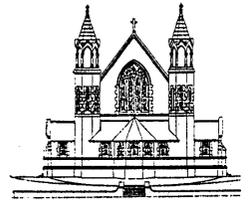




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 20 FEBRUARY 2022

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

This Sunday our parish celebrates these Sacraments of Initiation with the candidates and their families who completed the 2021 Sacramental Programme of preparation. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, it is not practical to include this celebration with our parish Sunday Mass so a separate Mass and ceremony will be held later at 11.30am. **Please pray** for the candidates and their families as they make final preparations for this important event in their lives.

2nd March is ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return any palms you have from previous years' Passion Sundays, we will be collecting them during the next two weeks — these palms will be burned to make the ashes.

ASH WEDNESDAY

12.00pm — Mass
7.00pm — Ecumenical Liturgy of Ashes
(We are hosting this year for the local churches)

Reminder Auckland is currently at the RED setting of the "Traffic Light" system



This which means we are limited to 100 people at Masses, **with vaccine passes**. Masks are mandatory, please scan in and show your Vaccine Pass at the door. Please stay at home if you are unwell or if you feel vulnerable. Please contact the Parish Office if you might wish to receive communion at home.

Sign-in. Stop the virus.



Don't forget to please let us know if you are not vaccinated and would like to attend Mass, or receive Communion, please contact Father Neil or the Parish Office.

If you know of anyone in need of help, or anyone who needs help because they need to self isolate please contact the Parish Office phone 4450078 or Karen or Vanessa at Devonport St Vincent De Paul.

For more information about Co-vid alert levels, vaccinations and boosters visit [Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

World Day of Prayer

This year it will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Church Street Devonport on **Friday 4th March at 10 am**. The ecumenical liturgy has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the theme from the prophet Jeremiah: "I know the plans I have for you". Everyone welcome. Donations will go to human rights organisations supporting women in India, and to the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy in New Zealand.



Synod Listening Session

Thanks to those people who indicated interest in being part of a group after last weekend's Masses. There will be a session on **Sat 26th Feb from 10am-12 noon in St Leo's school**. Even if you did not sign up, feel free to come along. If numbers warrant we will run 2 groups at the same time. Let your voice be heard in Rome!

How difficult it is to forgive — ourselves or others. The long patient road from vengeance to forgiveness is recorded in scriptures. It culminates in Jesus' words: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you'. It is the **opposite** of 'an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth'. Forgiveness can be life-giving. It is not the reaction of the weak person but of one who has found an inner strength.

SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Love Of Our Father

Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

Psalm 102: The Lord is kind and merciful.

1Corinthians 15:45-49 We who have been modelled on the earthly will be modelled on the heavenly.

Luke 6:27-38 Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Praise And Thanksgiving

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 Do not praise a person before they have spoken.

Psalm 91: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1Corinthians 15:54-58 He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45 The words of a person flow out of what fills their heart.

Introducers

(20 Feb) Sat Shawn Pearce-Blom

Sun Anne Gibson

(27 Feb) Sat Kath Petrie

Sun Linda Lampen Smith

Readers:

(20 Feb) Sat Shaun Erasmuson Nicky Witham Blackwell **Sun** Gerard Dobbs John Knight

(27 Feb) Sat Niccole & Jim Dobbie **Sun** Anne & Nevil Gibson

Communion Ministers:

(20 Feb) Sat Riaan Blom

Sun Gabrielle Gill

(27 Feb) Sat Eileen Pearce

Sun Flo Sapaú



Rosary Group

Monday, 6pm in the church

Come & join in, reciting this beautiful prayer. All Welcome



Christian meditation Group

Monday 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room All welcome.

www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

NEED HELP?

If you are elderly or unwell or self isolating and need help with grocery shopping or collecting prescription etc, please let us know.

If you know of anyone who may need help, please let us know.

Send email to: office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

But What Is the Church For? by Neil Darragh

Father Neil's latest book about the mission of local church is available for purchase from the Parish Office. \$30 per copy. Please make payment either by cash or internet banking into Account: Mission Church 02-0404-0040957-001 and use your name as a reference.



NZ Catholic

While we are all at the "red" traffic light setting, NZ Catholic are providing, free of charge, a digital link to their latest issue. [NZ Catholic 13-26 Feb 22](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz)

Some headlines: Sixteen men from Vietnam hope to be priests in NZ. Catholic abuse stats in NZ revealed. Social housing project in Christchurch. Leading Tauranga layman farewelled.

Or visit www.nzcatholic.org.nz

For some inspiring alternative reading, **Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine** has many articles online: www.tuimotu.org

Diocese Notices

Who is our New Bishop Check out the diocesan YouTube channel for videos that will let us learn a little more about our new Bishop, Steve Lowe:

<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

CDA CONNECT: New issue of CDA Connect is now out: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz//cda-connect/

This February, Fr Bernard Teo, lecturer in Moral Theology, talks about **Mercy as one key to Pope Francis' papacy**. Join us on **Thursday, 24 February at 6:30pm** for this free online event. For advance registration, click [HERE](#).

Household Manager St John Vianney House

We have a great opportunity for a Household Manager to join the team at St John Vianney House, as the Sisters of the Divine Master who currently look after our retired priests, are relocating to other provinces. The primary focus is to provide household management and personal support to our retired priests to help them live independently. For more information please visit our website, www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Applications close 25 February 2022

Part Time Lay Catholic Chaplain for Auckland City Hospital

Applications are sought from experienced or otherwise suitably qualified persons for a Catholic chaplaincy position of 15 hours per week as a part of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team in Auckland City Hospital. Applicants should ideally have completed or be willing to complete a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education course or equivalent and/or some experience in parish ministry or other relevant chaplaincy ministry position. For the full position description and an application form, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Applications close 4th of March 2022.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting - Wed 23 Feb 7.30pm

Fr Rory Morrissey will give a talk on

Joshua theme for 2022 - "FIX your eyes on Jesus - Faith, PROCLAIM Jesus to the world - Love. LOOK beyond the storm - Hope. The February meeting will be online on Zoom, please use the link below or meeting ID: [Meeting Zoom Link](#) or Zoom meetings details: ID 999 981 7217 Password: 4321

www.joshua.org.nz



St Leo's Catholic School

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Kia ora koutou and a warm St Leo's greeting to you all

We have now finished our third week of the new school year. Happily, we were able to hold a slightly delayed liturgy to commence our new school year. At this liturgy we committed ourselves to another year of growth in education and faith, recognised senior students who took up leadership opportunities and welcomed our new students to the community of St Leo's.



While COVID - 19 protocols place constraints on what we can do and how we operate, we are endeavouring to keep school life as normal as possible for our students and staff. The most visible sign of the new normal is the wearing of masks by staff and older students, plus the absence of visiting parents and community members. Please God these restrictions will pass, and we can return to life as we once knew it. We are hopeful that this will include regular attendance at Masses.

As a newbie to your community, I have been so impressed with the links between the parish and the school. From past experience I know that this cannot happen without effort. Please keep the school, our students and our staff in your prayers this term. Perhaps a special intention could be that St Leo's can stay open as much as possible in the face of this pandemic.

God bless you all
David Tennent
Acting Principal

St Paul's College, Ponsonby

Enrolments are now open for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2023. Applications close Thursday 14 April 2022.

For more information visit

www.stpaulscollege.co.nz

Feast Days in the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 21 Feb:** : Optional for **St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born at Ravenna in 1007, Peter Damian became a hermit at Fonte Avellana. Strove to remove the abuses, which had overtaken the church in feudal times, by his writings and example of austere living. Was made Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He died in 1072.
- **Tue 22 Feb:** **Feast day for The Chair of St Peter, Apostle**. This feast has been kept at Rome since the fourth century, as a symbol of the unity of the Church. Peter 5:1-4, Ps 23, Mt 16:13-19.
- **Wed 23 Feb:** Memorial for **St Polycarp, bishop and martyr**. Bishop of Smyrna in the second century, a disciple of the apostle John. Polycarp was martyred in Smyrna in 155 AD.

Maria Assumpta Church

Catholic Parish of Beachhaven

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven,

Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-24 October, 2022.

Register your interest and get updated details from patlythe@gmail.com or Ph 09.4839903.

We'd love to hear from you.

**We pray for those who have died recently,
and for those with anniversaries at this time including,**

Feb 19: Alvin Josef 1944

Feb 21: Robert Crawford 1987

Feb 22: Augusta McCallum, Anna Sinclair 1962

Feb 23: Alice Lunn 1948, Ellen Clarke 1987

Feb 24: Jessie Jobber 1939, Margaret Hollis 1959

Feb 25: Wendy Durrant 1947, Jocelyn Lobendhan 1984



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Want to know more about your faith? Study a course online anywhere in Aotearoa with the Catholic Theological College. Courses starting soon are:

- Interpreting the New Testament
- What Catholics Believe

Contact Ann King a.king@ctc.ac.nz Or visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz

Sunday Mass Online

The diocese broadcasts **Sunday Mass** to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic www.youtube.com/channel.

It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time)

Mass will also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.



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Parish-School Reps: Steven Albrecht, Kath Petrie, Rachel Steel

Parish Office Hours: Mon to Fri: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Parish Newsletter: *(DEADLINE 9am THURS.)*

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy, Wed & Fri 12pm Holy Mass

Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

Other Rosters:

Flowers:

25 February
Maria Fleming

Church Cleaning:

5 March
Kate & Annie

Counters:

27 February
Kate & Catherine