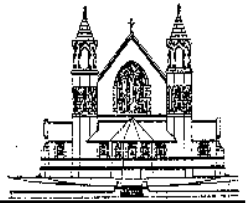




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
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St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEB.26TH, 2023



In the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, Pope Francis has expressed his closeness to the people of New Zealand. (From [CathNews](#))

Renewing his appeal for Turkey and Syria earthquake victims, Francis also turned his attention to New Zealand.

“I am close to the people of New Zealand, who have been hit in recent days by a devastating cyclone.

“Brothers and sisters, let us not forget those who suffer and let our charity be attentive, let it be a concrete charity!”

**Donations to the Caring Foundation**

**Emergency Flood Response Appeal** can be made online. Go to the Caring Foundation Website home page [caringfoundation.org.nz](http://caringfoundation.org.nz) and click on the big red button—Donate Now. You can also speak to a staff member on 0800223363 to donate during work hours.

**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

“I Am The Light Of The World” (*John 8:12*)

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: **Worship the Lord your God and serve only him** — Fiji: For many rural Fiji youth, village life after leaving school proves few opportunities for meaningful work. Tutu Rural Training Centre enables and promotes sustainable self-employment using resources available from having access to customary land.

**Prayer on Fasting** from Pope Francis (*Ash Wednesday 2017*)

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

The season of Lent is a gift. It offers us time and 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. Our guides on the way are the great story-tellers of the Old Testament, the dynamic preacher Paul, and above all Jesus himself via the evangelists Matthew and John.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** *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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** *5 March Our Transfigured Lord*

**Genesis 12:1-4** The call of Abraham, the father of God's people

**Psalms 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10** God calls and enlightens us

**Matthew 17:1-9** His face shone like the sun.

**Ministries Sat 25 February**

Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom

Readers: Robert Mannion

Nicky Witham-Blackwell

Communion Lisa Mannion

**Ministries Sat March 4**

Welcome: Kath Petrie

Readers: Liz McMaster

Steve Burke

Communion: Mila Burke

**Sun 26 February**

Anne Gibson

Kate Kearins

Nevil Gibson

Kate Casey

**Sunday March 5**

Karen Rawlinson

Mary Lyttleton

Ben Upton

Flo Sapa'u

**Scripture Reflection Group**

starts Wednesday March 1st, 7pm in the church. You will receive an email reminder if you signed up.

We will be reflecting on the readings for the Second Sunday in Lent, particularly the Gospel Matthew 17.1-9 Jesus' Transfiguration.

**World Day of Prayer 2023. Next Friday!**

Join with people from other churches in Devonport to celebrate a liturgy prepared by WDP Taiwan.

Theme: "I have heard about your faith." (Ephesians)

Where: Methodist Church Owens Road

When: Fri. March 3, 10a.m, followed by morning tea.

If you would like to take part in the liturgy, please see Kath in the parish office.

**Parish Singing:**

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

**Sacramental Programme for 2023**

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz).

For further info ph Stephen 021 0608561, or email [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**Carmel College Pre-enrolment Evening for Years 7-9 in 2024.**

Tuesday 14 March, College Hall. 4 pm Presentation, 4.30-5.30 pm Tours of the School.

Enrolments close 26th May. Please note there are limited places available in Years 8 and 9 for 2024.

For further information, check the website, or phone 4861132 ext 704, email [admin@carmel.school.nz](mailto:admin@carmel.school.nz)

## 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>

**Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer** offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturdays... Day 1: 18th March | Day 2: 29th April | Day 3: 27th May | Day 4: 24th June | Day 5: 29th July

\*Day 1 will be held at Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, St Mary's Bay)\*  
Lunch is going to be provided – please bring a one-off koha of \$10 on the 1st Day session. Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register or for more information, please follow the link:[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer) or contact us: [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland, is seeking a **part-time Cook for 30-hours per week over 5-days (Sunday - Thursday)**. Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, as well as 1 evening meal preparation each day for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required term time only (x32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz)

CDA presents, **"A journey through History"**. Over two Saturdays, we will walk through the journey of our salvation history, exploring biblical milestones from Genesis to Revelation. 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Saturday, 4 March & 11 March 2023. POMPALLIER DIOCESAN CENTRE - 30 NEW ST – PONSONBY. Please Register By 28th February 2023 | To Deacon Steve on [Stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:Stephenf@cda.org.nz)

## From St. Leo's Catholic School

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

Last week we had a wonderful family picnic and were blessed to have gorgeous, settled weather. It was great to see so many families who were able to join us and celebrate our beautiful St Leo's community. The tamariki enjoyed the free sausage sizzle, water slide and the bouncy castle. We also held the annual AGM for the PTFA and it was good to see families willing to dedicate their time to support the school in organising fundraising events for 2023.

The school celebrated Shrove Tuesday where classes made pancakes. They were interested to learn about the Christian significance of this special occasion. We also burned the palms collected by parishioners from Palm Sunday last year, and these became the Ashes for the following day, when we joined the Parish at Mass to celebrate the start of Lent.



Some St Catherines students were excited to be part of the designing of the school kowhaiwhai panel which will be displayed at the Matariki Festival in June. It is a work in progress and we will keep our Leo's community updated. Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

## Kidz Corner and Parent Ponderings—family prayer resources.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/First-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WHAT-IS-THE-VALUE.pdf>

## Feast Days in the First Week of Lent

- **Sat 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.

Let us pray for all those who have died recently, 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 27:** John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942  
**Feb 28:** Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004  
**Feb 29:** Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968  
**Mar 01:** Thomas Sothorn 1978, Brendan Farrell, 2008  
**Mar 03:** Eileen Missen 1948, Kathleen Walker 1987  
**Mar 04:** Herbert Hayson 1945, Kate Roberts 1953

From Finance Team	Dec22	Jan23
Members collections	\$9,416	\$10,230
Eftpos	\$360	\$360
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9776</b>	<b>\$10,590</b>
Christmas Collection	\$1275 (\$739 Dec 21)	

The latest issue in your church Sunday Feb. 26

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**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](http://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

3/03 Moata'anne family  
17/03 Dobbs family

#### Counters

26/02 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell  
5/03 Frances Downs & Arthur Whelan.

#### Hospitality

26/02 Norrene  
5/03 Karen Rawlinson