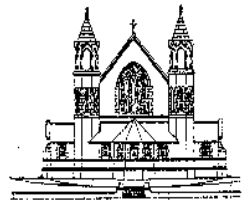




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**SEPTEMBER 28TH 2025 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Season of Creation  
2025**

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

**Prayer:**

Throughout the months and years, the hopes and actions that lie ahead,



**Garden of Peace**  
Isaiah 32:14-18

May the Renewing Spirit of God bring to fulfilment the integral ecological conversion beginning around the planet.

May God's Spirit of Wisdom provide us all the hope, wisdom, and courage we need to restore the household of God on Earth, making it once again a true Home for All.

May the prophetic Spirit of God bring about just and loving global solidarity in the human community so that

together in that Spirit

We may give birth to a life-giving and profound Peace for all in the New Creation.

**Amen.**

*Catholic Liturgical Guide, Season of Creation 2025*



**Synodal conversations—  
what are they?**

Learning from the format used by the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023, the Parish Council has planned a timetable of these conversations, which include placing ourselves in the presence of the Holy Spirit, listening without comment to what each person has to offer in a strictly timed way and then discernment as to what our priorities should be.

We have begun with conversations about Liturgy, which includes Eucharist and other ways we celebrate as a faith community. The guiding principles for liturgy are that it should encourage the full and active participation of all the people (SC II 14) and that it may be adapted to reflect the cultures and traditions of Aotearoa New Zealand. (SC III D)\*

Last weekend 17 parishioners gathered with Fr Neil on Sunday afternoon to continue this synodal conversation. We kept as strictly as possible to a 2 minute allowance for each speaker, and a range of thoughts were expressed as well as commendations for what we are doing at present. Participants have asked to meet again in 3 weeks time on 12 October at 3.30 and other parishioners are welcome to join in.

\*[Sacrosanctum Concilium](#) Vatican II document on Liturgy.

Every person who has more than is indispensable for material and spiritual well-being is a millionaire, and thus a debtor to those who have nothing (From Homilies of St Basil). This chapter of Luke's gospel challenges us to use our possessions for the good of others.

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

*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.

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

5 Oct

*Our Faith*

**Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4** The upright person will live by faithfulness

**Psalm 94: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts**

**2Timothy 1:6-8,13-14** Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord

**Luke 17:5-10** If only you had faith!

Ministries	<u>Sat 27 September</u>	<u>Sun 28 September</u>
<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.
Ministries	<u>Sat 4 October</u>	<u>Sun 5 October</u>
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Damian Wallace Riaan Blom	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion</b>	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Gabriel Sagripanti Adrienne Ramskill Pauline Baker

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic?**

Enquiry sessions each Sunday in October after the 9.30 Mass starting next Sunday 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 28:** William Walsh 1960

**Sep 29:** Magdalena Manzano 1933, Joan Cann 1999, Anthony Casey 2010

**Sep 30:** Christopher Costello 1923, Lynne Briscoe 2000, James Elliston 2022

**Oct 01:** Catherine Graham 1978

**Oct 03:** Basil Wall 1907, Maureen Carter 2003

**Oct 04:** Peter Coleman 1907, James Colon 1923

**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.

**Pope asks for Rosary prayers for peace in October**  
CathNews New Zealand [newsletter@cathnewsnz.com](mailto:newsletter@cathnewsnz.com)

## 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>

**Congratulations to De La Salle College** who recently achieved 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the 2025 at the Model United Nations Assembly competition earning them an invitation to compete in the World Federation of United Nations Associations International Model United Nations (WIMUN) 2026 in New York City. Getting to New York will take an enormous effort—and even more funding. You can stand with them by donating to their to help cover travel and representation costs: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/de-la-salle-college-debate-team-to-new-york>

**Prison Chaplaincy** vacancies have arisen in the Auckland prison system for two part-time chaplains. If you are interested in exploring serving in such positions, please contact John Metherell [john.metherell@cda.org.nz](mailto:john.metherell@cda.org.nz)

## Joshua 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

### We need your help:

On November 16th, 10am - 2pm, we are holding our **annual school fair** and have a few gaps on our stalls rosters.

If you are able to help in any of the following areas please let the ptfa know:

Money counter, Obstacle course (supervising the bouncy castle at the end of the course), Face painting/hair, Plinko, Splat the Grinch, Tombolas, Silent auctions/raffles, Coconut Shy, Sponge Bob, Nerf Guns, Plants, Toys, Pizza/hot chips, Cafe, Strawberries

**You will be teamed up with other people so no experience needed.**

Any questions or if you can help, please contact the ptfa at [stleosptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stleosptfa@gmail.com)



## De Paul House Fundraiser with the Hon Barbara Edmonds

**Sip in Style, Give with Heart.**

**Date:** Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Venue:** Carmel College, 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford, Auckland

**RSVP** by Friday, 3rd October 2025

mailto: [admin@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:admin@depaulhouse.org.nz)

Wine and Canapes, Silent Auction and Raffles

Admission is \$100 per person, to support the work of De Paul House in family housing and community outreach.

Join us for an inspiring evening as Barbara shares her journey and vision for all New Zealanders.

Pay by direct credit to De Paul House Charitable Trust Board BNZ 02-0278-0059429-00 with your name and Fundraiser as reference or see Kath in Parish office for tickets.

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

- **Mon 29 Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.** *Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice.*
- **Tues 30 Sept: St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church.** Born about 342. Studied and baptised in Rome. Lived for some years as a hermit in Syrian desert. Later ordained a priest. Preached asceticism and study. Translated Bible into Latin, wrote biblical commentaries, and other works. Fought against heresies of Arianism, Pelagianism and Origenism.
- **Wed 1 Oct: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church.** Born 1873. Entered Carmel at age 15. Achieved perfection through daily renunciation of little things, through prayer and meditation on the life of Christ. Poor health made missionary work impossible, so offered her daily life for the mission of the Church. Died 1897, aged 24. Patron of the missions. Known by many as 'The Little Flower'.
- **Fri 3 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels.** "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life.'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 336).
- **Sat 4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi.** Born 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant. Gave up everything to obey the call of the Lord. Lived in complete poverty & preached the gospel. Others came to join him, and so began the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly in his lifetime. His life was practising the beatitudes. Died 1226.

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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, Paulene Walsh**

**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: Saturday 5pm**

### **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** Sue Story

**Church Cleaning**

27/9 Anne Feeney

**Counters**

28/9 Denise & Karl

5/10 Gabriel Sagripanti + 1

**Hospitality**

28/9 Annie & Chris

5/10 Kate Casey

**Altar Servers**

28/9 School holidays, as available

5/10 Joseph Wolfkamp

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

29/9 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy

5/10 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy