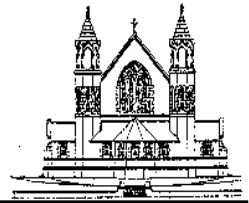




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 12TH, 2023

Jews in fact do not associate with Samaritans.

Do I welcome and befriend those that are different to me?



Prayers requested by Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD,
Director of Pontifical Mission Soc. NZ
Last night I received the sad news that Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap will soon be transferred to hospice care. He is the parish priest of St Benedict Parish, Newton Auckland. The intensity of the work last December in preparation for Christmas imposed much pressure on him, and he soon became unwell. In late January, he was hospitalised for his cancer that recurred. Please pray for him through the intercession of Suzanne Aubert, whose cause for Beatification is waiting for one miracle to be approved by the Church.

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 Three: "Worship in Spirit and Truth" —
Kiribati: In Aotearoa we might take access to fresh water for granted, but in low-lying countries such as Kiribati a lack of streams and vulnerability to salt-water ingress mean that life-giving, fresh water is becoming increasingly scarce, and healthy, nutritious food too expensive for families. Caritas' Kiribati partner Teitoingainga is helping to improve nutrition by teaching access and use of local produce, restoring traditional knowledge that was lost through modernization.

Parish Singing: All welcome—come along
Any Tuesday in the church starting 7-8pm until Easter. This is a casual choir that practices our wonderful Sunday hymns and some new music. We will be starting to learn the music for the Easter Triduum this week.

NZ Catholic on sale this week: \$4.00

- Needs shift for Cyclone Gabrielle flood victims.
- Latin Mass curbed
- Hope Alive NZ for deeply damaged men and women.

For these next three Sundays we have dramatic scenes from the gospel of John which reveal fundamental features of Jesus' identity and mission. He is the living water (4:5-42), the light of the world (9:1-41), and the resurrection and the life(11:1-45). We begin with the story of Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman at the well. It challenges us to reflect deeply. What do we really thirst for in our lives? Who will quench our heartfelt longings?

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT *The Water of Life*

Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

John 4:5-42 A spring welling up to eternal life.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT *19 March Our Shepherd-King In This Valley Of Darkness*

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 David is anointed king of Israel.

Ps 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

John 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

Ministries	Sat March 11	Sunday March 12
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Robert Mannion	Yem Braid Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Denise Ross	Iain Gillies
Ministries	Sat March 18	Sunday March 19
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Vimi Chandra
Readers:	Steve Burke Liz McMaster	St Leo's student
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Maryanne Offner

Scripture Reflection Group

Continues each week of Lent in the meeting room at 7 pm. This week's readings are those for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. (see above). All welcome—please bring your own Bible.

Please note: Fr . Neil will be away from Tuesday-Friday of next week. On Wednesday and Friday at noon there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. There will be a 9 am Mass Sat 18/03



Where are we up to with parish projects?

AV Upgrade: a new project group has been formed to carry this forward . They have spent some time on the visual options, and are now looking at a drop-down screen on the Sacred Heart side of the sanctuary. They hope to have final project plans and costs available before Easter, so we can continue the fundraising.

Columbarium: the project group met with Bishop Steve and the Diocesan College of Consultors in December to seek permission to continue with planning, consenting and construction. We have still not had a formal reply but have offered to help in any way that would enable progress.

Sincere thanks to all volunteers involved for their generosity of time on both

Kidz Corner and Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Third-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Dear-Jack.pdf>

From the Diocese.

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 or contact us: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to **train as Marriage Educators**, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact gerrys@cda.org.nz

Lenten Reflections. Earth Stations - two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross will be interwoven with Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato 'Si". Tuesdays| 21st of March and 28th of March 7.00 p.m.- 7.45 p.m. with Lyndall Brown rsj Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com 021 185 6750 Details for Zoom will be sent on the day

Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Ponsonby. Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families. The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services. For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz staff vacancies.

From St. Leo's Catholic School

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

Swimming Sport Day

On Tuesday the children spent the day at Birkenhead Pools preparing for the Peninsula Swimming competition. They had a fantastic time and the weather was perfect. It was great to see the older students looking after the younger students showing tuakana-teina relationship and our school Mercy value of Aroha.

Garden to Table

This week St Patrick's made Frittata using the pumpkin from the garden. It looked delicious and I heard some students had two pieces, yummy. What a wonderful experience for the children to be able to prepare, cook and eat a meal together.



Mandarin Lessons

This week and last week students in St Catherine's learnt paper cutting and cut out the word Chūn which means spring. The children at St Leo's are having fun learning Mandarin with Guo Xu and Chen who will be with us this year.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal

The Upper Room An awesome opportunity for young adults to come grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! Join us for an awesome evening, including a fantastic guest speaker (To be announced soon), bar snacks, good music, and even greater vibes!

Event is 18 years and over Thursday 23 March, 7pm at The Shakespeare. Tickets \$10 available through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-upper-room-tickets-559216911837> Queries to@akcym on Facebook.

Feast Days in the Third Week of Lent

- **Fri 17 Mar:** Feast for **St Patrick, bishop. Principal Patron of the Auckland Diocese.** The apostle of Ireland was born in Great Britain about 385, taken captive and sold as a slave to Ireland when a young boy. Worked as a herdsman, escaped, decided to become a priest. Made Bishop of Ireland, he was indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there. He died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.
- **Sat 18 Mar:** Optional for **St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Cyril was born in 315, made bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was raging, he was exiled several times. In his Catechesis he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. Died in 386.

Let us pray for all those who have died recently.
and especially for those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:

Mar 12: John Cooney 1983, Raymond Martini 1996

Mar 13: Mary Gillespie 1918, John Palmer 1918

Mar 14: Claude Brash 1988

Mar 15: Philip Bowden 1917

Mar 16: Ngaire Brash 1980, John Fleming 1984

Mar 17: James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003

Dorothy Parker 2005, Carolyn Bonnie Kirby 2019

Mar 19: Julie McCarthy 1951, Agnes Munro 1990

Sacramental Programme for 2023

The programme for **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 Year 4 and above.
Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door, or download from website.

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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 (St Leo's Family Mass)

This Week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, Mass Saturday 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 9 am Mass.

Other Rosters

Flowers

No roster during Lent.
31/3 Anne Gibson

Church Cleaning

17/03 Dobbs family

Counters

12/03 Denise & Karl
19/03 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

12/03 Yem Braid
19/03 St Leo's Parents