

DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

St Francis de Sales & All Souls

2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 19TH, 2023



When he had washed off the mud, he could see.

The man said: Lord, I put my faith in you!



Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary, foster-father of Jesus, observant Jew, dreamer and man of firm faith. He was also a

man of action, who did not hesitate to do what God asked of him in dreams—to take the pregnant Mary as his wife, to help her and the child Jesus to escape to Egypt from the anger of King Herod, to return to a new home in Nazareth. We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospels after that; he would have taught Jesus his trade as a carpenter, and brought him up in the rituals of his faith, standing alongside the boy in synagogue and Temple. Tradition has it that he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary before Jesus began the public ministry. For this reason, he is regarded as the patron saint of a happy death. He is co-patron of Auckland Diocese. The feast of St Joseph the Worker is celebrated on May 1st, International Workers' Day.

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 Four: "He opened my eyes" — Timor-Leste: Responding to the terrible treatment of Timorese people, particularly women, by the Indonesian military prior to gaining independence in 2002, Caritas partner, Hamahon Feto Timor (HAFOTI) was formed to provide support for Timorese women and has enabled many hundreds to find or regain dignified livelihoods. It has helped develop their economic independence, social confidence and leadership qualities, helping to bring light into the lives of these women, their families and communities.

Parish Singing: All welcome—come along

Any Tuesday in the church 7-8pm until Easter. This is a casual choir –all welcome. Please come along and support the music in the celebration of Sunday Mass.

Parishioners are invited to contribute towards the cost of fresh flowers for our Holy Week Altar of Repose and the Easter Altar. Please place donations in basket at church door or direct credit to: Parish a/c 020100 0120958 16 (Ref: Flowers). Thank you.

We have arrived at the mid-point of our Lenten journey. The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday, which comes from the first word (in Latin) of the Entrance Antiphon for today: "Rejoice!" The increasing boldness of the man born blind challenges us to have the courage of our convictions, to be seen and known as followers of Jesus Christ, and bearing the light of Christ for the world.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Laetare Sunday

Our Shepherd-King In This Valley Of Darkness

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

Psalm 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Christ Breathes Into Us His Living Spirit

Ezekiel 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Romans 8:8-11 The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

John 11:1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

Sat March 18

Welcome: Kath Petrie Readers: Steve Burke

Liz McMaster

Communion: Kit Isidro Ministries Sat March 25

Ministries

Welcome: Shawn Pearce-Blom

Readers: Robert Mannion

Nicky Witham-Blackwell

Communion: Lisa Mannion

Sunday March 19

Vimi Chandra

Lucetta Thomas-

Cheng

Bible.

Maryanne Offner Sunday March 26

Karen Rawlinson

John Knight

Mary Lyttleton

Kate Casey

Scripture Reflection Group

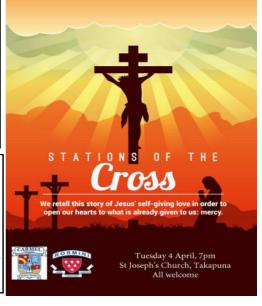
Continues each week of Lent in the meeting room at 7 pm. This week we look at the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. (see above). All welcome—please bring your own

The end of the financial year is approaching, on March 31st. The following week, receipts for tax deduction will begin to be processed and emailed out to parishioners who have contributed by envelope or automatic payment. If your email address or physical address has changed since March last year, please let Kath know in the Parish Office. office@devonportcatholic.org.nz 445 0078

Kidz Corner and Parent Ponderings

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/Fourth-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/JESUS-GREAT-LOVE -THROUGH-THE-STORMS-OF-LIFE.pdf





New Zealand's Catholic bishops are supporting a campaign to help people stay safe on social media.

The campaign was developed after diocesan communications and pastoral staff noticed an increase in suspicious activities on Church social media pages. The Staying Safe on Social Media campaign starts next Monday, 20 March.

It features special posts each day for seven days on Church Facebook and other social media. These suggest precautions for social media users.

One suggestion, for example, is: "never accept a friend request from someone you don't know personally".

The resources are here: https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/

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

From St. Leo's Catholic School

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

Cathedral Visit

Last week the students visited the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and attended Mass. The students also did a tour of the Cathedral with Father Chris Denham. He was excellent and showed the students the different parts of the cathedral and talked about the images on the stained glass windows. He explained why the Cathedral has two names.

Garden to Table

This week the students made nachos using tomatoes from the garden. It smelled yummy when I walked through the staffroom. The gardening group potted up lots of little garden plants ready for planting in term 2.



Matariki Carving

Some students in St Catherine's are continuing their journey with the kowhaiwhai carving. This week we worked on the 2nd and 3rd stage of the carving. God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal

The Upper Room - Young Adults' Evening Young adults, join us on Thursday 23 March at 7pm for a fantastic evening of great music, fellowship and formation. Our guest speaker is James Bergin, who is speaking about Faith at Work: Navigating Professional Life as a Catholic. The event will be held at Good George, Mission Bay. Visit www.facebook.com/AKCYM for more details

Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Lent

- <u>Sat 18 Mar</u>: Solemnity for The Annunciation of The Lord. We celebrate that great day of decision: Mary's acceptance of the role that God has chosen for her in his plan of redemption. Is 7:10-14,8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38.
- Mon 20 Mar: Solemnity for St Joseph, Husband of Mary. A simple village carpenter, Joseph, the
 husband of Mary and guardian of the child Jesus, has become the guardian and patron of Christ's
 universal Church. Co-Patron of the Auckland Diocese.
- <u>Thu 23 Mar</u>: Optional for **St Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop**. Born in Spain 1538, his ministry was exercised in Sth America, as Bishop of Lima, Peru, from 1581. The oppression of the native population by the European community, and the decadence of the clergy, led him to set about reforming the Church and caring for the oppressed with zeal. He died in 1606, while on one of his diocesan journeys

Let us pray for all those who have died recently.

and especially for those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:

Mar 20: Raymond Reynolds 1997, Kathleen O'Leary-Pace 2005

Mar 21: Clarence Alesy 1984 Mar 22: Alice Boylan 1934

Mar 23: James Lonie 1982, Leonard Roberts 1985

Mar 24: Thomas Harron 1908

Mar 25: Norma Smith 1982, Maria Ulberg 1984

Mar 26: George Cole 2005

Sacramental Programme for 2023

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

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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.)

<u>Mass Times next weekend</u>

Vigil Sat: 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am (St Leo's Family Mass)

Masses This Week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon, 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 31/03 Elaine and Les

Counters

19/03 Kate Kearins & John Knight 26/03 Maria and Jeremy

Hospitality

19/03 St Leo's Parents 26/03 Francisca

LENTEN RECONCILIATION IN OUR PARISH:

RITE 2 (Communal Rite) Sunday 2nd April, 7.00pm