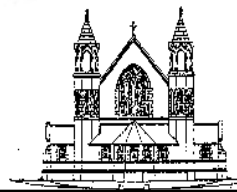




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 11TH 2024

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*Lord if you want to you  
can cure me*

Mark 1: 40

Am I able to ask God for the  
healing I need or am I  
embarrassed, frightened or  
think myself not worthy?



The Season of  
LENT  
Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>  
February

‘Ordinary Time’ is interrupted until after the Easter season.

- Lent is a season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. It is a time for renewing faith, hope and love. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter. Celebrations take account of this spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple or absent.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting and abstinence.

\* **Ash Wednesday: Mass: 12.00 noon & 7pm**  
**Stations of the Cross: Each Friday, 7.00pm**

**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**

During Lent, New Zealand’s Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to this Appeal by using the envelopes provided; you have the option of donating weekly (as an act of penance perhaps) or making a one-off single donation.

**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

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **no**  
**Scripture Reflection Group** on the evening  
of Ash Wednesday Feb. 14

Most of us at some time in our lives know the pain of being excluded, shut out, cut off. We feel the hurt deep inside. The wish to belong is one of the most powerful human desires. No wonder that belonging is a central theme in the Judaeo-Christian scriptures. It is an especially vivid feature of the ministry of Jesus. He is constantly welcoming, inclusive and hospitable .

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *Jesus, Friend To Outcasts*

**Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46** The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

**Psalms 32: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.**

**1Corinthians 10:31—11:1** Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Mark 1:40-45** The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** *18 Feb The Good News Of The Covenant*

**Genesis 9:8-15** God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood

**Ps 25: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

**1Peter 3:18-22** That water is a type of the baptism that saves you now.

**Mark 1:12-15** Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 10 February</b>	<b>Sun 11 February</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Nicki Witham-Blackwell	Nevil Gibson Vanessa Baldy
<b>Communion:</b>	Mila Burke	Maryanne Offner
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 17 February</b>	<b>Sun 18 February</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Natalie Williams	Linda Lampen-Smith
<b>Readers:</b>	Robert Mannion Damian Wallis	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion:</b>	Denise Ross	Francisca Knottenbelt

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
In order to keep this valuable Ministry going we need some more volunteers. All the necessary resources are provided, and training is available with experienced leaders. If you can help, contact Kath in the office or 021 620805

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

**Feb 11:** Christopher Whelan 1982, Andrew McAlpine 1993 Dominic Sumicz-Clark 2000

**Feb 12:** Kim Bronlund 1983

**Feb 13:** Thomas Weight 1944, Mollie Farrell 2003

**Feb 14:** Thomas Harkins 1929, Eric Charnley 2011, Ian Grant

**Feb 15:** Philip Carrigan 2000, Frances Jagusch 2008

**Feb 18:** Emily Hughes 1941, Margaret Clark 1949, Ivy Sotheran 2012, Toni Laloli 2017

**BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS - Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 February 2024**

**BOOKINGS** online [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz) **REQUIRED** (bookings open 9.00am Tuesday 20 Feb)

**Tour times: 9am and 10am each day**

**Book at [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz) - 2024 Open Day Tours**

**Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 26 Feb**

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2025** and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 15 March, 2024.

## From the Diocese:

### Want to know what happened at the Synod in October?

Everyone is invited to join one of the two evening Zooms to hear Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley, St Joseph's Levin parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda and Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM. The three were part of the wider Oceania group from Australia and the Pacific who participated in the first session of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome. Their shared experiences are very topical because we will all be preparing over the coming months for the Second Assembly of the Synod in October this year.

Register now to attend one of these special one-hour Zoom sessions:

Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm. Register here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yc8c2s28>

Thursday 15 February 7:30pm. Register here:

<http://tinyurl.com/4e2hnf9p>

### So what does the Synod mean for us as Parish? From the Parish Council....

- **Before the first session of the Roman Synod, we ran listening groups in our parish, which were well attended, and resulted in a document which we shared with the Diocese.**
- **We would like to repeat the process of Listening and Discerning during Lent, in the context of our own Mission.**
- **Participation is a key element of the synodal process, so as many as possible are invited on 4 Sundays beginning Feb 25th for one hour from 4.30pm.**
- **More information to come!**

## From St Leo's Catholic School

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

### School Charism

This week I have been lucky enough to be teaching in St Catherine and in Religious Education we looked at our school charism. We invited Kath from the parish to talk to us about where our Mercy charism comes from. It was really fascinating to learn about three important people in the past who influenced the values we now embed in everything that we do.

### Mathematics

We worked collaboratively to solve some challenging maths problems. It was great to see the children reasoning and justifying their



thinking to their peers. We then practised what we learned by doing some number problems by ourselves.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### Fri March 1st at 10 a.m.

We are the hosts for the Devonport-Belmont Churches this year. Each year a different country's Christian women prepare a liturgy around their own needs and cultural context.

This year, the liturgy has been prepared by the women of Palestine, so the context is very topical.

We are looking for people to help on the day in our beautiful church, and to join us in the liturgy. Please come along.

### **Feast Days in the Sixth Week of Ordinary Time**

- **Wed 14 Feb: ASH WEDNESDAY.** Penitence is an essential part of the Christian life, for none of us can measure up to the tremendous vocation that is ours as Christians. We are in constant need of the mercy and forgiveness of God. Today we express this by taking part in an impressive corporate act of penitence & reconciliation, beseeching God for the grace to use with profit the 'favourable time' (Lent) of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passover feast. Joel 2:12-18, Ps 51, 2Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.
- **Sat 17 Feb: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.** Seven laymen of the city of Florence in the mid-13th Century, renounced the world and lived as hermits on Monte Senario. They had a particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; they spent themselves in the care of others and in preaching throughout Tuscany. The Order of Servites was founded by those who came to follow them: first recognized in 1304.

### **Sacramental Programme for 2024**

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION** will take place in the second school term, and be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Lowe on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<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 parish website.

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

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Stephen Bell

**Parish Secretary:** Kathleen Petrie

**Parish Bank Account: BNZ 02-0108- 0706881-000**

(If making a donation for a specific purpose, please note that as reference e.g. Flowers)

**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, Julia Strickett, Anna Rumble

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon  
closed Wednesdays

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

**Masses next weekend**

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

**Masses during the week**

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** before Vigil Mass on Saturday

### **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** TBA

### **Church Cleaning**

16/02 Christopher Drake

### **Counters**

11/02 Denise and Karl

18/02 Anne Feeney & Christina Kersey

### **Hospitality**

11/02 Karen Rawlinson

18/02 Yem Braid

### **Altar Servers**

11/02 James Farrell and May Upton

18/02 Joseph Wolfkamp and Leo Radford

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

11/02 Mary-Jane & Millie Lendich

18/02 Catherine and Isla Gillies