda Fraser 1977, Patricia Baldwin 2005
- Sep 06:** William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985, Gerald Candy 2014

ECB parish vacancy for Liturgy Director 15 hours a week. Detailed Job Description [beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

## From the Diocese

**Don't Miss David Wells – Inspiring, Uplifting, Unforgettable!** *A Pilgrim's Journey in the Synodal Church* **Sancta Maria College, Auditorium 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 10am to 3pm**

Join us for an incredible opportunity to hear from **David Wells**, a speaker known for his warmth, wisdom, and humour. David brings faith to life with stories that touch the heart and insights that spark real change. Whether you're seeking encouragement, renewal, or just a good laugh, his sessions are a breath of fresh air.

- Be inspired by David's deep yet accessible reflections
  - Enjoy a welcoming, engaging atmosphere and a free lunch
- Leave feeling uplifted and energized  
Make time for something truly special.  
You'll be glad you did.

Registration essential <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/hope-in-a-synodal-world-david-wells/>

**Justice in Action** 6-7 September at Whānau Maria, 20 Ponsonby Road a weekend where people of faith will explore justice, action, and care for our world through Catholic social teaching and lived experience. Register <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/justice-action-hui-tickets>

**Season of Creation**, caring for our environment, please join me to ponder Pope Francis message in "Laudato Si", his letter to us all on our relationship with Creation. Zoom sessions: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September & 3rd October at 7 – 7.30pm.

Please contact Dianna Fouhy:  
[diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

Test Your Knowledge at the



# COUNTRY-WESTERN

**St. Leo's Quiz Night!**

**St Leo's would love to have some support from the parish—can you put together a table of 6 or join another table on Friday 12th at the Devonport RSA?** Tickets are \$29 per person, and all proceeds go towards supporting the school's resources. Buy your tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2025>

## Columbarium update

**The plastering team led by Steve from Solid Plasterers Ltd finished our new front entrance and what a wonderful job they have done. Handrails, step nosings and a refreshed canopy over the front door will be installed very soon.**



### **Feast Days in the Twenty-second Week of Ordinary Time**

- **Mon 1 Sept:** Day of prayer for the **Care of Creation**. The month from 1 Sep to 4 Oct (St Francis of Assisi) is dedicated to awareness and prayer for creation.
- **Wed 3 Sept: St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.** Born c 540, Gregory was prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople: 580-585. Became pope in 590. This was the time of barbarian attacks on Rome. He cared for the poor and refugees, made contact with the barbarians, sent missionaries to England. He left extensive writings, including commentaries on scripture. His liturgies, collected in the Gregorian Sacramentary have been influential into modern times. He is the patron of teachers.
- **Fri 5 Sept: St Teresa of Kolkata.** Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born 26 Aug 1910 in Skopje. Died 5 Sept 1997 in Kolkata India. Took the name Teresa after joining the Sisters of Loretto. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity devoted to the care of the poor, destitute and outcast, especially the dying. Canonised 4th Sept 2016.

The Community of St Luke, 130 Remuera Road, presents a talk by Shamubeel Eaqub, economist, author & media commentator on **The Key Economic Policies Creating Inequality and What should be Done about it.**

Thurs 25 September 7.30 pm. [pamela@stlukes.org.nz](mailto:pamela@stlukes.org.nz) 09 520 1740.

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**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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

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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**

30/8 Christopher Drake

**Counters**

31/8 Maria & Jeremy

7/9 Shyrelle & Brian

**Hospitality**

31/8 Yem Braid /School  
parents

7/9 Gerard & Mia

**Altar Servers**

31/8 Joseph Wolfkamp,  
Chiara Albrecht

7/9 Rosemary Dobbs,  
Levente Ven

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

31/8 Family Mass, No  
Children's Liturgy

7/9 Catherine & Alice  
Gillies