



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



OCTOBER 12TH 2025 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SUPPORT LIFE
SUNDAY 2024**
TAUTOKONA TE
RĀTAPU WHAKAORA



Mana Tāngata Mutunga Kore
Infinite Dignity



Gratitude is at the heart of this Sunday's Gospel, where only one of ten healed lepers returns to Jesus, praising God. In a world often focused on what we lack, we are called to be people of thanksgiving—recognizing and celebrating the blessings we receive daily from God.



This afternoon at 3.30 we continue the **Synodal Conversation on Liturgy**, in the church. Everyone is welcome for an hour of prayerful discernment.

The parish SVDP would appreciate help in **gathering sturdy paper bags** for the distribution of food parcels. Please leave them in the green tub at the back of the church.



Enquiry Sessions for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic began last Sunday but there is still time to join in **These sessions will be held after Mass each Sunday of October**

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

For more information phone either Stephen 0210608561, or Paulene 02102289409

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Property and Finance meeting 7 October
Income for year to 30 September \$119,700 excluding Columbarium

Expenditure for the year to 30 September \$98,600 excluding the Columbarium

Projects: The Columbarium is on budget and on track for opening in February 26.

Replacement of Church & Cristy switchboards is underway.

Parish Secretary: Kath Petrie has advised that she intends to step down from her role as Parish Secretary. Recruitment for a person to fill the role will start shortly.

Special Collection next Sunday for World Mission. Envelopes at back of church.

The story of the ten lepers is not to teach that we should be grateful for gifts given. We already know that! Luke tells the story to teach that salvation and healing are offered to all. Our God is the God of all!

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — *Thanksgiving*

Day of Prayer to Support Life

2Kings 5:14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.

Psalms 98: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Christ.

Luke 17:11-19 No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19 Oct

Christ Always Interceding for Us

Exodus 17:8-13 As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Psalms 121: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2Timothy 3:14—4:2 The person who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Luke 18:1-8 God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

Ministries	Sat 11 October	Sun 12 October
Welcome	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Steve Burke	John Knight Denise O'Shaughnessy
Communion	Denise Ross Janet Monga	Monica Duot, Francisca K.nottenbelt Flo Sapa'u
Ministries	Sat 18 October	Sun 19 October
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Kath Petrie Damian Wallace	Gerard Dobbs Yem Braid
Communion	Kevin isidro Kasey Isidro	Gabriel Sagripanti Kate Casey Iain Gillies

Titipounamu Study &

Joy Liturgical inculturation, a dangerous concept?! with Fr Joe Grayland Monday, 20 October 2025, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha/Donation [https://](https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/09/17/liturgical-inculturation-a-dangerous-concept/)

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For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Oct 12: Mary Blackman 1955, William Tucker 2001, Graeme (Gus) Lynch 2004

Oct 13: Mary Knight 2017

Oct 14: Eileen Creedon 1984, Nevinka Murdoch 2013

Oct 15: Maria Moran 1931, James Kyle 1977

Oct 16: Nina Gibbs 1977, Peter Keeton 2005

Oct 17: Dermot Wright 1976, Maida Dell'Isola 2003

Oct 18: James Graham 1961, Henry Cann 1991, Harry Monga 2015

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary 6pm in the church

Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

Wednesdays Scripture Group 7pm in Meeting room, looking at the scriptures for the following Sunday.

From the Diocese

Catholic Kiwi Podcast: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search “Catholic Kiwi Podcast” on YouTube or Spotify now.

Celebrating the 60 Years of Nostra Aetate – In Our Time (28 Oct 1965) – this is the Second Vatican Council document pronouncing that as Catholics “it is our task of promoting unity and love among men and women of all nations.” [#1]. If you want to learn a little bit more about Nostra Aetate – download the document (2 pages). Better still, join us in this celebration launch at a Quiz and Pizza night 7PM | October 23 | at **Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College**, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Please note the venue change. Gather your team of families and friends along for the quiz, prizes will be won. Registration is encouraged | <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/nostra-aetate-event/>

From St Leo’s Catholic School

We’ve had an excellent start to Term 4 at St Leo’s Catholic School. Staff gathered for a morning tea to welcome everyone back and to celebrate the birthdays of those who had occurred over the holidays. It was a lovely way to reconnect, share laughter, and begin the new term in a spirit of gratitude and community.

We look forward to a joyful and faith-filled term ahead with our tamariki, whānau, and parish whānau.

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

Last chance to buy tickets for De Paul House Fundraiser with the Hon Barbara Edmonds

Date: Friday, 17th October 2025



Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Carmel College, 108 Shakespeare Road

See Kath in Parish office for tickets. Or contact

admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church PLEASE GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

As part of the National Office for Professional Standards’ commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents. They are currently reviewing the ‘Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church’ and the ‘Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church’.

They welcome & encourage you to submit feedback through their Reviews page, with submissions open until 31 October 2025.

<https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews/>

Feast Days in the Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 14 Oct: St Callistus I, pope and martyr.** Became pope in 217. His papacy was marked by controversy, particularly with Hippolytus. He was martyred in 222.
- **Wed 15 Oct: St Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church.** Born Avila, Spain 1515. Entered Carmel in 1533. In 1555 committed herself to the way of perfection. Founded a religious house living by the primitive rule (Discalced Carmelites), though opposed at first. She persevered in prayer, enjoying many mystical experiences. Her spiritual writings are still influential. She is the patron of headache sufferers.
- **Thurs 16 Oct: St Hedwig, religious.** Born Bavaria 1174, married at 12 to Henry, duke of Silesia and Poland, mother of 12 children. They lived a religious life marked by penance, fasting and charity. She founded a hospital for the poor. After the death of Henry she lived in the convent of which her daughter was Abbess.
- **Thurs 16 Oct: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin.** Born 1647, an unhappy childhood, entered the Visitation Convent of Paray-le-Monial in France in 1671. Received visions encouraging devotion to the Sacred Heart and to establish a feast in his honour, which she eventually achieved.
- **Fri 17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr.** Bishop of Antioch in the first century. Little known of his life except it ended in martyrdom in Rome, about 107. On his journey to Rome as a prisoner he met Polycarp in Smyrna, and many other Christians in neighbouring communities. He wrote epistles to the Christian communities at Ephesus, Philadelphia, Smyrna, etc., which show his passionate commitment to Christ, faith and understanding of doctrine.
- **Sat 18 Oct: Feast for St Luke, Evangelist.** Author of Gospel, and of 'Acts'. From Acts we learn he was a gentile convert to Christianity, a doctor, who accompanied Paul on his 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, and stayed in Rome with him while he was in captivity. Patron of physicians and surgeons.

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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: Saturday 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers Sue Story

Church Cleaning

Counters

12/10 Kate Kearins & John Knight

19/10 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

Hospitality

12/20 Pauline

19/10 Shelley & Hyme

Altar Servers

12/10 May Upton, Maria Branco

19/10 Grace Rumble, Bella Albrecht

Children's Liturgy Leaders

12/10 Stephen Albrecht & Julia Strickett

19/10 Catherine & Alice