



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



NOVEMBER 16TH 2025 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



poverty

Each year, the Church is called to listen to the cry of the poor and empower those who have been trapped in cycles of poverty.

Pope Leo has written a message with the theme **“You are my hope”**. Poverty is driven by many factors – a lot of them structural inequalities that have existed for centuries. Pope Leo writes: Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity. As Saint Augustine observed: “You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need for supply this lack”.

Today we are asked what action we can take as individuals and as a community not just to give charitably but to change unjust structures which perpetuate poverty.

Suggestions and resources on the Caritas website: www.caritas.org.nz

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 2nd November, which this year falls on Sunday, next week.

Our church was officially opened on 2nd 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.

This Sunday morning after Mass why not come across the road to the famous

St Leo's School Fair?

A superb morning tea awaits, plus bargains galore on stalls to suit everyone and games for the children/young at heart. All proceeds support our parish school.

Position of Parish Secretary: Applications close this coming Friday Nov 21st.

A full position description is available on the website www.devonportcatholic.org.nz. Please reply by email to office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

The journey to Jerusalem has ended. Luke's story ends where it began — in the Temple. It is in the Temple that Jesus gives his final teachings of which today's gospel is the central part. We do not know what will happen at the end of the world. But we know that, in Christ, the decisive victory over evil has been won.

33RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

The Triumph of God

Malachi 3:19-20 For you the sun of righteousness will shine out

Psalm 97: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

2Thessalonians 3:7-12 Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.

Luke 21:5-19 Your endurance will win you your lives.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

23 Nov

Christ the King

Samuel 5:1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

Psalm 121: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Colossians 1:12-20 He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

Luke 23:35-43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

	Sat 15th November	Sun 16th November
Ministries		
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Damian Wallace Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton John Knight
Communion	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Maryanne Offner Francisca K. Flo Sapaú
	Sat 22nd November	Sun 23rd November
Ministries		
Welcome	Srah Menzies	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	Gerard Dobbs Kate Kearins
Communion	Lisa Mannion Janet Monga	Monica Duot Kate Casey Iain Gillies

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary 6pm in the church

Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

Thursday 20th Nov. 7 pm

“Catholicism”: screening

episode 2 The Beatitudes

and Parables with Bishop

Robert Barron at the home

of Alan and Elizabeth Light

2/3 Ariho Tce. All Welcome!

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

Nov 16: Jane Murphy 1936, Albert Bartley 1940

Nov 17: Esmond Cooper 1999

Nov 18: Ian Haines 1988, Peter Galligan 2004, Molly Hickey 2009

Nov 19: Harold Brock 2001

Nov 20: Percy Withers 1961, Peter Casey 1976, Ada Calvert 1988

Nov 21: Margaret Koefoed 1918. Frances Sosich 1995

Nov 22: Elizabeth Graham 1959, Dervan Goldwater 1979, Rae O'Brien 2008

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 (0210608561). Training, formation and support is provided.

From the Diocese

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

Last chance 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>

Welcome everyone to a time of reflection on **Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation** to all of us on love for the poor, 'Dilexi Te'.

Meet on Zoom, 7 – 7.40pm, three Wednesdays - 12th, 19th and 26th November, to simply read short passages from Pope Leo XIV's message to all of us, and to ponder his words.

'Come and See'. Contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team, Auckland Diocese, to register: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological

College: Jubilee Year will close in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for this year "Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope" with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies. on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. Register: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025



St Leo's Shines at Sculpture on the Shore!

We are very proud to share that St Leo's Catholic School won a Highly Commended Prize in the schools category at this year's Sculpture on the Shore exhibition!

Our beautiful artwork, called "The Rosary," was created under the guidance of our talented lead teachers Greg MacCarthy-Morrogh and Ruth Christy.

Students helped design and make the piece, which features hands decorated with drawings and symbols of faith, kindness, and compassion, surrounding a statue of Mary and a cross. The colourful stained-glass-style panels and glowing candles create a peaceful space that reminds visitors of the beauty of prayer, reflection, and togetherness.

Our school's Mercy Values— respect, service, compassion, and justice — were woven throughout the artwork. Each hand represents our shared belief that small acts of kindness can make a big difference when we work together.

Feast Days in the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 17 Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious.** Born 1207, daughter of the King of Hungary, married in 1221 to Louis the Landgrave of Thuringia. She turned to the ascetic life, influenced by Franciscans she met in Germany. After Louis died on Crusade in 1227, she lived in austerity, visiting the poor and caring for the sick. died 1231.
- **Tues 18 Nov: Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul.** The tomb of St Peter in the Vatican was the site for the basilica of St Peter built by Constantine in 330. The basilica of St Paul was built about the end of the 4th century. These two sites have always been centres of Christian pilgrimage.
- **Fri 21 Nov: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This celebration commemorates the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple of Jerusalem, when she was three years of age. The feast was first kept in the 8th century. It symbolizes the consecration of her life to the Lord.
- **Sat 22 Nov: St Cecilia, virgin and martyr.** A martyr of the second or third century. She is thought to have converted her husband and his brother to Christianity, and they were martyred before her. Patron saint of musicians.

This Christmas De Paul House aims to support over 600 individuals. That is 467 children and teens, 211 adults and seniors. Each one will receive toys/gifts, a bag of sweet treats, and a gift voucher. For many, it has been a challenging time financially. With your support, even by simply sharing this email with a friend or family member, business or community group – you can help us make someone feel at home, and give them Hope At Christmas. No need to wrap gifts—we will provide wrapping. **See poster in foyer** for details.

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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

Counters

16/11 Denise & Karl

23/11 Gabriel Sagripanti +1

Hospitality

16/11 St Leo's Fair

23/11 Geraldine Anderson

Altar Servers

16/11 Levente Ven

Takuira Brothers

23/11 May Upton, Grace

Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

16/11 Catherine & Claire

Gillies

23/11 Anna & Will Rumble