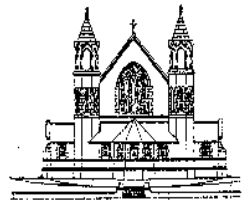




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



SEPTEMBER 14 2025 – 24TH 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 theme this year:

**“Peace With
Creation”**

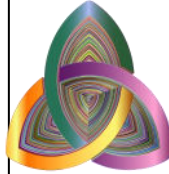
The annual celebration of the Season of Creation invites the world’s 2.6 billion Christians, of all denominations, to prayer and action to protect the Earth, our common home, and to discern the guidance it offers us for bringing about the New Creation of which Jesus spoke.

Prayer:

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.

Special Collection Next Sunday
CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Annual appeal for the **upkeep of the
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**
Envelopes will be available for cash
donations, or direct credit to the parish
account: 02 0108 0706881 000. Put
‘Cathedral’ as reference.



**From the Property and
Finance Committee.**
Meeting 9 Sept.

The new entrance to the main church doors will be completed shortly with the installation of hand rails. You will have noticed the installation of a new canopy over this door, new anti-slip “noses” on the main steps and that the church has had a wash, all done in conjunction with the Columbarium project.

Columbarium construction is paused while niches are produced for installation. The total cost of the project is within budget and is likely to be fully financed from niche sales. The Columbarium Team are doing an outstanding job on this complex project, with great parish support through niche purchases and positive feedback.

Parish Income end August \$106,000 excluding niche sales. \$96K from collections and sales. **Expenses** totalled \$84K so the parish has generated a small surplus YTD. The Hall has generated income of just over \$5K, covering operating costs.

Keep next Sunday afternoon free!

21st September 3.30-4.30 in the Church.
Conversation about Liturgy - all the ways we celebrate as a Faith Community. The Parish Council would love to hear your views: what should we do more of? Less of? Start? Stop?
Synodality = Praying and listening together.

The cross on which Jesus was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast Day

Numbers 21:4-9 If anyone was bitten by a serpent, they looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Psalm 78: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.

John 3:13-17 The Son of Man must be lifted up.

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

21 Sept

Lord of the Oppressed

Amos 8:4-7 Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'.

Psalm 112: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

1Timothy 2:1-8 There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Luke 16:1-13 You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

Ministries	Sat 13 September	Sun 14 September
Welcome	Steve Burke	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Kath Petrie Riaan Blom	Gerard Dobbs John Knight
Communion	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Maryanne Offner, Monica Duot, Kate Casey
Ministries	Sat 20 September	Sun 21 September
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Damian Wallace Steve Burke	Denise O'Shaughnessy Yem Braid
Communion	Kitt Isidro Janet Monga	Pauline Baker Gabriel S., Iain Gillies

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Enquiry sessions each Sunday in October after the 9.30 Mass starting Oct 5th. If you are interested or can offer support to those making this journey please phone Stephen 021 0608561 or contact office@devonportcatholic.org.nz
All welcome.

We remember in prayer those who have died, especially Daphne Story and Peter Menzies who died this week, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sep 07: Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955

Sep 08: Sarah Porter 1944, Francis (Max) Laloli 2023 Doris Patterson 1964.

Sep 09: Eileen Mahony 1982, Alphonsus Sheehan 1991, Una Bell 2020, Barbara MacDonald 2024

Sep 11: Maria Cunningham 1920

Sep 13: Thomas Evans 1888, Fred Sutton 2023

Sep 14: Archibald McKinley 1958, Tuanaki Hendry 2000, Phyllis Candy 2010, Sheila Caldwell 2017

Sep 15: John Carter 1965

Sep 16: Joe Passi 2002, Patrick Heffernan 2005, Paul McLaughlin 2010

Sep 17: Elizabeth Richards 1946, Edgar Kalaugher 1984

Sep 18: Alwyn Jagusch 1985, Thomas Low 2001, Magdalena Manzano 2010, David Lampen Smith 2019, James Parker 2020

Sep 19: James Fagan 1934, Esme Curtayne 1978, Michael McCormick 2022

From the Diocese

Diocesan News the latest edition of the CDA diocesan news is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/NZ-Catholic-September25.pdf>. It can be accessed from the front page of the website.

Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer

Service. Presider Bishop Steve Lowe Wed. 17 Sept 2025 | 7:00PM at the University of Auckland Maclaurin chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland. Light refreshments afterwards. Register by email to louisar@cda.org.nz. Mainstream Churches are participating, bring your friends along. Visit the following link for registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/karakia-for-creation-2025>

Youth Event – Don't Miss Out!

Join us for an awesome afternoon of games, music, food, prayer, and an inspiring talk by Fr. Shenan Boquet from the USA on the dignity of the human person and what it means to live your faith as a Catholic teen today. Bring your friends and your questions. Come for the food and stay for something deeper! Ages 13–18.

Sunday 21 September 2pm – 8pm

St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

For more info contact Amie Franswah 027 350 8227

From St Leo's Catholic School

St Clare Learning Our St Clare tamariki have been busy exploring language and mathematics in creative ways this term. In literacy, they have been learning about cinquain poems, using rich descriptive language to bring their writing to life. The children enjoyed experimenting with word choice and structure to create poems that capture vivid images and feelings. In mathematics, the focus has been on



geometry, where tamariki investigated the beauty of stained glass windows. They explored how these windows use shapes, patterns, reflection, and symmetry to tell stories and create striking designs. This integrated learning has allowed students to see the connections between art, faith, and mathematics in a meaningful way.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Called to Lead - a weekend retreat for all men.

Chosen Valley Christian Camp, Ararimu, Auckland.

Start: 7pm Fri 10 Oct

Finish: 3 pm Sunday 12 Oct

Retreat Director: Mike Lobo 021 2809285

Attending Priest: Fr Carl Telford SM

Speaker: Bill McElhinney

Cost: \$175 pp Great Food!

Click this link to register/learn more : <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead>

Feast Days in the Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows.** *Simeon said to Mary: 'This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; he is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce'.*
- **Tues 16 Sept: St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop – martyrs both.** Cyprian was born in Carthage in 210, and became bishop in 249. At a time of fierce persecution, he encouraged the people by his word and example. He was martyred in 258. Cornelius became bishop of Rome in 251, was exiled by Emp. Gallus and died 253.
- **Wed 17 Sept: St Hildegard of Bingen, mystic and Doctor of the Church.** Often referred to as "Sibyl of the Rhine", she was born c 1098 to a noble family, the youngest of ten children. Though a sickly child, she was subject to visions and spiritual insight from an early age. Became a Benedictine nun at age of 18. Died in 1179. Much of her music and writing survives to this day.
- **Fri 19 Sept: St Januarius, bishop & martyr.** Bishop of Benevento, martyred in 305, with six other Christians, during the persecution of Diocletian, at Naples.
- **Sat 20 Sept: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-saŋg & Companions, martyrs.** Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean priest and pastor. Paul Chong Hasaŋg a lay apostle. They, along with 101 other members of the Christian community (men, women, children, the elderly), gave their lives as martyrs during the terrible persecutions that occurred in Korea in the years 1839, 1866, and 1867.

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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

13/9 Dobbs Family

Counters

14/9 Arthur Whelan &

Francis Downs

21/9 Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

14/9 Fiona & Mark

21/9 Sue & Ian

Altar Servers

14/9 May Upton,

21/9 School holidays as
available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

14/9 Mary-Jane & Millie

Lendich

21/9 School holidays no
Children's Liturgy.