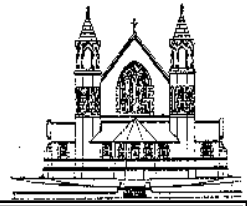




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



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
All 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.

* **EASTER FLOWERS — Donations please.** *
* 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.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 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.

Ministries	Sat March 18	Sunday March 19
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Vimi Chandra
Readers:	Steve Burke	Lucetta Thomas-
	Liz McMaster	Cheng
Communion:	Kit Isidro	Maryanne Offner
Ministries	Sat March 25	Sunday March 26
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Robert Mannion	John Knight
	Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	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 Bible.

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/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Fourth-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

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

STATIONS OF THE
Cross

We retell this story of Jesus' self-giving love in order to open our hearts to what is already given to us: mercy.

Tuesday 4 April, 7pm
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
All welcome

CARMEL
FOSMINI

Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Lent

- **Sat 18 Mar:** 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.
- **Thu 23 Mar:** 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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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 (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**