

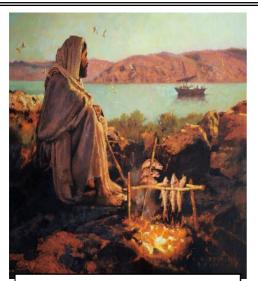
# DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

St Francis de Sales & All Souls

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624



### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 1ST MAY 2022



A barbecue on the beach - it conjures up a familiar image for us in this land. But can you imagine Jesus joining us for a morning coffee? Where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with us...

In today's Gospel the disciples are not having much luck fishing until Jesus tells them to change their technique. Christ, the risen saviour gives an example of how to treat labourers with dignity-providing direction, and then calling them to rest and have a meal. There are many people in the world today who work in unsafe conditions, for poor pay, and for little or no benefits.

Today is also the traditional feast day of St Joseph the Worker. Let us pray that workers everywhere will be given the dignity they deserve BULLETIN FOR PENTECOST. We would like to publish another all-colour bulletin, like the Christmas one, for Pentecost Sunday June 5. If you have stories, suggestions, poems, artwork or if you would like to be part of the publishing team please ring Kath 021 620 805 or contact the Parish Office. No contribution too small and all skills welcome!

### The Fort Portal Uganda Project

Eileen Pearce has a wonderful story to tell about this project, which began with the sabbatical visit of a Ugandan priest, Fr Richard Sabati, to NZ 5 years ago. When he met some parishioners of St Luke's Bayswater, they were touched by his humble generosity in using his own money to by a plot of land in Fort Portal with the dream of building a home that could offer shelter, food and some medical care to the most needy of the elderly in his district, where there is widespread poverty and no government support. Thus the FPUP partnership began, and now a 6-bedroom home has been opened, with running costs of approximately \$1000 a month for 6 residents and 2 staff members. The FPUP team here, with only 7 members, are their sole source of revenue. All money is sent through the safe channel of Caritas Aotearoa, and is eligible for tax rebates. The team is ready to start some fundraising here, and have a few surprises in store for us. So talk to Eileen, Shawn or Riaan about what they have achieved so far, and watch this space!

This is the paradox of the paschal mystery. The one who was rejected has thrown open the gates of heaven. The one who died in weakness has been raised in power. The one who was pinned to the cross has unlocked the wellspring of mercy. An inexhaustible mystery — no wonder the Church takes fifty days to explore it.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

'It Is The Lord'

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit

Ps 30: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Apocalypse 5:11-14 The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

John 21:1-19 Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Lamb Will Be Our Shepherd — Day of Prayer For Vocations

Acts 13:14,43-52 We must turn to the pagans.

Ps 100: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Apocalypse 7:9,14-17** The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to the springs of living water.

**John 10:27-30** I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

#### Introducers

(30 Apr)SatShawn Pearce-BlomSunKaren Rawlinson(7/8 May)SatSteve BurkeSunAnn Gibson

Readers:

(30 Apr) Sat Judith Priddy Kath Petrie Sun Denise O'Shaughnessy Vanessa Baldy

(7/8 May) Sat Clive Sinclair Robert Mannion Sun Andrew Steel Ben Upton

**Communion Ministers:** 

(30 Apr)SatRiaan BlomSunKate Casey(7/8 May)SatLisa MannionSunMaryanne Offner



### 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.

## Next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> May), the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday —

A Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

There will be a <u>Special Collection for the Seminary</u>. The money collected will help pay the tuition fees of Auckland students for the priesthood.

Envelopes for this appeal are in your pack or on the table at church door.

# NZ Catholic 24 April –7May Copies available at the back of the church \$4 each. Digital copy at www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Interesting read: survey shows softening attitude on blasphemy

Dove Fellowship for Women will meet

Wednesday May 18, 7.30 pm at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield.

Topic: **Be His Light**Speaker: **Judy Olsen**Please wear a mask.

Contact Sylvia 021 088 22990 for information

The next Senior coffee group get together will be Thursday May 12th,10 am, 2 Patuone Ave. Ring Kathy 4451645 for directions or any queries. Everyone welcome.

### **Diocesan Notices**

### Catholic Education Services – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor

Our Catholic Education Services have a vacancy for a full time Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor, starting in Term 3. The role is to develop, strengthen and support the leadership role of the Directors of Religious Studies & HOD's Religious Education in Catholic Schools. The role will also provide professional development, formation and resources for teachers in Religious Education and Catholic Special Character.

Applicants will have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or a commitment to undertake appropriate study, hold current NZ Teacher registration, interest in and experience in teaching religious education in Years 7 to 10, would be advantageous.

Please visit our website <a href="https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/">https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/</a> to view the full advert and to apply. Applications close 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

Holy Cross Seminary warmly invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate our Founders' Mass with Seminary staff and students. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street Ponsonby, Monday May 9th. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Paul Martin sm. All are welcome to join us for a drink and light refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Laudato Si'/ Care for the earth. Free Zoom study group hosted by Pax Christi and led by Dr. Mary Betz & Liz Beazley, Tuesday evenings 3 and 10 May. Contact <a href="mailto:paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com">paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com</a> to register or for more information. All welcome.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity 30 May-5 June. Ecumenical Prayer service 12 June 6.30 pm. See church notice board for details.

### Bishop's Jubilee Bursary Semester 2.

Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree or post-graduate level.

Applications close 9 June 2022. Please contact Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz



## St Leo's Catholic School Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

Nga mihi nui kia koutou and a warm St Leo's greeting to you all.

Term 2 begins on Monday 2 May, and we are delighted to be welcoming our new Principal, Vimi Chandra at 9.30 that morning in the Hall. Any parishioners are welcome to join us,

Any parishioners are welcome to join us, especially parents or grandparents of our tamariki, or past pupils.

Vimi comes to us from Massey University, where she has been working as a mathematics educator in North Shore/West Auckland schools for the last 2 years. Prior to that she was a teacher at Holy Cross Catholic School in Henderson for a number of years, and she is excited to be re-joining Catholic Education, where she has extensive networks. Vimi is looking forward to leading St Leo's and to being part of our Parish. *Haere mai, Vimi.* 

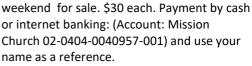
Please make a note in your diaries for our next fundraiser:

Ladies' High Tea—an Afternoon of Gorgeous Friends Flowers and Food. 2-4pm Sunday May 15th in the Hall. Tickets \$45 pp—come by yourself or make up a table with friends. Includes a beautiful flower demonstration by Ivy and Birch.

Kathleen Petrie, BOT Rep.

"But what is the church for? What is the mission of the local church?" Neil Darragh's latest book, highly

recommended. Copies at the back of the Church after Masses this

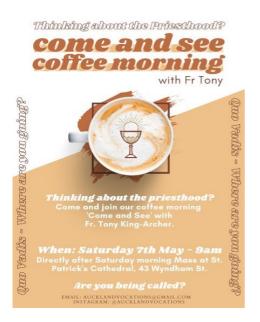


Or you can borrow a copy to read and return.

There will be a chance to discuss the book, and its implications for us as a Parish, with the author on May 29. Watch this space!

### Feast Davs in Third Week of Easter

- Mon 2 May: Memorial for St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church. Born Alexandria 295. Attended Council of Nicea in 325 called to rebut heresy of Arius, which denied the divinity of Christ. Became bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was tireless in combating the heresy. Exiled five times for his persistence. He wrote brilliantly, both in defense of doctrine, and on spiritual matters.
- <u>Tue 3 May</u>: Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles. Philip, born at Bethsaida, had been a disciple of
  John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. James, the son of Alphaeus (not James the brother of
  John). The Lord appeared to him after the resurrection; he is the writer of one of the Epistles. He
  belonged to the Church at Jerusalem, and was martyred there in 62AD.



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

May 1: Maria Street 1946, Daniel O'Rourke 1999

**May 2:** Albert Downing 1957; Sydney Kennings 1962

May 3: William Rogan 1986; Christopher Whelan 2003.

May 4: Stephanie Cameron 1999

May 5: Elizabeth Goias 1960,

John Rigg 1979; Owen Doble 1995; Frances Smith 2020

May 6: William Harkins 1927 May 7: Rose Mary Hogan 1956; Warwick Cooper 1983

Prayers for Vocations will also be offered at First Friday Adoration and Benediction at St Patrick's Cathedral, 6th May, 7 –8 pm. Instagram @AUCKLANDVOCATIONS

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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:

29 April — Kate O'Rourke

Church

Cleaning:

14 May -Elaine

& Les

Counters:

8 May: Denise &

Karl

Hospitality

Fiona Brunton