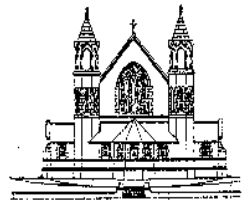




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**NOVEMBER 2ND 2025 – COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED.**

**Praying for The Dead During November**



The month of November is the traditional time to particularly remember and pray for all who have died, beginning with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, which this

year falls on Sunday, next week.

Our church was officially opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1919 by Bishop Cleary who dedicated it to **All Souls**.

You are invited to write the names of departed loved ones on the paper provided in church — these will be placed at the altar during the month of November.



**From the Parish Council**

Synodal Conversations

Continue: On Liturgy the wrap-up meeting will be Tuesday 4 November; on Environment starts today; the next theme will be Social Justice.

- Parish Mass counts will take place each weekend in November.
- Date set for Blessing of Columbarium Feb. 22nd 2026.
- The first stage of Enquiry sessions for those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church has concluded, with 3 families and 1 individual participating. Please pray for them as they decide on next steps.



***Synodal Conversation on the Environment. This Sunday! After Mass in the Hall - join in the conversation and share***

***your views on sustainability .***

**Welcomers, Readers, and Ministers of Communion .**

Would you consider taking on one of these important liturgical roles for the coming year (beginning First Sunday of Advent)? Please talk to Fr Neil, or Stephen if interested.(0210608561).

Training, formation and support is provided.

**Position of Parish Secretary**

We are looking for someone who can be the “first face” of our Parish, welcoming visitors and providing administrative support for the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Council, based in the parish office for 15 hours a week. Position to commence February 2026. Familiarity with the Microsoft 365 suite would be beneficial. The position requires a standard police vet.

A full position description is available on the parish website

[www.devonportcatholic.org.nz](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz)

Applications close November 21st, by email to [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

The tradition of praying for the dead goes back to the early days of Christianity. This observance provides a counterpoint to the preceding day's triumphant feast of All Saints. Today we pray for those who have gone before us and whose fate is unknown to us. Confident in God's promise of eternal life we reaffirm the bonds of love that link us to all who have died, and pray trustfully for their ultimate bliss.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Wisdom 3:1-9** The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

**Psalms 116: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Revelation 21:1-7** See, I am making all things new.

**Luke 7:11-17** Young man, I tell you to get up.

**DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN 9 Nov**

*The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome*

**Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12** I saw a stream of water coming from the temple, bringing life to all wherever it flowed.

**Psalms 46: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

**1Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17** You are the temple of God.

**John 2:13-22** He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body.

	<b>Sat 1st November</b>	<b>Sun 2nd November</b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Joseph Wolfkamp
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Mannion Riaan Blom	Kate Kearins Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion Kitt Isidro	Kate Casey Gabriel Sagripanti Monica Duot
	<b>Sat 8th November</b>	<b>Sun 9th November</b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Petrie Steve Burke	Sarah Sparks Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion Janet Monga	Pauline Baker Iain Gillies Kate Casey

**Prayer during the Week**

**Mondays: Rosary** 6pm in the church

**Meditative Prayer** 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

**Wednesdays Note:**

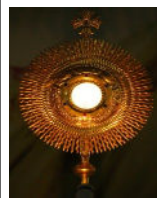
Scripture Group is closing down for the rest of this year.

**Thursday 6 November**

Bishop Robert Barron home viewing of podcast with Alan and Elizabeth Light 2/3 Ariho Terrace. 0212589306

**Friday 7 November**

**Adoration of the Most**



**Blessed Sacrament.**  
12.30-2.30  
and 5.30 –7  
In the church.

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

**Nov 1:** Desmond Butler 1991, Terence Fagan 2005

**Nov 2:** Agnes Reid 1941, Jessie Anderson 1944

**Nov 3:** Horace Stewart 1937, Joan Goldwater 1992

**Nov 4:** Michael Styick 1934

**Nov 5:** Ronald Hayson 1993, Walter Southeran 1994

Alan Wingrove, 2007

**Nov 6:** William McCarthy 1961, Kathleen Heaton 1994

**Nov 7:** Trilby Carrigan 2014

Thanks you for your support of Mission Sunday. \$ 441.70 collected for Missionz.

## From the Diocese

**Mass for Deceased Clergy:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 11:00am at **St Patrick's Catholic Church and Cemetery Panmure.**

All parishioners from every parish are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy, as we gather to remember and pray for those clergy who have passed away in the past year.

**Youth Leaders Hui | Saturday 15 November 9:00am-1:30pm | 30 New Street Pompallier Diocesan Centre**

Join us for our Youth Leaders Hui - a day for youth leaders to connect, share and shape the future of youth ministry in our Diocese. We want to hear your hopes, insights and ideas as we look ahead together! In particular, at this Hui we will explore how we can:

- (1) Strengthen youth ministry across the Diocese,
  - (2) Relaunch Diocesan Youth Masses in 2026, and
  - (3) Grow regular consultation and collaboration among youth leaders.
- We're all in the same waka! Come ready to share, learn and be inspired alongside others who share your passion for seeing young people encounter Jesus.

Free barista coffee on arrival! Lunch will be provided. **Be sure to register:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/youth-leaders-hui>

**Introducing the Catholic Enquiry Connect Network:** Please see the poster in the Church foyer. They are looking for Parish Connectors and Champions—everyday evangelists who welcome seekers into parish life. Scan the code on the poster for more information or email [info@catholicenquiry.nz](mailto:info@catholicenquiry.nz)



## From St Leo's Catholic School

This term, our Mercy value focus is Service, showing love in action through helping others, just as Jesus did. At St Leo's, we remind our tamariki that service isn't only about doing big things, but about the small, everyday acts of kindness that make a difference, sharing, including others, and caring for our school, parish, and environment. Our Mercy tradition teaches us to serve with humility, compassion, and joy. Through classroom learning, prayer, and service projects, students are discovering how they can use their gifts to help others at school and in the broader community. As Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, once said: "We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us." Let's continue to shine that light through our actions of love and service each day.

Are you a baker? Would you like to bake some cakes/slices/biscuits for the St Leo's fair. We can provide some ingredients to help you.



If you are keen please contact the pfta on [stleosptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stleosptfa@gmail.com) or call the office on 4459339

## Feast Days in the Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 3 Nov: St Martin de Porres, religious.** Born at Lima, Peru, in 1579 of a native mother and a Spanish father. Entered Dominican Order where he continued as a medical assistant. Lived a life of fasting and prayer. Died in 1639.
- **Tues 4 Nov: St Charles Borromeo, bishop.** Born Italy in 1538. Prominent defender of the faith at time of the Counter-Reformation. Ordained young, he studied canon & civil law; made cardinal and Archbishop of Milan by his uncle, Pope Pius IV in 1559. Involved in Council of Trent and drafted the Catechism. Concerned with the administration and moral life of the clergy. Established seminaries, and organizations for the religious education of children. Cared for sick during plague of 1576. Died 1584. He is the patron of learning and the arts.

*“As St Augustine watched a boy playing with a shell on the seashore, he realised that all our theology, catechisms, and dogmatic textbooks are but a small shell compared to the fullness of the mystery of God.” – Tomáš Halík – The Afternoon of Christianity.*

Modern society is global and ‘always on’. Time is precious. Recognising this, Flashes of Insight [About Flashes – Flashes of Insight](#) is short-form, theologically grounded analysis and commentary. Pastoral theology, events, challenges and questions inside the Church, and broader society are its seedbed. Its mission is to engage with people around the English-speaking world, offering challenging and hope-filled commentary and analysis on local events with global implications.

**Address: 2A Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624**

**Tel: +64 (09) 445-0078**

**Email: [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)**

**Website: [www.devonportcatholic.org.nz](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz)**

**Facebook: [St Francis de Sales & All Souls](#)**

**Parish Priest: Rev Fr Neil Darragh**

[neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell**

**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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

**St Leo’s Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)**

**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

### **Counters**

2/11 Arthur Whelan and  
rances Downs

9/11 Alix & Bill Hooper

### **Hospitality**

2/11 Maria & Jeremy

9/11 Monika Bak

### **Altar Servers**

2/11 May Upton, Maria  
Branco

9/11 Rosemary Dobbs,  
Levente Ven

### **Children’s Liturgy Leaders**

2/11 Mary-Jane & Millie  
Lendich

9/11 Stephen Albrecht &  
Isla Gillies