



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



DECEMBER 7TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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This week, John the Baptist calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord.” Advent is not just about waiting—it’s about active preparation, making room for Christ’s peace and justice in our lives and communities.

From the Parish Saint Vincent de Paul.

As Christmas approaches our Foodbank is running low on non-perishable protein foods: think kidney or other beans, chickpeas, cans of tuna, salmon or chicken. Our shelves are almost empty of these items so we really appreciate your donations.

It’s nice to have a treat or two at Christmas so we will be putting a \$50 New World voucher in the food parcels we distribute. If you would like to contribute to these, there is a white donations box at the back of the church or you can direct credit our bank account at the ANZ St Vincent de Paul Society 01-0137-0030606-00. God bless you all, and stay safe out there over this Christmas break.
Pauline Baker, Chair.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITE 2
North Shore Parishes**

The Second Rite of Reconciliation respects the privacy of each penitent, while also acknowledging the sacrament’s communal nature. It can be a moving experience to pray for one another in this way as we seek forgiveness.

December: All @ 7.00pm

Sunday 7th Devonport *St Francis de Sales & All Souls*

Tues 9 th	Torbay	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Wed 10 th	Orewa	<i>St John Evangelist</i>
Thurs 11 th	Takapuna	<i>St Joseph</i>
Tues 16 th	Northcote	<i>St Mary</i>
Wed 17 th	Glenfield	<i>St Thomas More</i>
Fri 19 th	Beach Haven	<i>St Maria Assumpta</i>

Why not think about a Bible Diary for 2026? Published by the Claretian Order , with proceeds supporting the poor in India, the Bible Diary provides daily readings and guidance. See copies on sale at the back of the Church \$20.

Also the Columban Calendar—a saint for every day in beautiful artworks. \$12, supporting the Columban missions.



The last coffee morning for 2025 !Thursday 11th December at 10am at the Ryman coffee shop situated at the entrance

to the William Sanders Village
Kathy’s phone 0212124914 for directions

Just as the first Sunday of Advent contained a hint of the Easter mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, the second Sunday evokes the gift of the Spirit whose outpouring on humanity is celebrated at Pentecost. In words that have found their way into the Rite of Confirmation, the prophet Isaiah speaks of one who is endowed with the Spirit of the Lord. This servant of God will herald a new creation in harmony and peace.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Baptism with the Holy Spirit and Fire

Isaiah 11:1-10 He judges the wretched with integrity.

Psalm 71: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever

Romans 15:4-9 Christ is the Saviour of all people.

Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 Dec

The Joy of Expectancy

Isaiah 35:1-6,10 God himself is coming to save you.

Psalm 146: Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

	<u>Sat 6 December</u>	<u>Sun 7 December</u>
Ministries		
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Damian Wallis	Yem Braid Sarah Sparks
Communion	Riaan Blom Kitt Isidro	Francisca K. Flo Sapa'u Monica Duot.
	<u>Sat 13 December</u>	<u>Sun 14 December</u>
Ministries		
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Kath Petrie Steve Burke	Denise O'Shaughnessy John Knight
Communion	Denise Ross Janet Monga	Adrienne Ramskill Kate Casey Iain Gillies

Prayer during the week:

Monday: Rosary 6 pm in the church.

Meditative Prayer 6.30 Meeting Room

Monday 8 December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary: Praying all 4 Mysteries of the Rosary 9.30-11.30 followed by shared morning tea.

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

Dec 07: Charles Old 1985, Gwendolyn Brown 2004

Dec 08: Robert Fullerton 1979

Dec 10: John Molloy 1987, Jim McKay 2014, John Fogarty 2022

Dec 11: Eileen Light 2008, Martha Jones, 2013

Dec 12: Angus McKenzie 1978, Patricia Lennan 2005

A sincere apology from Kath for parking inconvenience this Sunday. Health and Safety issue arising from my mistake in Hall bookings. Mea culpa.

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to offer donations toward the cost of fresh flowers for our church for Christmas. Please place your donation in the box at church door, or direct credit to: St Francis Devonport 02 0108 0706881 000 (Ref: Flowers) Thank you.

From the Diocese

Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas

Appeal Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS THIS ADVENT: You are invited to download the resources, and access other rich content, produced by Fr Frank Bird at www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray

Bishop Steve invites everyone to celebrate the **Closing Mass of the Year of Jubilee**. 4 January 2026 at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. All welcome

Please find attached the ninth edition of the **NZCBC Catholic Diocese of Auckland** newsletter, also available in the following link: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/NZ-Catholic-Issue-9.pdf>

Mission Hub – Reconnecting with the Disconnected

Our next *Mission Hub* Online gathering will focus on practical, gentle ways to intentionally invite and authentically reconnect. We will share a time of prayer, be inspired by others on mission, and explore our own context and response in small groups with others across Aotearoa New Zealand. **Monday 8 December 2025** 7.00–8.30pm (NZ time) Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion. Everyone is invited to register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ytoPYvtFQUyduht_z6I9Eg

From St Leo's Catholic School St Patrick's Nativity Scene Creation

Our St Patrick students have been hard at work creating a beautiful Nativity scene for our Christmas celebrations. With great care, creativity, and teamwork, they have crafted each element, from the stable to the figures of Mary, and Joseph.

This hands-on project has helped our students reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and deepen their understanding of the birth of Jesus. We are so proud of their effort and the sense of wonder they have brought to this special display.



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. If you can assist or want more information, please get in touch with the school office office@stleos.school.nz. We would be grateful for your partnership and generosity.

Feast Days in the Second Week of Advent

- **Mon 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** (Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38).
- **Tues 9 Dec: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin,** to whom Our Lady appeared on this day in 1531 at Guadalupe, leaving a miraculous image on his cloak.
- **Thurs 11 Dec: St Damasus I, pope.** Born about 305, elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome in 366. He summoned synods to suppress various heresies rife at the time, particularly Arianism and Donatism. He commissioned St Jerome to undertake translation of the scriptures. He embellished and conserved the tombs of the martyrs. Died in 384.
- **Thurs 12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Our Lady appeared to the peasant farmer Juan Diego, leaving a miraculous image of herself on his cloak.
- **Sat 13 Dec: St Lucy, virgin and martyr.** Born in Syracuse, she lived her Christianity without concealment, and was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

Diocesan positions available:

1. Property Officer – St Patrick's & St Joseph Cathedral, Auckland 10 hours per week.
 2. **Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy / Auckland South Correction Facility - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy**
 3. Project and Music Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland Ministries to Young People
- For more details see www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 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

7/12 Jeremy & Maria

14/12 Shyrelle & Brian

Hospitality

7/12 Francisca

14/12 Yem

Altar Servers

7/12 Takuira brothers,

Levente Ven

14/12 Grace Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

7/12 Anna & Will Rumble

14/12 Stephen & Bella

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