



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



SEPTEMBER 7 2025 – 23RD 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”

Peace begins with ourselves and spreads outward, like the ripples on a pond. Inner peace leads to peace in our relationships through forgiveness, which leads to a shared responsibility for peace in the world around us, and with the world around us.

“True peace is not passive. It is something we build each day through prayer, through kindness, through listening and through action ... It is the vocation of every Christian.” *(Excerpt from NZ Bishops’ statement for Social Justice Week 2025)*

Peace Prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Let’s Build Peace Together

Are you thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

During the **month** of October we will be conducting **Enquiry Sessions** for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. **These sessions will be held after Mass each Sunday, beginning 5th October.**

This is for anyone who has either never been baptised, or has been baptised in another denomination. Please feel free to share with friends and family.

Also, we welcome anyone who would like to assist with this and be willing to share a little of their own faith journey.

Expressions of interest or enquiries to office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Or by phone to Stephen 021 060 8561 or Paulene 021 022 89409



As part of the journey towards becoming a Church which listens, the Parish Council has begun a conversation about Liturgy - all the ways we celebrate as a

faith community. We would like to hear your views. What new ways would you like to see? What should we do more of, less of, start or stop?

Come along and share your ideas on Sunday Sept 21st 3.30-4.30 pm.

This is where Synodality starts!

All are called to be disciples of Christ. There is no option to have a rest! Those baptised in Christ are called to a discipleship that is total, unconditional and permanent. It is a way of living our whole life.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake

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

Psalm 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.

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

14 Sept

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalm 51: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Timothy 1:12-17 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Luke 15:1-32 There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

Ministries	Sat 6 September	Sun 7 September
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Steve Burke Damian Wallace	Mary Lyttleton Kate Kearins
Communion	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Adrienne R, Flo S., Francisca K.
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

More Ministers Needed.

As a parish we are blessed by and grateful for those who volunteer for Ministry. Our liturgies become more participative through their dedication. More people are needed as Ministers of Welcome, Word and Communion and training is available. Could you be a part of these important teams?

We are also looking for more altar servers, children's liturgy leaders and fortnightly church cleaners. Please let Kath know if interested. Phone 021620805
office@devonportcatholic.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.

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

ECB parish vacancy for Liturgy
Director 15 hours a
week. Detailed Job Description
beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

From the Diocese

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

Harbour Bridge March for Peace in Gaza:

For an end to the war, resumption of aid into Gaza, and sanctions on Israel according to international law. **9:30am Sat 13 Sep** Stafford Park Northcote to Victoria Park

A Retreat for Young Men (18-30). A Time to Focus. An opportunity for a weekend of prayer, reflection and learning some practices for discernment. Franciscan Friary, Friday 7pm 28th November - Sunday 4pm 30th November. Led by Frs. Frank Bird, Phil Bennenbroek and Chris Skinner SM. Limited to 15 places. Register early. Share with anyone who may be interested. For more information contact Fr Frank Bird frankbird@gmail.com 021 597080.

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>

From St Leo's Catholic School

Last Friday, we supported Daffodil Day, the



Cancer Society's annual fundraiser, which aims to bring hope and help to those affected by cancer. The daffodil is a symbol of hope and new beginnings, reminding us that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

Students were invited to wear a touch of yellow to school and bring a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be directed to the Cancer Society to support patients, provide essential care services, and fund vital cancer research.

Last chance to buy a ticket for next Friday's Quiz at the RSA in Devonport \$29, with free nibbles and a cash bar. Support St Leo's PTFA
<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2025>

The Ecumenical Church Communities of Auckland



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Combined Ecumenical Prayer Service Event

Join Bishop Steve as he leads us in celebrating
The Season Of Creation

Wednesday 17th September 2025 7:00PM

The Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, Auckland

Scan QR for Registrations



Feast Days in the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 8 Sept:** The **NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**. Today we celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the sun of justice, Christ our Lord. Held up by the Church as the greatest of all the saints, Mary's birthday has been celebrated on this date since the seventh century..
- **Tues 9 Sept:** **St Peter Claver, priest**. Born Catalonia 1580. Entered Jesuit Order. Inspired to go to the Americas. Landed 1610 at Cartagena (modern Colombia), principal slave market for the New World, where 1,000 African slaves landed each month. He worked tirelessly for 33yrs to help them both spiritually and physically. Also worked for the abolition of the slave trade.
- **Fri 12 Sept:** The **Holy Name of Mary**. Commemorating the naming ceremony which took place on the eighth day after her birth.
- **Sat 13 Sept:** **St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church**. Born Antioch about 349, where he was ordained. His preaching bore great fruit, and his writings reveal brilliance of intellect and strength of faith. Lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of clergy and people. Made bishop of Constantinople but died in exile, 404.

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 09 520 1740.

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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

7/9 Shyrelle & Brian

14/9 Arthur Whelan &

Francis Downs

Hospitality

7/9 Gerard & Mia

14/9 Fiona & Mark

Altar Servers

7/9 Rosemary Dobbs,

Levente Ven

14/9 May Upton

Children's Liturgy Leaders

7/9 Catherine & Alice

Gillies

14/9 Mary-Jane & Millie

Lendich