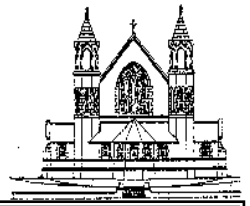




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30TH, 2023**



**Prayer for Vocations**

Generous God,

You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.

Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News.

Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church.

Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation.

Enrich our Church with dedicated people, filled with your Holy Spirit.

We ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and for always. Amen

**Today is Good Shepherd Sunday,**

A Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

There is a Special Collection this week for the Seminary. The money collected will help pay the tuition fees of Auckland students for the priesthood.

Special Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door.

Holy Cross Seminary welcomes everyone to their Founders' Day Mass at Sacred Heart Vermont Street on Monday May 3 at 5 pm.

Father Neil will be away from the Parish from Sunday afternoon 30th April till Sunday afternoon 7th May. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at the following times:

Wed 3 May	12 noon
Fri 5 May	12 noon
Sat 6 May	5.30 pm
Sun 7 May	9.30 am

There will be Mass on Saturday 6 May at 9am

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because every year the gospel reading is on this theme. It is taken from one or another part of Jesus’ discourse in Chapter 10 of John’s gospel. Every image of Jesus offers insight into the inexhaustible mystery of his person.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*The Shepherd And Guardian Of Our Souls*

Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Acts 2:14,36-41** God has made him both Lord and Christ

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

**1Peter 2:20-25** You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

**John 10:1-10** I am the gate of the sheepfold.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Our Royal Priesthood*

**Acts 6:1-7** They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

**Psalms 33: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

**1Peter 2:4-9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

**John 14:1-12** I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat April 29</b>	<b>Sun April 30</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Linda Lampen-Smith
<b>Readers:</b>	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Robert Mannion	John Knight Sarah Sparks
<b>Communion:</b>	Denise Ross	Maryanne Offner
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat May 6</b>	<b>Sun May 7</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Robert Mannion Liz McMaster	Nevil Gibson Vanessa Baldy
<b>Communion:</b>	Mila Burke	Kate Casey

**From the Finance Committee.**

Your Parish Tax receipt enables you to reclaim 1/3 of your giving from the Government. Please consider assigning your refund to the Parish for ongoing expenses and maintenance. *Please contact the Parish Secretary if you need any assistance with this.*

*Let us remember those whose who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

**Apr 30:** Kevin Wright 2005, Suaesi Passi 2009

**May 1:** Maria Street 1946, Daniel O’Rourke 1999

**May 02:** Albert Downing 1957, Sydney Kennings 1962

**May 03:** William Rogan 1986, Christopher Whelan 2003

**May 04:** Stephanie Cameron 1999

**May 05:** John Rigg 1979, Owen Doble 1995, Frances Smith 2020

**May 06:** William Harkins 1927

**March Collections 2023.**

	\$
Cash	958
Envelopes	535
AP	7,669
Eftpos	490
	9,653

AV donations \$15,615 (to Mar 2023)  
We wait for clarification of details in both quotes and for the Parish Council to form a recommendation/proposal

Thank-you for your contributions

**Kidz Corner and Parent Ponderings—Family Prayer Resources**

[Fourth Sunday of Easter](#)  
[The Shepherd Boy Painter](#)

## From the Diocese

**The Sisters of the Sacred Heart** at Baradene Convent in Remuera are seeking a **Nurse Manager**. Hours are flexible & weekdays, supporting 8 retired women and leading a small team of 24/7 caring staff. Please apply on Seek or email [clare@clarewade.co.nz](mailto:clare@clarewade.co.nz) in confidence.

**Whāia te Tika** the latest newsletter of the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Combined-Final-March-27.pdf>

On Friday, 31 March 2023, the Continental Stage, that is, the second stage of the **synodal process**, officially ended. The inclusion of a time to listen, dialogue and discern among the Churches of the same geographical area after the Local Stage (diocesan and national) represented a new feature. You can download and read the response to the Continental document *Expanding the Tent* from the Oceania community at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

\* **Our Lady Star of the Sea Howick Parish and School** are celebrating 175 years of history Fri 11th to Tuesday 15th August 2023. More details via parish website

## Good reading in Tui Motu Interislands

### April Issue: Alive to the Community

**Resurrection—Life Being Transformed**  
(Neil Darragh)

**Should we be afraid of Co-governance?**  
(Susan Healy)

**Why we need to take misinformation seriously** (Peter Healy, Sanjana Hattotuwa)

## **What's happening about the Columbarium?**

After our meeting with the Auckland College of Consultors to seek permission to proceed with detailed design and construction, Bishop Steve referred the issue of a national policy on Columbaria to the New Zealand Conference of Catholic Bishops in February. Our offer to help in drafting that policy was accepted and a Draft has now been sent to NZCBC, with the suggestion that we should be given the go – ahead as a test case for the policy. We are hoping that will be given, and that we can put a concrete proposal to the Parish Council to begin the pre-sale of niches within the next few months, in order to generate the funds needed for construction. All funds to date have been generously donated.

Project Group: Fr. Neil, Mike Simpson, Anne Gibson, Alan Light, Kath Petrie, Stephen Matthews (Architect)

Job offer: Require someone to clean small studio every 2 weeks. Main tasks are vacuuming, cleaning floors in bathroom and kitchen, and cleaning shower. Expect to take 1 - 2 hours. Please contact Liz McMaster either on email or 0276939738.

Open Days for Enrolments 2024 on the Shore.

### **ROSMINI COLLEGE**

Enrolment enquiries to Jane 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@rosmini.school.nz).

**Open Day** at the college on  
**Wednesday 10 May at 1.30 pm.**

### **CARMEL COLLEGE**

We will be hosting daytime tours for prospective families on **2 May and 4 May**. Bookings are necessary and can be made via our website [www.carmel.school.nz](http://www.carmel.school.nz).

### Feast Days in the Third Week of Easter

- **Mon 1 May:** Optional for **St Joseph the Worker**. The commemoration of St Joseph the Worker on this day was established by Pius XII in 1955. St Joseph is the patron of all working people.
- **Tue 2 May:** Memorial for **St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born Alexandria 295. Attended Council of Nicea in 325 - called to rebut heresy of Arius, which denied the divinity of Christ. Became bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was tireless in combating the heresy. Exiled five times for his persistence. He wrote brilliantly, both in defense of doctrine, and on spiritual matters.
- **Wed 3 May:** Feast of **Ss Philip and James, Apostles**. **Philip**, born at Bethsaida, was a disciple of John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. **James**, the son of Alphaeus (not James the brother of John). The Lord appeared to him after the resurrection; he is the writer of one of the Epistles. He belonged to the Church at Jerusalem, and was martyred there in 62AD.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday of the coming week (May 1st), to allow the Secretary to attend a seminar on Housing the Homeless in the Diocese of Auckland.

#### **Auckland Diocese Marriage and Family Life:**

Volunteers needed as Marriage Educators. If you have been married for 5 years or more, and are strong in your Catholic faith, we need you to train in this important ministry. [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

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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:** Clare Wilde, Steven Albrecht, Anna Rumble

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

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

**Liturgy of the Word and Communion next weekend**

Vigil Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

**Masses This Week**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after 9 am Saturday Mass.

#### **Other Ministries**

##### **Flowers**

5/05 Margaret Pereira  
12/05 Gayle Kalaugher

##### **Church Cleaning**

11/05 Anne Feeny

##### **Counters**

30/04 Maria and Jeremy  
7/05 Shyrelle & Brian

##### **Hospitality**

30/04 Fiona Brunton  
7/05 Mia and Gerard

##### **Altar Servers**

30/04 May Upton & Madison  
Atkinson  
7/05 Joseph Wolfkamp & Leo  
Radford