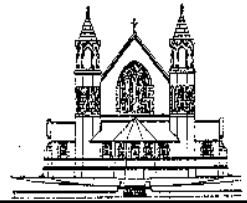




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 19TH, 2023

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  LENT
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD

The Season of LENT
Ash Wednesday, 22nd February

- '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 12.00 noon

Liturgy of Word with Ashes 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 24th Feb, 7.00pm
and every Friday during Lent.

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 each week by using the pack of six envelopes that will be handed out as you leave the church today, or you can make a single donation using envelopes at door.

Please keep Fr Neil in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. He will be staying at John Vianney House to recuperate.



Informing our Faith

When we leave school, there is a danger that our education in faith can also come to an end. Yet there are a number of avenues open to us as adults for consistent updating on matters of faith. Among these are:

- *Tui Motu Interisland* magazine — the independent, Catholic, monthly, founded in 1997 in New Zealand by the Dominican Sisters, the Dominican Friars and the Sisters of St Joseph. Subscribe online <https://tuimotu.org> \$73.50 yearly **or sign-up at the back of the church today.**
- Food for Faith www.foodforfaith.org.nz. daily reflections over the Advent & Lenten seasons, daily Lectio Divina, or the weekly Homily Studio. Free sign up, funded by donation.
- NZ Catholic. Issues \$4 per fortnight available at the Church door or subscribe <https://nzcatholic.org.nz>
- CathNews New Zealand. Free sign up for twice-weekly emails with news and opinion from NZ and around the world. <https://cathnews.co.nz>

Today's readings go hand in hand with those of last Sunday. The gospel completes the list of Jesus' comparisons between what "you have heard" in times past and what "I say to you". But there is continuity between the Jewish command of old to "love your neighbour as yourself", and Jesus' insistence that his followers love their enemies. The questions that arise - "who is my neighbour? and "how can one love enemies?" - are as difficult today as ever.

7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Is Compassion And Love

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.

1Corinthians 3:16-23 All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 5:38-48 Love your enemies.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

26 Feb

Christ, The Second Adam

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 The creation and sin of our first parents.

Psalms 51: Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Romans 5:12-19 However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and the tempter came .

Ministries Sat 18 February

Welcome: Kath Petrie

Readers:

Liz McMaster

Communion: Riaan Blom

Ministries Sat 25 February

Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom

Readers: Robert Mannion

Nicky Witham-Blackwell

Communion Lisa Mannion

Sun 19 February

Linda Lampen-Smith

Sarah Sparks

John Knight

Adrienne Ramskill

Sun 26 February

Anne Gibson

Kate Kearins

Nevil Gibson

Kate Casey

Rosary Prayer Group meet 6pm Mondays in the Church.

Meditation /Contemplative Prayer Group 6.30pm Mondays Parish Meeting Room.

[Scripture Reflection Group](#) starts Wednesday March 1st, 7pm in the church. You will receive an email reminder if you signed up.

Let us pray for all those who have died recently.

Including Ethel Sutton, sister of Fred, who died in London this week. and especially for those who have lost their lives in disasters here and overseas this month.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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 Jober 1939, Margaret Hollis 1959

Feb 25: Wendy Durrant 1947, Jocelyn Lobendhan 1984, Sr Muriel Shallue rsm 2022

Parish Singing:

Every Tuesday in the church starting on 14th Feb 7-8pm until Easter. This is a casual choir that practices our wonderful Sunday hymns and some new music. Come along any Tuesday.

Maria 021 2545 934 Alan 0211 589 306

Sacramental Programme for 2023

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 12th March at 4.00pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION** will occur in the second school term, and be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Lowe on Sunday 25th June at 9.30am Mass. The minimum age level for the programme is Year 4 and above.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door, or download from [website](#).

For further info ph Stephen 021 0608561, or email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

St Paul's College Open Day Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm. Enrolments for Yrs 7,8 and 9 in 2024. Limited places for enrolment are available at other levels. Parking available on site, Richmond Road.

From the Diocese.

Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We join the rest of the global community in shock and horror reading about the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We pray that the love of God maybe seen in the care and concern of the international family in responding to their needs. Caritas are in contact with partners on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs at this time. They are also accepting donations for this <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

Caring Foundation Emergency Flood Response

Appeal Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. The Caring Foundation will be accepting donations to help Catholic agencies in the diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods.

Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> so that assistance can get to families quickly

Parish Pastoral Coordinator St Luke's Parish Flat

Bush part-time 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. Role to assist the Parish Priest to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met, pastoral assistance and responsibility for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes (RCIA, Baptism program, sacramental program, children's liturgy, coordinating the music groups) and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email craig_dunford@xtra.co.nz

Parish Secretary Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden seeks a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday,

8.30am to 1.30pm. Responsibilities include:

Reception; Secretarial services; Office administration, Accounts (MYOB); Parish newsletter and managing the parish website. Apply by submitting CV and covering letter to Parish Priest email paulhelsham@gmail.com

From St. Leo's Catholic School

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

We are pleased to be back at school again.

Last week we had a wonderful liturgy to welcome the students to the new year. The theme of the liturgy was "aroha" which is one of the school's Mercy values. The students shared what aroha looks like at St Leo's. This is a quote from one of the students: *"Aroha is being kind to others and looking after each other"*. We are constantly reminded of Jesus's love through many bible readings and we are asked to follow in His footsteps.



In Religious Education during the first few weeks, the children will learn and understand our School Charism and what our values look like in action. The charism underpins all we do at school; it is woven into daily life and talked about with the children regularly. We embrace our special Catholic character with the charism of the Sisters of Mercy. The children spend time learning about our mission: to love, to learn, to grow in faith. We hope Mercy Charism becomes a part of our students' lives and that they take it with them when they leave our school.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people far and wide who have been affected by the flooding and cyclone.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE Enrolments for St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024

Our St. Mary's College Open Day will be held on

Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two information & tour sessions - **2.30pm and 6.30pm**
Both sessions contain the same information - No registration is required

Please visit our website www.stmarysk.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments
for more information about the enrolment process
Enrolments close **Friday 17 March 2023**

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - Join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

Feast Days in the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 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.
- **Wed 22 Feb: 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.
- **Thu 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.
- **Thu 23 Feb:** Day of prayer and penance for victims of abuse and violence.

Here are this coming week's Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/LOVE-WILL-RETURN-IN-A-DIFFERENT-WAY.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Seventh-SUNDAY-OF-OT.pdf>

From Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry: We are excited to gather together for the first Diocesan Youth Mass of 2023! 7 pm. Feb 26th, St Patrick's Cathedral. There will also be pizza and refreshments in the square after Mass, so come and say hi and enjoy some kai. All welcome, so bring your friends and Whānau!

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Neil Darragh neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell

Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie

Parish Bank Account: BNZ 02-0100-0120958-16 (please write the purpose of your donation as reference e.g. AV system, General)

St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 www.stleos.school.nz

St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

Bishop's Reps: Rachel Steele, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm
closed Wednesdays

Parish Newsletter: (*Publication Deadline 9am THURS.*)

Mass Times next weekend

Vigil Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: not available Sat 25th, usually after 9 am Mass.

Other Rosters

Flowers

No roster during Lent.

31/3 Anne Gibson

Church Cleaning

24/02 Emma Mackie-Watts

3/03 Moata'anne family

Counters

19/02 Maria and Jeremy

Fleming

26/02 Shyrelle & Brian

Mitchell

Hospitality

19/02 Pauline

26/02 Norrene