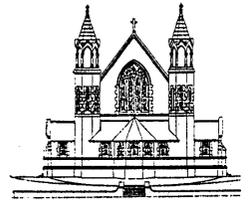




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 27 FEBRUARY 2022

The Season of LENT
Ash Wednesday, 2nd March

- 'Ordinary Time' is interrupted until after the Easter season.
- Lent is a season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. It is a time for renewing faith, hope and love. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter. Celebrations take account of this spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple or absent.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday: — Mass: 12pm,

— Ecumenical Liturgy of Ashes: 7.00pm,
at St Francis & All Souls Church.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 4th March, 7.00pm

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to the Bishops' Lent Appeal each week by using the pack of six envelopes that will be handed out as you leave the church today, one for each of the Sundays of Lent. If you prefer to make a single donation there are envelopes for this on table at church door.

[Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2022](#) (Copies available on table at church door.)



St Vincent de Paul Devonport

Thank you to those people who continue to support SVDP, We have a basket at the back of the church and welcome donations of non-perishable food, household cleaning products and personal hygiene items.

The things that are most needed are:

Tins of vegetables (especially tomatoes), baked beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils, spaghetti, fruit, fish, soups

Also dry pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, flour, icing sugar, sugar, spreads, tea and coffee

Other ways of giving could be through the donation box or directly into our bank account: 010137-0030606-00. Please email our Treasurer Barry Turner at barry.sue@hotmail.co.nz and he will provide a receipt for tax purposes.

Also you may be aware of families or individuals who may need our help especially as Covid arrives. We can help pick up groceries or medications. Please pass their details into the office at 4450078 and we will discretely contact them. Thank you.

How do you judge a person's character? How do you know what is in a person's heart? You look at their actions and listen to their words, which flow from the goodness or badness in their heart. Time and again the gospel writers report on how astonished the people were at Jesus' power to heal and at the authority of his teaching. Was it because they sensed that his words and deeds perfectly matched what was in his heart?

EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Praise And Thanksgiving

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

Psalms 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus Is Lord

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The creed of the chosen people.

Ps 91: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.

Romans 10:8-13 The creed of the Christians.

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

Introducers

(27 Feb)	Sat	Kath Petrie	Sun	Linda Lampen Smith
(6 Mar)	Sat	Clive Sinclair	Sun	Anne Gibson

Readers:

(27 Feb)	Sat	Robert Mannion	Sun	Anne Gibson	Nevil Gibson	
(6 Mar)	Sat	Steve Burke	Shaun Erasmuson	Sun	John Knight	Kate Kearins

Communion Ministers:

(27 Feb)	Sat	Lisa Mannion	Sun	Flo Sapa'au		
(6 Mar)	Sat	Mila Burke	Riaan Blom	Sun	Julia McFadden	Flo Sapa'au



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

NZCatholic



NZ Catholic

Link to latest issue: [27 Feb -12 Mar](#)

Some headlines: Bishop Stephen Lowe installed as Bishop of Auckland. Catholic korero on Treaty of Waitangi. Vocations talk at city pub. Seminary rector climbs mountains.

Or visit www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Lenten Groups

Small groups are a really successful way of bringing people together to share their faith, we would like to invite parishioners to reform your Take One group, form your own new groups or contact the parish office to sign up for a group.

The idea is for each group to meet for an hour each week during Lent, which starts next Wednesday. These groups could be in person or by zoom depending on what suits everyone.

Suggestions for resource material are Caritas Lenten reflections, see the [Link](#) or their website www.caritas.org.nz (contact the parish office if you would like reflection booklets to be printed for you or your group) or Food for Faiths' daily reflections, www.foodforfaith.org.nz. If you have any other resources you would like to share please email the parish office and we will provide information to parishioners and other groups. If you are looking for other people to form a group with please either email or call Coreenna.

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

Diocese Notices

Thank you Thank you The diocese is delighted to announce that the Catholics4Tonga initiative raised \$100,000 for relief efforts. Thanks so much for your generosity.

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>

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre

If anyone wishes to join our Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre database please contact Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au This will ensure you will receive information throughout the year about our retreats and reflections days.

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. For the full position description and to download an application form, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz **Applications close 4th of March 2022.**

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.

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.



St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

It is perhaps tempting fate, but so far our class programmes have not been disrupted by COVID-19. We are acutely aware, however, that we are one positive case away from disruption. Nevertheless, as a school we are trying as best we can to keep things as normal as possible. This has included Waterwise, which started this week, Cricket coaching from Auckland Cricket and kapa haka from a local volunteer. Our PTA are also meeting to discuss ways they can support the school during 2022.

As Christians, we believe that life is to be lived to the full, in the loving



embrace of a compassionate God. Despite the challenges we are facing, we believe that God wants us to show care for one another, and to bring our children up to know and love our saviour Jesus Christ. This pandemic has placed demands on us that many of us are ill-equipped to deal with; our social structures have been disrupted, our sense of community has been challenged and our capacity to show tolerance has ebbed alarmingly. It is at times like this that we must recognise that we do not have all the answers, and retain our trust in God. For children, we must assure them that God loves them, that in Jesus they have the best friend they could ever hope for, and that the Holy Spirit dwells in them and in those who care for them.

At present I am reading Fr Neil's latest book, "But What is the Church For?" What a wise pastor you have in your parish! He is opening my eyes to how we can help to bring about the realm of God through our own actions.

Please continue to pray for our school.
God bless you all

David Tennent,
Acting Principal

Feast Days in The Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Wed 2 Mar: ASH WEDNESDAY.** Penitence is an essential part of the Christian life, for none of us can measure up to the tremendous vocation that is ours as Christians. We are in constant need of the mercy and forgiveness of God. Today we express this by taking part in an impressive corporate act of penitence & reconciliation, beseeching God for the grace to use with profit the 'favourable time' (Lent) of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passover feast. Joel 2:12-18, Ps 51, 2Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.
- **Fri 4 Mar:** Optional for **St Casimir.** Born in Poland in 1458, son of King Casimir IV of Poland. Intelligent and generous, involved in public affairs, but first and foremost a man of prayer. He served the poor. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady were most marked. He died in 1484.

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



including,

- Feb 27:** John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942
Feb 28: Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004
(Feb 29): Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968
Mar 1: Thomas Sothern 1978, Brendan Farrell, 2008
Mar 3: Eileen Missen 1948, Kathleen Walker 1987
Mar 4: Herbert Hayson 1945, Kate Roberts 1953
Mar 5: Francis Bolger 1985, Thomas Lanigan 1994

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 and contact the Parish Office if you might wish to receive communion at home.

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

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. Contact the parish office by email to:

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

BELMONT KIDS Vacancy—Belmont Kids is looking for staff for our local community Before and After school care service!

We are looking for someone to cover 2-3 shifts per week (negotiable). The hours for these shifts are 7am-8:30am or 2:30pm-6pm. Minimum age for application is 17 years old. If you are interested, please email belmontkidsnz@gmail.com for a copy of the position description. Belmont Kids is an extension of Belmont Baptist Church, for more information visit www.belmontkidsnz.org.

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Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell Parish Secretary: Corenna Rooke

St Leo's Catholic School: 4459339 www.stleos.school.nz

Acting Principal: David Tennant

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:

24 March—
Lent, no flowers

Church

Cleaning:

5 March
Kate & Annie

Counters:

6 March
Rosalind &
Corenna