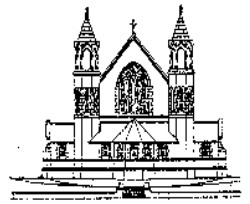




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



SEPTEMBER 21ST 2025 – 25TH 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)*

We are all members of a vast and profoundly interdependent **Web of Life**, the precious gift of God. Imagine and feel the countless connections....

There is great need for a **Jubilee Time for Earth**, A time of rest, restoration and healing. Grieve with the suffering Earth....

Earth is a **Home for All** who share it, not just humans. And all have the right to live, to thrive, to glorify God.

Let that Spirit flow through us....

**Listen to the Voice of Creation**, the essential prophetic wisdom all around us, urging deeper appreciation of sacred revelation present but unheard and ignored....

The Cry of Earth, the Cry of the Poor are pleading

**Let Justice and Peace Flow....**

To overcome the injustice and violence of our treatment of Earth and all who make it home,  
To bring peace to all Creation....

In the face of all obstacles and discouragement,  
to **Hope and Act with Creation**, drawing deeply upon our faith in the Creator's infinite love and mercy, and the Christ's invincible Resurrection.

As co-workers with the Creator, may we be open to the Spirit, poured out upon us, to be transformed in mind and heart, guided to ecological conversion and to profound love of our cosmic family, working together for **Peace with Creation**.

For with God all things are possible!

*(From Catholic Liturgical Guide, Season of Creation 2025)*

**Please note:** Fr Neil will be away from the parish from Tues 22nd to Tues 29th September. There will be **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** on Wed 24, Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September. Many thanks to Stephen and the liturgical ministers who enable this to happen.

**Not too late to join the conversation this Sunday 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?

Today and next Sunday St Luke's gospel offers two parables on how one should use money. The choice is stark — either choose God, or make money your god. The liturgy today invites us to reflect on who our God is.

**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*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 needy.**

**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.

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

28 Sept

*Behold the Man!*

**Amos 6:1,4-7** Those who sprawl and those who brawl will be exiled.

**Psalm 145: Praise the Lord, my soul.**

**1Timothy 6:11-16** Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

**Luke 16:19-31** Good things came your way, bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 20 September</b>	<b>Sun 21 September</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Emma Mackie-Watts
<b>Readers</b>	Damian Wallace Steve Burke	Denise O'Shaughnessy Yem Braid
<b>Communion</b>	Kitt Isidro Janet Monga	Pauline Baker Gabriel S., Iain Gillies Casey
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 27 September</b>	<b>Sun 28 September</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers</b>	Riaan Blom Kath Petrie	Nevil Gibson Sarah Sparks
<b>Communion</b>	Denise Ross Riaan Blom	Flo S., Monica Duot, Francisca K.

**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](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz) All welcome.

**We remember in prayer those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

- Sep 20:** Alicia Archer 1950, Marjorie Brunskill 1983, Raewyn Kalaugher 2008, June Grant 2022, Caterina Orifici 2003
- Sep 21:** Denis Foster 1993, Anne-Marie Bluemel 1994
- Sep 22:** Theresa Oswin 1953
- Sep 23:** Jessie Franklin 1962, Muriel Pace 1987
- Sep 24:** Martha Mahoney 1952
- Sep 25:** Mary Wenzlick 1985, Hilda Nicholson 2001, Peter Oldham 2008
- Sep 26:** Rupert Calvert 2002, Shontelle Marks 2002, Isobel Lamont 2013
- Sep 27:** Mary Winders 1920, Inez Santo 1985

**Prayer during the Week**

**Mondays:** Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,  
**Meditative Prayer** 6.30 pm in Meeting Room  
**Wednesday Scripture Group is taking a break during the school holidays. Resuming October 8th. 7pm. All welcome to explore the following Sunday readings.**

### From the Diocese

Join us for **A Night at the Conclave with Cardinal John Dew** at St Mary's College, 7.30pm, Friday 21 November. All proceeds support the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, our Mother Church. Details & tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/conclave>

### Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

invites everyone for the webinar on "Raising a Catholic family in the Third Millennium" with Cameron & Cheryl Surrey on **Wednesday, October 8, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom.**

To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/250418045698059> You can find the post for this webinar also on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### SAVE THE DATE – 14 FEBRUARY 2026 | 4 PM – 6 PM | PRAISE IN THE PARK

All are welcome to gather with us at Praise in the Park, a two-hour Catholic event at **Selwyn Domain**, 48-56 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, on **Saturday, 14 February 2026**. There will be praise and worship, testimonies and gospel teaching followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration, If you can help with administration, sponsorship, prayer ministry, or practical help on the day, we would love to hear from you on [aucklandccr@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandccr@gmail.com).

### 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>

### From St Leo's Catholic School

#### Last week of Term 3.

As Term 3 comes to a close, we give thanks for a wonderful term of learning, faith, and community at St Leo's. Our tamariki have been busy growing in knowledge and values, taking part in



exciting learning opportunities, celebrations, and parish events. We are especially grateful for the ongoing support and prayers of our

parish whānau, which help us to nurture our children in faith and learning. We wish everyone a restful and blessed holiday break, and we look forward to joining together again in Term 4.



**Invitation to all men: Joshua Meeting this week** Wed 24/9 at St Thomas More Glenfield 7-9 pm. Talk by Fr Glen Lowe on "The Rosary, my shortcut to Heaven – Carlo Acutis". Any questions to [Jerome Hardy \(027\) 2334380](tel:0272334380).

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

- **Tues 23 Sept: St St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest.** Francesco was born to peasant farmers in the Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May, 1887. Devout, even as a child, entered Capuchins 1902, ordained priest 1910. On Sept 20 1918, while kneeling in front of the crucifix he received the physical marks of the crucifixion. Blood from the stigmata was said to have the perfume of flowers. Renowned as a confessor. Died 23 Sept, 1968. His funeral attended by 100,000 people.
- **Fri 26 Sept: Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs.** Nothing is known of these two except their names and the fact that memory of them dates to the 5<sup>th</sup> Century.
- **Sat 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, priest.** Born c 1580 southern France. Ordained 1600, devoting his life to works of charity, included relieving the sufferings of prisoners. Founded confraternities of charity for men and women. Congregation of the Mission founded to preach in the countryside and to help form the clergy; founded the Sisters of Charity, who worked with the sick and the poor and was the first congregation of women without enclosure.

Did you know that **De Paul House** supports 66 adults, 78 children and 1 unborn child in transitional housing across the North Shore and a further 24 adults and 46 children in social housing in Warkworth? Only 60% of the funding needed to support this comes from government., the rest has to be fundraised. Can you help by becoming a donor or volunteer? See how at [www.depaulhouse.org.nz](http://www.depaulhouse.org.nz) and read the September newsletter.

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**St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra**

**Proprietor's Reps: Julia Strickett, Anna Rumble, Paulene Walsh**

**Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon  
closed Wednesdays**

**Liturgy of Word and Communion next weekend**

Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

**Liturgy of Word and Communion during the coming week**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: not available Sat.27th**

### **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** Sue Story

**Church Cleaning**

27/9 Anne Feeney

**Counters**

21/9 Alix & Bill Hooper

28/9 Denise & Karl

**Hospitality**

21/9 Sue & Ian

28/9 Annie & Chris

**Altar Servers**

21/9 School holidays as available

28/9 School holidays, as available

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

21/9 School holidays no Children's Liturgy.

29/9 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy