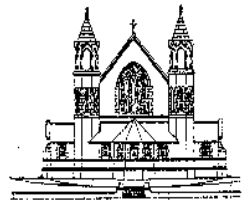




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PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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OCTOBER 19TH 2025 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TO GIVE A FUTURE WITH HOPE *āotearoa*

A Message from Pope Leo for Mission Sunday.

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me .

The second collection today is for World Mission Day and envelopes are available at the back of church.



Synodal Conversation on the Environment.

Sunday 2nd Nov, 10.45 a.m in the Hall.

The parish environmental group would like to invite all

parishioners to the next synodal conversation. This time will focus on environmental issues that may impact us in our own lives, as a parish, or beyond. We will follow the format of the synodal conversation by placing ourselves in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and listening without comment to what each person has to offer within a two minute time limit. We look forward to seeing you for a cup of tea and hearing your ideas.

CATHOLICISM

Home viewing of a series presented by Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire ministry) "The beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich multimedia experience."

Episode 1; 'The revelation of God become Man'

Thursday 6 November 730 - 900pm at the home of Alan and Elizabeth Light 2/3 Ariho Tce (0211589306)

All Welcome

We hear Chapter 18 & 19 of Luke's gospel for the next three Sundays. From these we hear three passages that only appear in Luke: parables of the unjust judge; the Pharisee and the tax collector; the story of Zacchaeus. From these we learn that those who rely on God's mercy and pray earnestly will be saved, no matter their past.

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — *Christ Always Interceding for Us*

World Mission Sunday

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.

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 26 Oct *The Lord, the Righteous Judge*

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 The prayers of the humble pierce the clouds.

Psalms 33: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Luke 18:9-14 The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

	Sat 18 October	Sun 19 October
Ministries		
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
	Sat 25 October	Sun 26 October
Ministries		
Welcome	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
Readers	Steve Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Sarah Sparks Nevil Giibson
Communion	Denise Ross Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker Francisca Knottenbelt Flo Sapa'u

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.

Columban Calendars for Sale after Mass.

Celebrate every day of the year with the saints, from the celebration of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Jan 1 to St Sylvester on Dec 31. At only \$12, the calendar is a must for every home, and makes a thoughtful gift. Please talk to Stephen about your order after Mass.

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

Oct 19: Molly Moyreen 1916, Monica Skinner 2007

Oct 20: Mary Vause 1996, James Cossar 1999

Oct 21: Rev Michael Furlong 1962, Margaret McMeiken 1983, David Brideson 2012

Oct 22: Robert Morrissey 1943, Helena Corrigan 1962

Oct 23: Molly Ross, 2008

Oct 24: Deliah Elvy 1942, John Wallace 1944, Marjorie Sotheran 2012

Oct 25: Fredrick Parkes 1906, Benjamin Mendoza 1991

From the Diocese

Mass for Deceased Clergy: Wednesday 5th 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.

Jubilee **Bursary Semester 1, 2026** For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thurs, 27 Nov 2025 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run from **September 22 – November 21, 2025.**

Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. You can find the post for this on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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

From St Leo's Catholic School

Our St Clare (Yrs 1 & 2) tamariki have had an excellent start to the term with Mrs Taylor, engaging in rich learning experiences across Science, Mathematics, and Structured



Literacy. Through play-based learning, our young learners are exploring scientific wonder, developing number sense, and strengthening early literacy skills in creative and meaningful ways. They've been investigating, building, sorting, and problem-solving, all while developing collaboration, curiosity, and confidence. It's been fantastic to see how their play is deepening understanding across the curriculum and nurturing a love of learning in every child.

'I do not know how anyone could ever undertake such a voyage, except for God.' That's how Mother Cecilia Maher described the journey on which she led the first Sisters of Mercy to New Zealand in 1850.

How many people in our parish have benefited from the care of the Sisters of Mercy in education, nursing, social justice outreach or hospice? Read their story at this link [Auckland 1850 – Sisters of Mercy New Zealand](#) .

Congratulations on 175 Years in Aotearoa to Ngā Whaea Atawhai Aotearoa. All you founding Sisters of Mercy, pray for us.

Feast Days in the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 22 Oct: St John Paul II, pope.** Karol Józef Wojtyła was born 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. Studied for priesthood during WWII, ordained in 1946. Elected Pope in 1978 after death of John Paul I. In his inaugural homily, he said words that echoed during his papacy, "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."
- **Thurs 23 Oct: St John of Capistrano, priest.** Born 1386, he had a vision while a prisoner of war that made him long to enter religion. In 1416 joined the Franciscan Order, ordained 1420, began preaching throughout Italy. Was several times vicar general of the Order. Preached throughout Eastern Europe against the Hussite heresy until the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453. He raised an army to fight the Turks in Hungary. Died of the plague in 1456.
- **Fri 24 Oct: St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop.** Born Spain 1807, ordained 1835. His uncompromising preaching style raised hostility against him. In 1849 founded a missionary institute for priests. Appointed bishop of Santiago in Cuba in 1850 and spent six years there. It was arduous work, he antagonized the slave owners and attempts were made on his life. In 1857 appointed confessor to Queen Isabella of Spain. In 1868 revolution caused his exile to France, where he died in 1870.

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

Join us for a free two-hour Catholic event beside the fountain at Mission Bay Beach with Praise and Worship, personal testimonies and Eucharistic Adoration. If you can assist with sponsorship or practical help on the day, please email aucklandccr@gmail.com

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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

Counters

19/10 Maria & Jeremy
Fleming

26/10 Shyrelle & Brian

Hospitality

19/10 Shelley & Hyme

26/10 Shyrelle & Norrene

Altar Servers

19/10 Grace Rumble, Bella
Albrecht

26/10 Joseph Wolfkamp
Levente Ven

Children's Liturgy Leaders

19/10 Anna & Will Rumble

26/10 Catherine & Alice
Gillies