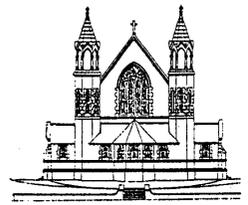




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22ND MAY 2022



“Behold, I am making all things new”. Revelation 21:5

In the Northern hemisphere, Easter occurs in Spring, and nature echoes the liturgical focus of new growth. Here in Aotearoa, we have to remind ourselves in this season of autumn that nature itself dies then slowly re-grows to provide new life. The heart can still lift at the beauty of Autumn trees, knowing that the cycle of Resurrection is ongoing, that Jesus himself is both present and to come and that the eternal creator God is with us always, calling us to hear the still, small voice of the Spirit amid the clamour of our world.

*Glory be to God for dappled things...  
All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how)...  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.*

Gerard Manley Hopkins: Pied Beauty



May issue out now—keep up with what’s happening throughout the Diocese at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

**St Vincent de Paul Society** is supporting a growing number of families in the Devonport area. We would greatly appreciate your help providing staple food supplies for our families in need. We would appreciate donations of the following staples: canned goods (fish, vegetables, fruit), flour, sugar, UHT milk, rice, pasta and toiletries. You can leave them in the basket at the back of the church. Sincere thanks for your ongoing support.

*Ukraine Vigil Support Concert*

4pm Saturday 28th May, St Patrick’s Cathedral, Wyndham Street  
Handel Quire and Choirs from Carmel and Rosmini Colleges will sing reflective music for the people of Ukraine.  
Validated parking available \$4

Many people today find change difficult. It was the same in the early church. The change from a Jewish church to a church that was prepared to welcome all caused much anguish, and one of the main issues of disagreement was that of conditions of membership. Today's readings give some insight into how the early church leaders handled this.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** *The Radiant Glory Of God*

**Acts 15:1-2,22-29** It has been decided ... not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

**Psalms 67: O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

**Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23** He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

**John 14:23-29** The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** — *Christ's Eternal Glory* 29 May

World Communications Day Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Acts 1:1-11** He was lifted up while they looked on.

**Ps 47: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. ( or: Alleluia! )**

**Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23** Christ entered into heaven itself.

**Luke 24:46-53** As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven .

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRIES.	SAT 28th MAY 5.30 PM	SUN 29th MAY 9.30 AM
<b>Feast of the Ascension</b>		
Welcome/Prayers of Intercession	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Andrew Steele
Ministers of the Word	Nicki Witham-Blackwell Clive Sinclair	Mary Lyttleton Yem Braid
Ministers of Communion	Kit Isidro	Francisca Knottenbelt

**Christian Meditation** 6.30

Monday Meeting Room.

**Poland Community**

**meditation for Ukraine**

6 am every Sunday. Zoom

Meeting ID 81721118133

Passcode 544877



# St Leo's Catholic School

Kindness | Confidence | Integrity | Excellence

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

**New Pupils**

This week we welcome Evie Atkinson to St Clare. Her older sisters are Madison and Isabelle.

**High Tea**

On Sunday we had a fantastic turn out for our school high tea fundraiser.

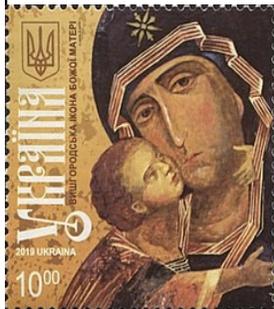
Thank you to Deana and the PTFA for organising this successful event. We would also like to thank the awesome helpers from Carmel College and Westlake Girls High, mostly past pupils who gave up their Sunday afternoon to do the waitressing. Our special guest Nicole, from Ivy and Birch showed us some tricks on how to do a floral arrangement.

**Waterwise regatta**

Isabel Mena-Levin, Anya Dickinson, Luke George and Patrick Welson represented our school at the Waterwise regatta. They did a great job and came 3rd overall.

**Cross Country**

The Y3-6 children have all been out practising for the cross country run which is scheduled to take place at 2pm next Friday at Mt Cambria Reserve. God Bless, *Vimi Chandra, Principal*



Rosary every Monday evening in the Church at 6 pm. All welcome.

## Diocesan Notices

### **Synod update**

We are in the final stages of the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. There have been about 500 submissions, 40% from individuals, the rest from parishes, ethnic communities, lay associations, religious congregations and schools. At least 3 people have read every submission, and Professor Peter Lineham has been appointed as an independent synthesizer. On Saturday 14 May people from across the diocese gathered in a pre-synod meeting to listen to what has been heard so far and continue to feedback to the synthesis process. To learn more and find updates regarding where we are at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

### **World Environment Day Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

#### **Let us pray Pope Francis' "Prayer for the Earth":**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

**Let us celebrate nature:** Take the time to marvel at her beauty. Visit a local park, beach, or volcanic cone - try a new path or cycle way or just rejoice over nature for her beauty and for all she provides us with.

**Let us consider what we can do practically to live a sustainable lifestyle and this way protect our "One Earth":** Maybe check out JPC "23 green tips" here:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/23-Green-tips-Small-Steps-Towards-a-Sustainable-Life.pdf>

#### **Positions Vacant :Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator / Pastoral Worker to the Auckland Deaf Community**

See [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies for full position descriptions and details.

Catholic networks in New Zealand and Australia are again co-hosting the virtual **Alive in the Spirit conference** to enrich Catholic communities as the two countries emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic. Attended online by 1000 people last year, the interactive pastoral experience offers individuals and groups a variety of ways to engage flexibly. The NZ organiser is Amy Armstrong, pastoral ministry coordinator for the Diocese of Dunedin. It runs from 26 to 28 May. Full details here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/alive-spirit-returns/>

### **Alpha for couples – Marriage & Family Life invite you**

Tuesday August 2nd – Tuesday 11th Oct 2022 closing date for Registrations is 1st July 2022 Marriage & Family Life would like to personally invite **dating, engaged and married couples** to a very special Alpha course online via zoom. This is the regular Alpha course with a focus on sharing our faith or non-faith with our romantic other. Numbers are limited so please register quickly [https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha\\_couples/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/) Please register as a couple. We look forward to meeting you all online! For more information please email [marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz)



The  
latest  
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in your  
church  
Sunday  
May 22

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### **Feast Days in Sixth Week of Easter**

- **Tue 24 May:** Memorial for **Mary, Help of Christians**. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius VII. It commemorates the many times Our Lady has helped and interceded on behalf of faithful Christians over the years.
- **Wed 25 May:** Optional for **St Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church**. Born 673 near the monastery of Wearmouth, which he entered, was ordained, and lived a life of study and contemplation. His holiness was renowned in his lifetime. His writings, particularly the *Ecclesiastical History of England*, were remarkable and have endured.
- **Wed 25 May:** Optional memorial for **St Gregory VII, pope**. Born in Tuscany 1028. Known as the monk Hildebrand. Elected pope 1073. Primarily concerned with the reform of the Church, which brought him into conflict with the emperor, Henry IV, and he was forced to flee to Salerno, where he died in 1085.
- **Wed 25 May:** Optional memorial for **St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin**. Born in Florence 1566, died 1607. Spent most of her life in a non-reformed Carmelite house. Lived in prayer and self-denial, offering herself for the reform of the Church and its spiritual renewal. Many of her spiritual experiences and visions were written down.
- **Thu 26 May:** Memorial for **St Philip Neri, priest**. Born in Florence 1515, spent most of his life in Rome. A man of the Renaissance, yet truly Christian: he enjoyed discussion; worked for the sick, the poor, prisoners; a man of prayer devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. Ordained in 1551, he formed the Oratory in which services of spiritual reading and singing were held. His Christianity was full of joy and vigour.
- **Fri 27 May:** Optional memorial for **St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop**. 605.

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

- May 22:** Michael Tierney 1983,  
Raymond Sandford 2004  
**May 23:** George Wynne 1959,  
Laura Mayo-Gaskill 1994  
**May 24:** May Harris 1987  
**May 26:** Catherine Boate 1954,  
Norman Crombie 1962  
**May 27:** James Simmonds 1954,  
Benjamin Steklin 1994  
**May 28:** Frances Woods 1993

### **Will there be a mid-year Parish Bulletin?**

The answer is in your hands, but they'll have to start typing today! To date, 2 weeks out from the intended publication date, we only have 2 articles. So what are your thoughts...on Pentecost, Matariki, the Spirit moving in our lives, stories of days gone by, the incredible world we live in- in fact anything at all that might interest parishioners and visitors.

**Time is running out.....**

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**Principal:** Vimi Chandra

**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:**

May 27 : Leslee  
Burton

#### **Church**

#### **Cleaning:**

28/5 Kate and  
Annie

#### **Counters:**

29/5: Kate  
Kearins, John  
Knight

#### **Hospitality**

29/5 Shelley  
5/6 Mia

# Our Mission

The reign of God built on  
right relationships

With all People

With The Earth

## A Focus Change

From

To

Our Parish  
Community

People & Earth



Focus out to other People  
Focus out to the Earth

**We Need Your Help, Guidance and Buy-in to  
Clarify how “The Mission “ fits**

### **This could involve...**

- Working with organisations which are focused on addressing Equality and Fairness in Society
- Supporting individuals to understand how their behaviour can support the Earth
- Supporting as a Parish organisations that care for the Earth

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 29 May 2022  
(10.30am-12.00pm @ St Leo's Hall)**