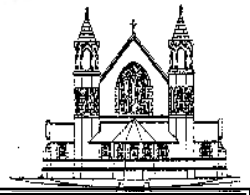


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St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEB. 18TH 2024

The kingdom of
God is close at
hand

Do I believe in
the Good
News?



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

The Season of LENT

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday,
7.00pm

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

“The Time Is Now”. Lent Appeal Envelopes are available at the church door. Weekly giving is good, or you may prefer to make one single donation. Alternatively, you may donate via the website: www.caritas.org.nz

Week One: Time For Preparation —

Caritas AotearoaNZ shares a strong connection with our local partner in Kiribati, Teitoiningaina (Catholic Women's Association). For over 40 years, Teitoiningaina has been dedicated to enhancing household food security and promoting healthy lifestyles, while also building resilience to face climate change and disasters.

Prayer: E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, as we start our Lenten journey this year, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice in new ways. Water the seeds of faith to prepare us to help bring Your kingdom here on Earth.



As a Parish, we are the hosts for the ecumenical celebration of the World Day of Prayer, on Friday March 1st at 10 am. This year the liturgy has been prepared by the Women of Palestine. Please come and join us.

The season of Lent, as the preface says, is a gift. It offers us the time and space to stand back and look at the big picture of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the whole story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission among us. At no other time of the year do we engage in such a sustained exploration of our vocation as human beings.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Psalms 25: Your ways, Lord, are love and faithfulness for 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25 Feb

God's Gift to Us: His Son

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Psalms 116: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Romans 8:31-34 God did not spare his own Son.

Mark 9:2-10 This is my Son, the Beloved.

Ministries	Sat 17 February	Sun 18 February
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Linda Lampen-Smith
Readers:	Robert Mannion Damian Wallis	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton
Communion:	Denise Ross	Francisca Knottenbelt
Ministries	Sat 24 February	Sun 25 February
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Greg Shanahan
Readers:	Kath Petrie Steve Burke	John Knight Kate Kearins
Communion:	Janet Monga	Adrienne Ramskill

Prayer during the week
Mondays:
 Rosary in Church 6pm
 Meditative Prayer 6.30pm
Wednesdays:
 Scripture Group 7 pm
Fridays in Lent:
 Stations of the Cross 7pm

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

Feb 13: Thomas Weight 1944, Mollie Farrell 2003, Mervyn James O'Connor 2012

Feb 19: Alvin Josef 1944

Feb 21: Robert Crawford 1987

Feb 22: Augusta McCallum, Anna Sinclair 1962

Feb 23: Alice Lunn 1948, Ellen Clarke 1987

Feb 24: Jessie Jober 1939, Margaret Hollis 1959

Feb 25: Wendy Durrant 1947, Jocelyn Lobendhan 1984, Sr Muriel Shallue rsm 2022

St Mary's College Ponsonby OPEN DAY Thurs 7 March 2024.

Commencing 2.30 and 6.30 pm in the Paul Keane Gymnasium, 11 New Street. Both sessions deliver the same information.

Enrolments open Monday 12 Feb. for Year 7 and 9 students 2025, with a small number of places at other year levels.

Closing date for applications Friday 15 March. Visit www.stmaryak.school.nz for more information.

From the Diocese:

Jesus tells us he loves us as the Father loves Him...how awesome!

This Lent take time to be with Jesus, the Beloved, pondering His Word, sitting with Him in loving silence, and coming together with others to reflect on your living Faith:

Word – Wednesday evenings in Lent 7-7.30pm on Zoom

Meditation – Wednesday mornings in Lent 6.15 – 6.45 am on Zoom

Faith Formation 3 x 1 day events. New start day: 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May.

Please register with Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz, Faith Formation Team, Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a course on Mission and Ministry for three Saturdays, 02 March, 06 April and 04 May 9am-4pm in Ponsonby Auckland. This can be for personal interest or credited towards Certificate in Christian Studies. Fee is \$374. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz “

St Mary's College Past Pupils Assoc.

Ponsonby is hosting a Cocktail Party on St Mary's Staff Room Deck overlooking the Harbour. The event will take place on Thursday March 14th 6pm - 8pm, Tickets \$50. Contact Pat Goddard at patgoddard@xtra.co.nz for information and tickets.

News about the Diocese. For news about the life of the diocese and to find out about events and other opportunities coming up head to CDA connect a monthly round up of what's happened and what is coming up. The February edition is now up <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda->

From St Leo's Catholic School

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

Burning of the Palms, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

On Tuesday the school gathered together for Shrove Tuesday Liturgy. St Catherine students shared the importance of Lent and we burned last year's palms to create ashes which were used in the Ash Wednesday Mass.

New Pupils and International Students

We welcome Callen Samuel who started in St Clare this week. Callen has an older sister in St Patrick. We also welcomed 4 international students who have joined St Clare and St Catherine.

Dedication Mass at Christ the King Church

The staff attended a special Mass to welcome all Catholic staff to the new school year. It was a lovely Mass and a great time to connect with all other Catholic educators in our Diocese.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

Continuing Conversations about Synodality.

In February 2 years ago a group of parishioners gathered on the balcony of the Hall across the road, socially distancing and in the fresh air because of COVID.

A lot has happened since then, and the Parish Council would like to continue the conversation—praying, listening and discerning.

Please join us for one hour on Sunday 25 Feb at 4.30, whatever your age and stage. Bring a friend!

Feast Days in the First Week of Lent

- **Wed 21 Feb: St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born at Ravenna in 1007, Peter Damian became a hermit at Fonte Avellana. Strove to remove the abuses, which had overtaken the church in feudal times, by his writings and example of austere living. Was made Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He died in 1072.
- **Thurs 22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.** This feast has been kept at Rome since the fourth century, as a symbol of the unity of the Church. Peter 5:1-4, Ps 23, Mt 16:13-19
- * **Fri 23 Feb: St Polycarp, bishop and martyr.** Bishop of Smyrna in the second century, a disciple of the apostle John. Polycarp was martyred in Smyrna in 155AD

Sacramental Programme for 2024

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 3rd 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 23rd or 30th 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.

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

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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

1/03 Sasha Radford

Counters

18/02 Anne Feeney & Christina Kersey

25/02 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

18/02 Yem Braid

25/02 Kate Casey

Altar Servers

18/02 Joseph Wolfkamp and Leo Radford

25/02 Bellan & Chiara Albrecht

Children's Liturgy Leaders

18/02 Catherine and Isla Gillies

25/02 Anna R and Claire G

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS – Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 February 2024 BOOKINGS online www.baradene.school.nz REQUIRED