St Francis & St Therese Catholic Parish Newsletter

The St Francis Epistle

Parish Priest: Fr John Webb

"Our parish is a Christian community called to follow Christ faithfully with gratitude, humility and simplicity, worshipping our God in prayer and serving our neighbour to build a united and loving community."

Vol. 76 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September 2026

Matthew 18.15-20 of Sunday September 6, 2026

Jesus spoke to his disciples. If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If he or she listens to you, you have regained your brother or sister. But if the person does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if that person refuses to listen even to the Church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

We keep the Missionary of Charity Sisters in our Prayers as they celebrate the Feast of their Patron, Mother Teresa on Saturday 5th September.

Liturgical Ministries Lectures *The Mass, consisting of Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are one act of worship…Just as Jesus did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he first opens their minds to the scriptures, and then proceeds to feed them afterwards. We recognise the same shape taking place within our Roman Rite liturgy: the Word of God is proclaimed, and then we partake as one in the Body and Blood of Christ.* As we approach the beginning of the new liturgical year, the Liturgy Centre is hosting its next series of **Liturgical Ministries Lectures**. These will cover basic theological foundations for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

To register, please get in touch with your parish office who will then complete a group registration on your behalf. Registration is mandatory for all participants.

Ministers of the Word: 10am-12pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 1pm-3pm

Dates and Deaneries (exact parish location will be made available to those registered)

September 12 – North Shore; September 26 – Southern
October 10 – Eastern; November 7 – City & Central
November 14 – Western

"Special Year of St. Francis" 10th Jan 26 – 10th Jan 27

Chainsaw Action

If anyone has a chainsaw and is keen to reduce this stubborn stump on the Presbytery lawn to ground level, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403.

Phenomenal Gardening

Resident volunteer gardeners Brad Murphy and Alex D'Souza did some wonderful gardening around the Presbytery earlier this week - thanks a lot lads.

Address: 46 Pt Chevalier Road, Pt Chevalier. **Ph**: 09 846 7612
Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz **Secretary**: Ms Paula Betham
Safeguarding Email: ptchevparishsafeguarding@gmail.com
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 2:30pm; except Thursday Office Closed.
Parish Account: Name: **SS Francis & Therese Pt Chevalier Property Acct** 02-0108-0707331-003
St Francis School Principal: Mrs Lisa Bateman Ph: 846 4696

AMAZING HELP Thank you!

MINISTRY ROSTER August 26

DATE	COMMENTATOR	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
5th Sep	Cecile L'Estrange	Erin Joyce	Anne King	Pixie Hawkins & Jane Finnemore	Dom Hines	Xavier Clayton & Callum Rodrigues
6th Sep	David Schischka	Ima Ah Tong	Tupuna Brown	Effie Smallridge & Agnes Steffany	Melinda Chuo	Noah, Marco, Kiki & Lorenzo
12th Sep	Lai Peng Chiew	Maree Burns	Sam Burns	Laureen Simmonds & Hugh Finnemore	Joe Joseph	Callum, Sam & Keanu
13th Sep	Mike Tolich	Leisel Inglis	Emma Ibbetson	Tupuna Brown & Gia Perera	Archana Korshapati	Declan, Ashton & Tymon
19th Sep	Chrystal Rodrigues	Hugh Finnemore	Ceejay Rodrigues	Anne King & Maree Burns	Lai Peng Chiew	Jesse, Keanu & Erin
20th Sep	Maria Oa-Ariki	Emma Ibbetson	David Schischka	Renata Kowalczyk & Beata Stus-Greig	Jeff Han	Marcelo, Leonardo & Vinnie
26th Sep	Laureen Simmonds	Erin Joyce	Megan Scott	Anne King & Maree Burns	Liam Joyce	Patrick, Cameron & Callum
27th Sep	MDM Youth	MDM Youth	MDM Youth	Anthony & Arpana Korshapati	Melinda Chuo	Susie, Noah, Lorenzo & Marco

	Morning Tea	Children's Liturgy	Church Cleaning	Counting
5th / 6th Sep	Malith	Claire	Maria K	Effie & Emma
12th / 13th Sep	Stuart	Katie	Joyce Family	Mike T
19th / 20th Sep	Jo Joyce	Evie	Fabiana	Roy & Maree
26th / 27th Sep	School Holidays	School Holidays	Janet	Mew Han

Foodbank continues

If you have any spare non perishable food, spare toiletries or cleaning products, that you would like to donate, our Parish foodbank basket is at the back of the Church. Donated grocery vouchers are also gratefully accepted.

If you, or someone you know is in need of a helping hand, please email Paula at the Parish Office.

All communications are kept strictly confidential.

St Mary's College Auckland Past Pupils High Afternoon Tea for Scholarship Fund, $60.
2pm Sunday **20 September** 2026. To register please contact Pat 021 622 044 or (09) 846 0230

For access to School Newsletters, please click on this link.
News + events – St. Francis Catholic Primary School

Callout to the Musical Youth
Please get in touch with Stuart if your musical angel is keen to perform at Mass during Collection as we are always after a wee bit of musical fun.
Also, please reach out if they would like to give playing music during Mass a go as Chris, Jo and Annie are always looking for new recruits - full guidance will be provided.

CELEBRATING TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in OT

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/CELEBRATING-THE-TWENTY.pdf

Ministry Whats app Leaders:

Projectionists: Joe Joseph 02040806963
Readers and Communion:
Anne King 0274507939
Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy & Morning Tea: Stuart King 0278182403

FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

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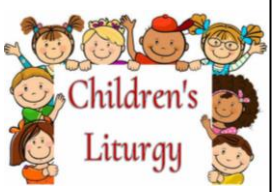

We are seeking some more Helpers to run the Sunday Children's Liturgy sessions in the School whanau room. It's a brief breakout session (around 20 mins during Mass) where the leader reads the Children's version of the gospel, discusses it and gets the kids to do some fun colouring-in. All materials and the process is provided. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 for more info. It's a great Service hour generator for high-schoolers and you'll only need to do it once or twice a term.

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To place an ad in the Classifieds, please email through by end of business each Wednesday

PUBLIC NOTICES

Mass Times:

Monday	10am Selwyn Village
Wednesday	Midday at Church
Friday	9:15am
Saturday	5:30pm English
Sunday	9:00 am English
	11:00am Croatian

Reconciliations every Saturday 5pm or by appointment.

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137
2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm: 62
2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

For our READERS.

Here is a link you can use to **find the readings** on your rostered day. We hope this will help you with preparations.
Visit:
https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca
Click on "**Our Faith**" and choose **'Daily readings**" then scroll to the right to find the date you want. This link has the daily readings as well as Sundays

Back by popular demand, the St. Francis Dads will have a special support session, aka pub crawl, on **Friday 20 November - *for all new, existing and past St. Francis Dads - everyone is invited***. The fun and shenanigans will commence at the **Pt. Chev. Bowling Club from 5pm**, where it will be onwards and upwards to Ambler, Nomads, Cupid Bar and of course Wapiti. To find out where we are on the night and for any queries, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pray for all those who are sick in our Parish especially:
Arvi Crossland, Christine Hurrell, Katie Gabric, Peter and Paul Tolich; John Cunningham, Helen Hunter, Kathleen Burmester & Fr John Webb.

Pray for all those who are recently deceased .
Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Fr John Webb; Hugh & Jane Finnemore; David & Trish Schischka; Alex van Crasbeek; Lai Peng Chiew; Janet Skinner; Margaret Gilvray; Annie Cass; Esther Vernon
For any queries, please contact the Parish Office. **Next meeting TBC**.

Finance Committee Members:

Stuart King ***Chair 0278182403***.
Fr John Webb; Brad Murphy David Joyce, Arvi Crossland & welcome to Kudzaiishe (Craig) Kahuni. **Next meeting TBC**

Liturgy Committee Members

Chris Smith **(Chair)**; Fr John Webb; David Schischka; Joe Joseph; Effie Smallridge; Agnes Steffany; Jane Finnemore.
Next meeting **To be confirmed**

INHOUSE FORMATION

Baptism Preparation Class

Please contact the Parish Office directly for registration. The Preparation class is mandatory.
1st Sat of every month 3:30-4:30pm

Sacramental Programme.

Registrations for 2027 will be open in February 2027. If you are interested in enrolling your child (ren), you are welcome to email the Office and ask to be put on the waiting list.

SOCIAL NEWS

Morning Teas

Our wonderful welcoming and friendly Parish Morning Teas. Every Sunday after Mass. Please contact Stuart if you would like to be rostered on to help out and feel free to bring along any home baking, etc. Another great Service hour opportunity for secondary school kids.

St Joseph's Gift Shop & Christian Supplies Ltd
253 Dairy Flat Highway,
Albany, Auckland
shop@stjosephscentre.co.nz
09 489 5613

NZ Catholic

The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter NZ Catholic is now available on www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month

The next stupendous darts session is on this **Thursday, 24 September, from 8pm**, at the **Pt. Chev. Bowling Club**. The more the merrier - all Dads are very Welcome - no darts experience is necessary given the majority of us are woeful. Contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 to join the Dad's WhatsApp group.

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VACANCY

Local Youth Ministers Wanted!
The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Part Time Catholic Chaplain for Whangarei Hospital
A part-time (15 hours per week) Catholic Chaplain position is available at Whangārei Hospital. Applicants should have (or be willing to undertake) Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or have relevant ministry experience, along with a foundation in Catholic sacramental theology.
The role involves providing pastoral, spiritual, and emotional support to patients, families, and staff from diverse backgrounds, while working collaboratively within a multidisciplinary healthcare team in line with the Treaty of Waitangi principles.
To view the full advert and position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close **18 September** 2026

Father John is clearing out some excess items - these items are free for collection from the Presbytery garage:
- lazy boy type chair
Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 if you are interested.

FREE to a good home

FELLOWSHIP

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand. Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.
For more information contact Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Check out the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/dovefellowship/

Prayer Retreat for Women
Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday **9th October** 6pm to Sunday **11th October** 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland.
Register: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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info@littleangelscouture.com.au
Web: https://www.littleangelscouture.com.au
Tel:0417799413

YOUTH

WYD 2027 Webinars
In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

Diocesan Youth Mass
Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February – November At St Patrick's Cathedral For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: youthmin@cda.org.nz

CALLING ALL TERTIARY STUDENTS! JOIN US in 2026! check out the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy

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Ministries to Young People An Evening with St Pier Giorgio Frassati | Wednesday **9th September** 6:30pm-8:30pm at St Michael's Catholic Church Remuera Join us for an evening exploring the life, faith, and witness of St Pier Giorgio Frassati, one of the Church's inspiring young saints. The evening will feature a talk by guest speaker Fr Dominic Murphy OP, Prior Provincial for the Dominican Friars of Australasia. This is a free event. All are welcome. Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/evening-with-frassati Email: samuelb@cda.org.nz for any queries

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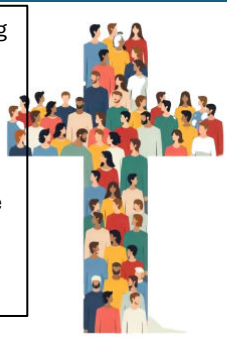
Open Circle Markets. This spring we're taking our food trucks on the road with the Open Circle Tour 2026 — a series of free, family-friendly food-truck nights popping up in community parks right across Auckland. We're bringing it to Coyle Park, Point Chevalier on Sat 17 Oct 2026, 5–9pm — free entry, great kai and a relaxed community night out for the whole whānau. There's no cost to anyone



Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC)

The CEC is keen to grow the number of parish-based 'Connectors' throughout NZ. For the approximately 200 parishes in NZ they have around 64 such individuals in place.

The CEC hears of people who do not know if they are permitted to enter a Catholic Church, or who sit in a car outside on a Sunday but cannot summon the confidence to step inside. It makes a huge difference if they can put an enquirer in touch with someone in their local neighborhood who will meet with them and then accompany them to a Church service.

Every parish should strive to have at least one such 'Connector' on the books of the CEC. In recent months the CEC was able to connect an enquirer with a parishioner in Ngāruawāhia, and several with parishes in Auckland where they have such contacts. If you can help in any way, Carly Mulqueen, the CEC Director, would love to hear from you. carly@catholicenquiry.nz

If you're interested in being a "Connector" for our Parish, please email Paula at the Office or speak with Fr John.

Season of Creation 2026

Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to celebrate Season of Creation. **From 1 Sept** (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to **4 Oct** (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), we are invited to renew our relationship with God as Creator.

The Church invites every parish, school, chaplaincy, family, and individual to celebrate the Season of Creation. Visit our website for resources on how to celebrate.

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/

And join us, the Maclaurin Chaplaincy & Church communities of Auckland to an ecumenical celebration through prayer, reflection and light refreshments | Wednesday **23rd September** 2026 7:00pm at the Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, University of Auckland.

Registration is essential please follow the link here to register Season of Creation 2026 | Living Waters: Caring for our common home

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Is holding its 4th session for the WYD Seoul 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, "Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise" with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on Tuesday, **1st of September** 2026, 5:00 6:00pm on Zoom online platform. Register through https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/online-webinars-2026/. Fee discounts apply.

For those needing a helping hand or a listening ear, please reach out

Direct Crediting

Some have had difficulty with the requirement to match bank account numbers to account names. Unfortunately different banks need different information:

Our account number is:
02-0108-0707331-003

Some banks only require a 2 digit suffix, in which case you would use "**03**" instead of "**003**"

Some require different name matches. Dependent on your bank, here are the versions that are attached to our Account.

"Ss Francis and Therese"
"Pt Chevalier Propert"
"Parish of Ss Francis & Therese"
"Ss Francis & Therese Parish"

Our Full Bank Account Name is:
"Ss Francis and Therese Pt Chevalier Ecclesiastical Goods Trust"

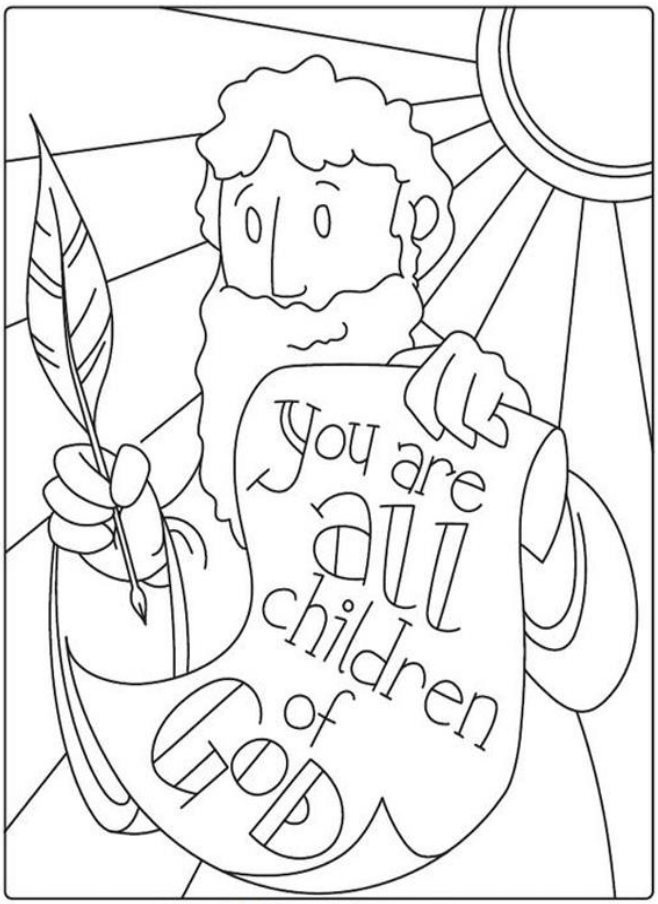
Partial Matches are usually ok to authorise, and once processed you can call the Parish Office to check it has been received.

What a fantastic **Gift idea** for a loved one(s) - a Personalised Church brick to be permanently remembered.

We are very grateful for the recent bricks donated.

We are very grateful for the recent bricks donated. Our "Buy a Brick" campaign continues in order to replenish the Parish's building repairs & maintenance fund. So, be part of history, forever be immortalised and get yourself and/or your loved ones a Brick - refer below. We will be going to print with the next batch of plaques shortly (for donations of $500+) - so please get in touch with Stuart King and let him know what you want on it. All donations attract a **33% tax refund**.

For our kids



When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

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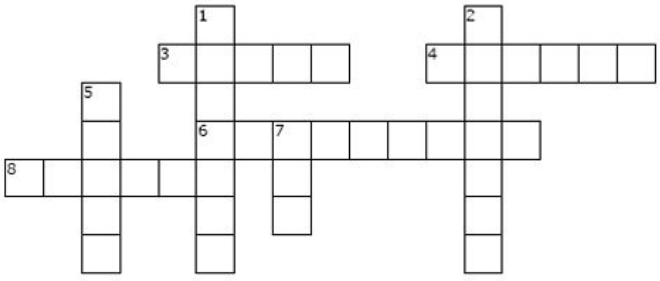

ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER	TESTIMONY	SIN	LISTEN
WITNESS	FAULT	CHURCH	TRUTH

GOSPEL FOR CHILDREN

Jesus said to his disciples:

If someone treats you badly, this is what you must do. You must tell the person plainly what it feels like to be treated this way. Of course, you need to do this privately between yourselves at first. If the person listens and is sorry, you will be friends again. But if the bad behaviour continues and the person will not listen to you, then you need to ask one or two others to be with you when you next challenge the person. If they still do not listen, keep away from them until they are ready. Remember, when two or three of you are gathered in my name, then I will be there with you.

Bequests

Bequests and including the Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese in your Will

A number of Parishioners have enquired as to how they can ensure a portion of their estate can be gifted specifically to the Parish of St. Francis & Therese.

One of the greatest contributions you can make to the mission of the Church is to leave your own lasting legacy of faith. This will help future generations to thrive in discovering their faith and facilitate the longevity of our wonderful inclusive Parish and Church community for many years to come.

Our Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese, with our beautiful Church in the heart of Point Chevalier, is an integral and active part of the mission of the Church. We kindly ask you to consider making a gift to the Parish in your Will (bequest). By leaving a bequest specifically to the Parish you leave a legacy that will benefit the Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese well into the future, a powerful gift that will be greatly appreciated. We are happy to arrange a personalised inscription on a Church Brick in your remembrance.

We invite you to let us know your intentions in advance, so that we can thank you in person.

You can simply instruct your lawyer to update/prepare a Will with a clause along the following lines:

Percentage of Residual Estate (most common)

"I give [insert percentage, e.g., 10%] of my residuary estate (or of the residue of my estate) specifically to The Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese Point Chevalier (Official name: Sts. Francis and Therese of Point Chevalier Ecclesiastical Goods Trust; Charity Registration Number CC29209), located at 46 Point Chevalier Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland 1022, for its general purposes. I declare that a receipt from an authorised officer of the Parish shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

Specific Sum of Money (pecuniary Bequest)

"I give the sum of $[Amount] specifically to The Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese Point Chevalier (Official name: Sts. Francis and Therese of Point Chevalier Ecclesiastical Goods Trust; Charity Registration Number CC29209), located at 46 Point Chevalier Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland 1022, for its general purposes. I declare that a receipt from an authorised officer of the Parish shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees".

Preparing your Will doesn't have to be complicated or expensive, but we recommend you seek the advice of a lawyer to ensure your Will is valid, and clearly sets out the way you intend your estate to be distributed. It is important to review your Will every few years to make sure it still reflects your wishes and any change in personal circumstances. For more information or further assistance about leaving a bequest to the Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 or email the Parish Office at stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL PLACE

FOR YOUR SPECIAL MASS

Our beautifully renovated Church is available for Weddings, Baptisms, Family Masses, Special Celebration Masses.

Our Church

Newly Renovated
Fully airconditioned
Built in Sound System
Built in Projector
Accessibility Access
Comfortably seats up to 200
Parish Hall available on site

Our Parish Hall

Reasonable rates
Recently renovated
Fully airconditioned
Accessibility access
Full kitchen facilities
Chairs & tables included
New fridge & oven

For information on booking either our Church or Hall, please contact the Parish Secretary:
Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz
or by phone: 09-8467612

ST FRANCIS AND ST THERESE PT CHEVALIER
2 MONTROSE STREET, PT CHEVALIER