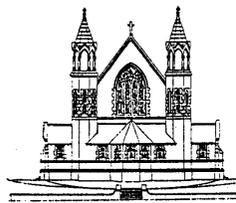




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 6 MARCH 2022

The Season of LENT

Rosary : Every Monday, 6.00pm

Christian Meditation: Mondays at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during Lent,
7.00pm

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

“Called To Be Peacemakers” (cf Matthew 5:9)

Lent Appeal Envelopes available at church door.

You can either use the Weekly Donation Envelopes or use a Single Donation Envelope. Alternatively, you can donate on-line at: <https://caritas.org.nz/donate>

Week One: Trust in the Lord and Follow His Voice —

Papua New Guinea: The Lujan Home for girls at Vanimo runs on the providence of God, meaning they trust that God will provide. Caritas has been working with the home since 2017, providing grants that support education, security, nutrition, and development of all the girls at Luhan. Their strength and faith remind us all to trust in God’s will in every circumstance.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, our refuge and fortress, give us grace to trust in your providence, especially in times of trial. Amen.

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

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.

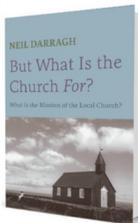
Don’t forget to please let us know if you are not vaccinated and would like to attend Mass, or receive Communion, please contact Father Neil or the Parish Office

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.

There are people looking for others to form a group with, with please either email or call Corenna in the Parish Office if you are interested.



**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.

The season of Lent, as the preface says, is a gift. It offers time & space to stand back and look at the big picture — of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission among us. It is an exploration of our vocation as human beings.

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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

13 March

The Lord In Whom We Put Our Faith

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Ps 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Philippians 3:17—4:1 Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Luke 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

Introducers

(6 Mar) Sat Clive Sinclair

Sun Anne Gibson

(13 Mar) Sat Shawn Pearce Blom

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Readers:

(6 Mar) Sat Steve Burke

Shaun Erasmuson

Sun John Knight

Kate Kearins

(13 Mar) Sat Kate Petrie

Clive Sinclair

Sun Linda Lampen Smith

Ben Upton

Communion Ministers:

(6 Mar) Sat Mila Burke

Riaan Blom

Sun Francisca Knottenbelt

Flo Sapa'au

(13 Mar) Sat Riaan Blom

Sun Iain Gillies



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



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

Senior Women's Coffee Group

Thursday 10th March at 10am at

2 Patuone Ave, please contact Kathy Lynch on 4451645 for any queries. All Welcome

Sacramental Programme for 2022

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins with an introductory meeting for parents on Wednesday 16th March, at 7.00pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION** will occur in the second school term, all going well, and be celebrated with the Bishop on Sunday 10th July, God willing. The minimum age level for the programme is Year 4 and above.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door.

For further info ph Stephen 021 0608561, or email the parish:

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Diocese Notices

Daily Reflections during Lent Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

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: www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre If anyone wishes to join our Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre database please email Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au to receive information about our retreats and reflections days.

February Collections

Priests & Bishop	Parish & Diocese
\$3,015.78	\$6,318.05

Thank you for your donations this month, if you wish to donate by internet banking please deposit into the **Parish Account: 02-0100-0120958-16** and use your name as a reference. If you need help to set up an automatic payment please contact Coreenna in the Parish Office.

Parish Vacancy—Parish Coordinator

St Francis de Sales and All Souls Parish is looking for a new Parish Coordinator who will play a key role in the life of the Parish. This includes reception and welcoming duties, general administrative functions, managing invoicing and reporting processes, and a liaison role with St Leo's School. Familiarity with how a Catholic parish community works is important. This is a part-time opportunity, with hours flexible and negotiable.

Please submit your application, including a CV and covering letter outlining your interest in the role, to the Parish Office via email

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz.

Applications close 25 March 2022.

For further information and a copy of the position description, please contact the Parish Office, phone 4450078 or office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

In line with current Government policy, the successful appointee will need to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and undergo Police vetting as part of the Diocese's safeguarding policy. If you have someone in your network who may be interested, please pass this information on to them.



St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

We made it to Ash Wednesday without any Covid cases impacting on the school. Since then we have had one case, but at this stage it will not affect our delivery of face to face learning for most of our students, so critical to authentic learning and social development for children.

Our Ash Wednesday liturgy, carried out under the beautiful trees that grace the school grounds, allowed us as a small faith community to begin our journey towards Easter.



For children, the concept of giving something up can be difficult. My generation's default position of giving up some type of food or drink is not always the sensible choice. In fact many of us may already be trying to cut back for health reasons. I spoke to the children about other possibilities, notably our online/digital engagement. I also spoke to them about the real purpose; to have a type of "spring clean" to allow us to be ready to walk with Christ through the events of Palm Sunday, the agony in the garden, Good Friday and thence towards the triumph of Easter Sunday.

Thanks again for keeping the community of St Leo's in your prayers. Knowing we are a part of your prayer intentions is important to us all.

God bless you all

David Tennent
Acting Principal

We are once again appealing for the following items for our STEAM class:

- small boxes, ice cream containers
- milk bottle tops, straws, popsicle sticks
- any other bits and pieces which you may think we could use

Please drop these to the school office.

Feast Days in The First Week of Lent

- **Mon 7 Mar:** Optional for **St Perpetua** and **St Felicity**, martyrs. Perpetua was 22, of a patrician family; Felicity was a slave: both were martyred in the public stadium at Carthage, in 203, during the persecution of Septimus Severus.
- **Tue 8 Mar:** Optional for **St John of God**, religious. Born Portugal, 1495. An adventurous youth as a soldier. A sermon of St John of Avila turned his mind to the sufferings of the poor and sick, and he devoted the rest of his life to their care, establishing hospitals for the outcasts of society. His followers established the Order of Hospitallers of St John of God. He died in 1550.
- **Wed 9 Mar:** Optional for **St Frances of Rome**, religious. Born in Rome, 1384. She married and had three children. Her husband was well-off, the marriage was happy, and she devoted herself to the care of the needy. In 1425 she founded the Congregation of Oblates, following the rule of St Benedict. She died in 1440.

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

Mar 5: Francis Bolger 1985, Thomas Lanigan 1994

Mar 6: Helen Wynne 1937, Thomas Kirk 1958, Ann Whelan 2010

Mar 7: Arthur Posa 1983, Joan Oldham 1990

Mar 8: Raymond Kelly 1983

Mar 9: Consuglio Bartoli 1936, Irene Geary 1958

Mar 10: Catherine Murray 1979, Ida Lorigan 1998

Mar 11: Patrick Crorly 1935 Anne Halpin 1988 Don Fauchelle 2008

Mar 12: John Cooney 1983, Raymond Martini 1996



For some inspiring alternative reading,

Tui Motu Interislands Magazine has many articles online:

www.tuimotu.org

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.



**St. Leo's
Catholic
School Easter
Raffle**

St Leo's is

raffling a gourmet Hamper this year,
laden with Easter goodies to
celebrate Easter season.

**Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for
\$5.**

Tickets are on sale at St. Leo's front
office/reception. Feel free to
purchase in person, (eftpos
available) or buy online and
contactless collect at a pre-arranged
time. Please call or email for bank
details, phone 4459339 or
office@stleos.school.nz

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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:

19 March
Emma

Counters:

13 March
Maria & Jeremy