



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



NOVEMBER 9TH 2025 – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA.



Normally if a feast day falls on a Sunday, we celebrate it the day before or after and pray the Mass of the day. This feast is the exception as it celebrates the dedication of the *Basilica of*

St John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. That is the Pope's Church. It reminds us that the Church is not just a building, but a living community of faith. As we honour this sacred space, we renew our commitment to being living stones .

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. A full position description is available on the parish website www.devonportcatholic.org.nz Applications close November 21st, by email to office@devonportcatholic.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.

Where are we at on Synodality?

As a Parish Council, with guidance from Fr Neil, we have made a strong start on a programme of synodal conversations.

1. **Liturgy.** Over the last 4 weeks, listening and discerning conversations have been held and a synthesis report is now being prepared . While views may differ, dialogue continues.

2. **Environment.** Around 20 people attended the synodal conversation last weekend, to listen to suggestions on enhancing the life of the planet. A discernment group will follow.

The church of St John Lateran is a fourth century basilica originally dedicated to St John the Baptist. In time the dedication was extended to include St John the Evangelist and Christ the Saviour. The inscription reads: "Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and the head". It is honoured today as the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome and the mother church of the entire world.

DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN

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.

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16 Nov The Triumph of God

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

Psalms 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.

	Sat 8th November	Sun 9th November
Ministries		
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Kath Petrie Steve Burke	Sarah Sparks Mary Lyttleton
Communion	Lisa Mannion Janet Monga	Pauline Baker Iain Gillies Kate Casey
	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

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.

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

Nov 8: Kathleen Sheehan 1959, Kathleen Switzer 1998, Caoimhe Taylor 2005

Nov 9: Frances Manning 1980, Matthew Meehan 1999, Marie Bennett 1999

Nov 10: Alfred Glover 1918, James Stitt 1946

Nov 11: Rosanna Thompson 1950, Ruby Radonich 1951, Gloria Callanan 2020

Nov 13: James Gilbert 1943, Catherine Hayson 1960, Brendan Fagan 2015, Kath Clarke 2018

Nov 14: Margaret Dunne 1917, Shaun McKay 2010

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 have a think about this and let us know, by talking 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

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>

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

Sunday, 16th November will be World Day of the Poor. From Caritas NZ

Pope Leo has written a message to all of us, with the theme "You are my hope" - very fitting for the Jubilee year. Pope Leo has called us to take action to address poverty both directly and systemically. At Caritas, we change lives and support the poor and vulnerable every day. Our connections throughout our church network around the world see us stand with, and work alongside, the poorest and most marginalised in our society. Check out Caritas website to see what you can do. www.caritas.org.nz

From St Leo's Catholic School

We held our Athletics Day on Thursday, and it was a fantastic day of fun, energy, and school spirit! Our tamariki showed great



determination and enthusiasm as they took part in sprints, long distance races, long jump, frisbee throw and ball throw events. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another and celebrating each

other's achievements throughout the day. A highlight, as always, was the parents' race, which brought lots of laughter and cheering from the sidelines! Thank you to all our staff, parents, and whānau who helped make the day such a success .

From De Paul House: Our cupboards are bare– can you help us?

Bedding/towels—we have an urgent need for new or nearly new single duvet inners, pillows and towels.

Food Bank—we are low on many basics such as snacks for school lunch boxes, 2 minute noodles, pasta sauces, flour, sugar, jam, honey, Milo, coffee, canned vegetables, medium-large tines tuna, corned beef, long-life milk, cereal.

Personal hygiene items and household cleaners.

Thank you so much for your support of families and the elderly in our care.

Feast Days in the Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 10 Nov: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.** Elected pope in 440, a time of civil and doctrinal disorder: Attila's invasion was threatening and Monophysite heresy was abroad. Leo persuaded the Huns to withdraw beyond the Danube and negotiated with the Vandals upon their seizure of Rome in 455. In 451 the Council of Chalcedon restated the doctrine of the incarnation and primacy of Peter. A man of keen intellect & faith, Leo died 461.
- **Tues 11 Nov: St Martin of Tours, bishop.** Born about 335, in a pagan family. Martin was a soldier in the Roman army until his conversion and baptism. In 360 he joined St Hilary at Poitiers and founded the first monastery in Gaul, at Liguge. Made bishop of Tours in 372.
- **Weds 12 Nov: St Josephat, bishop and martyr.** Born in the Ukraine about 1580, ordained about 1604, became a monk. A noted theologian and preacher, made bishop of Polotz in 1617. Embarked upon pastoral reform, which aroused hostility, and he was murdered at Vitebsk, during a pastoral visit in 1623.
- **Sat 15 Nov: St Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Born about 1200. Member of the Order of Preachers, and a teacher of Thomas Aquinas. Dedicated to study and writing, his many works of theology and philosophy foreshadow those of his more famous pupil. Albert died in 1280.

Bishop Steve Lowe says it was a "gracd moment to meet with Pope Leo recently and invite him to New Zealand. [Bishop Lowe meets Pope Leo and invites him to NZ - CathNews New Zealand](#)

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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

9/11 Alix & Bill Hooper

16/11 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

9/11 Monika Bak

16/11 St Leo's Fair

Altar Servers

9/11 Rosemary Dobbs,

Levente Ven

16/11 Joseph Wolfkamp

May Upton

Children's Liturgy Leaders

9/11 Stephen Albrecht &

Isla Gillies

16/11 Catherine & Claire

Gillies