



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



NOVEMBER 23RD—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The last Sunday of the church's year is always celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King and in each year of the liturgical cycle we are invited to ponder some aspect of Christ's rule over the church and indeed all creation. In year C we have been reading the gospel of Luke over many Sundays and have been privileged to see how the great mystery of God's universal love and mercy is revealed in the person of Jesus. It is appropriate then on this feast to focus on Jesus on the cross granting pardon to the repentant thief. *Sean Goan*  
*Let the Reader understand [www.columba.ie](http://www.columba.ie)*

**Synodal Conversations: the Environment.**

Thanks to all those who attended the meeting in the Hall a few weeks ago. A small group has been formed to look at the suggestions and discern priorities for our parish. They will meet next Sunday.

**Praying for The Dead During November**



The month of November is the traditional time to particularly remember and pray for all who have died, 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.

**Advent Begins Next Sunday**

A new Liturgical Year begins next week as we again prepare ourselves to welcome the birth of Messiah Emmanuel at Christmas.

**The communal rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in our parish at 7.00pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

Prepare for Advent and Christmas at the **St Joseph's Gift Shop**. Come see us at our new location in Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) or visit us online at [www.stjosephscentre.co.nz](http://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz)

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The feast of Christ the King was introduced in 1925 as an attempt to counter the increasing atheism and secularisation of society. It is an assertion of Christ's sovereignty over all human societies & institutions. Already acknowledged in the feast of Epiphany, Christ's kingship is celebrated in the feasts of Easter and Ascension. Today's celebration leads us to the very heart of our faith, the death and resurrection of Christ.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING** *Christ the King*

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

**Psalms 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 30 Nov *The Day of the Lord*

**Isaiah 2:1-5** The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

**Psalms 122: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Rom 13:11-14** Our salvation is near.

**Matthew 24:37-44** Stay awake so that you may be ready.

	<b><u>Sat 22nd November</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 23rd November</u></b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Emma Mackie-Watts
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	Gerard Dobbs Kate Kearins
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion Janet Monga	Monica Duot Kate Casey Iain Gillies
	<b><u>Sat 29th November</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 30th November</u></b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Burke Riaan Blom	Nevil Gibson Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Gabriel Sagripanti Pauline Baker Maryanne Offner

**Joshua Catholic Mens' Fellowship North Shore**

**\*\* An Invitation to all men, their wives/partners and parishioners !! \*\***

For **Wed 26 November**.

Speaker **Fr Glen Lowe**,

on **The Season of Advent:**

**Preparing to Welcome Jesus".**

Please join us at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, starting 7pm onwards for supper and fellowship. The meeting

formally starts at **7.30pm**. We will conclude with Mike Lobo (Joshua Auckland leader) commissioning our new North Shore Team leaders with a blessing from Father. We expect to close by 9pm.

**This is one NOT TO BE MISSED .. so we look forward to seeing you.**

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

**Nov 23:** Elizabeth Robinson 1934, Marion Newcombe 2003

**Nov 24:** William Walters 1936

**Nov 25:** Margaret Wren 1938, Peter Westbrooke 2008

**Nov 26:** Martin Conway 1954

**Nov 27:** Michael Mahony 1914

**Nov 28:** William McCarthy 1922, Fenella Wright 1961

**Nov 29:** Mary Kelly 1914, Helena McMinn 1924

## From the Diocese

**CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST:** Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

**Ponsonby/Herne Bay** parish is looking for enthusiastic and organised individuals to fill two admin roles:

- 1. Parish Administrator** - 15–20 hours per week - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings
- 2. Finance Administrator** - 5–8 hours per week - Flexible – work at a time that suits you

If you have strong administrative skills and a heart for supporting parish life, please contact the parish at: [office@phbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@phbcatholic.org.nz)

### **Project and Music Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland Ministries to Young People**

Are you looking for a role where you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people? Do you have experience in the areas of music ministry and events? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time Project and Music Coordinator implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)



**St Leo's School Fair**

A huge thank you to

all the students, parents, staff, and volunteers who helped make this year's St Leo's School Fair such a success. The sunshine matched the joyful spirit of the day as families enjoyed the stalls, games, and delicious food. All funds raised will go towards enhancing school resources and ensuring learning assistants are available in every classroom. This fantastic result reflects the hard work of our Fair Committee, the generosity of our sponsors, and the dedication of everyone who volunteered—your support is what makes St Leo's so special.

### **Request for Sponsorship Support**

We are looking for generous sponsors to support families at our St Leo's School by contributing either to attendance dues or a full scholarship for a student in need. A full scholarship would cover attendance dues, BOT fees, school excursions, and stationery, ensuring every child can fully engage in school life without financial barriers. Your support can make a real and immediate difference for a child and their whānau, helping them access the rich learning experiences and opportunities that St Leo's offers. If you can assist or want more information, please get in touch with the school office at [office@stleos.school.nz](mailto:office@stleos.school.nz). We would be grateful for your partnership and generosity.

**Ngā mihi nui Vimi Chandra, Principal**

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

- **Mon 24 Nov: St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, martyrs.** Through the missionary efforts of various religious families, beginning in the 16th C until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. In 1988 Pope John Paul II canonized 117 persons martyred in the 18th Century.
- **Tues 25 Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr.** Patron of philosophers and preachers due to her persuasive talent for conversion. Born of a noble family, converted to Christianity through a vision. She denounced Maxentius for persecuting Christians; he had 50 of her converts burned to death and herself imprisoned, where she converted Maxentius' wife & 200 of his soldiers, all of whom were killed when he found out. Catherine herself was eventually killed on a spiked wheel. Catherine's was one of the voices heard by St Joan of Arc.

**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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**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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**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**

23/11 Gabriel Sagripanti +1

30/11 Kate Kearins & John Knight

#### **Hospitality**

23/11 Geraldine Anderson

30/11

#### **Altar Servers**

23/11 May Upton, Levente Ven

30/11 Rosemary Dobbs  
Declan Takuira

#### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

23/11 Julia Strickett & Isla Gillies

30/11 Anna & Will Rumble