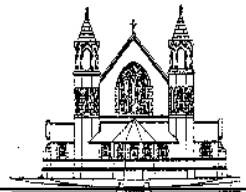


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St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEB.25TH 2024



In cloud on a mountain, Jesus is transfigured.

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." (Mark 9:7)

Lenten Reconciliation

Rite 2 Reconciliation will be offered in each of the parishes below **at 7 pm**

Wed March 13	Orewa
Thurs March 14	St John Baptist Mairangi Bay
Tues March 19	Northcote
Wed March 20	Glenfield
Thurs March 21	Takapuna
Friday March 22	Beachhaven
Sun March 24	Devonport

Safeguarding Review.

During the week our parish was visited by the 2 international reviewers who are looking at the Catholic Church's Safeguarding policies and practices at the request of the Bishops. These policies are in place so that everyone can feel safe in our church, and we review them regularly ourselves. Please feel free to talk to Kath, the Parish Secretary /Safeguarding Coordinator about any concerns.

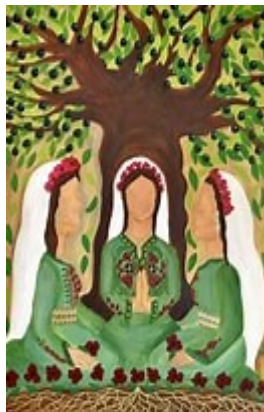
The Season of LENT
Stations of the Cross: Each Friday,
7.00pm

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 Two: Time for Encounter Te Wā mō te Tūtaki — Caritas AotearoaNZ works in partnership with the Solomon Islands Association of Vocational and Rural Training Centres (SIAVRTC), which oversees more than 70 rural training centres spread out across the Solomon Islands, offering vital vocational training, including agricultural, carpentry, mechanical, financial literacy, sewing, leadership, and life skills.

Prayer: E te Ariki, te Hoa o etahi atu, Friend of others, thank you for being our faithful friend. Empower us to walk with others, as we make our way through the mountains and valleys of life. May we know when to lead and when to follow. Āmene



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 WDP Committee of Palestine. Please come and join us.

Perhaps a good symbol for today's liturgy would be the mountain, traditional place in scripture for an encounter with God. Indeed, a mountain, even a small one, is a good place to go to gain some fresh perspective and insight about our lives and place in the world and our relationship with the Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *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.

THIRDD SUNDAY OF LENT *3 March Christ, The Wisdom of God*

Exodus 20:1-17 The law was given through Moses.

Psalms 19: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1Corinthians 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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
Ministries	2 March	Sun 3 March
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers:	Damian Wallis Nicki Witham-Blackwell	Gerard Dobbs Denise O'Shaughnessy
Communion:	Kitt isidro	Kate Casey

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

From the Property and Finance Committee:

- Karl Stolberger and Jeremy Fleming are welcomed as new members of the PFC
- Insurance renewal was discussed. We will get a valuation done to then look at options for discussion with the parish.
- Risk management and hazard register policies are now in the process of being updated
- The draft budget for next year was presented for discussion. Income from members' collections is still reducing.
- The Charities Commission financial report for 2023 has been submitted.



An open invitation to all men to join others in a spirit of learning, camaraderie, prayer and fellowship.

And a special welcome to those who we have not seen for some time. We look forward to your presence.

28 Feb 2024 - 7.30pm-9.30pm St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road Glenfield

Speaker: Fr Carl Telford SM **Topic:** Fostering a strong prayer habit

Individual Reconciliation available on request,

From the Diocese:

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

The Upper Room Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Danielle Mourits. Thursday 7th March 7pm at Good George Mission Bay. Tickets \$10. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).
3rd March | Central/City (Good Sheperd Balmoral)
10th March | West (Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden)
14th April | East (St Mark Pakuranga)
5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)
19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

From St Leo's Catholic School

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

School Picnic

On Friday last week we celebrated a successful beginning of the school year with a picnic. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the lovely weather and getting to know our new families. The children had so much fun on the bouncy castle and enjoyed the free sausage sizzle organised by our PTFA. We finished the picnic with the PTFA AGM. So proud of our little kura.



New Pupils

We welcome Roger Dickenson who started in St Clare this week.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

From the Parish Pastoral Council: Continuing Conversations about Synodality

**A prayerful, listening, discerning process,
at the invitation of Pope Francis and the
New Zealand Bishops.**

We would love you to join us for one hour this Sunday 25 Feb at 4.30, whatever your age and stage. Bring a friend!

Feast Days in the Second Week of Lent

- **Tue 27 Feb: Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church.** Widely venerated in the Armenian Church. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 2015 and inscribed on the Church Calendar as an Optional Memorial by Pope Francis in 2021. Born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. He became an abbot, priest and teacher of theology. Most famous for his work, “The Book of Lamentations,” more commonly known as “The Book of Narek”, a collection of ninety-five prayers which remains relevant and in use to this day.

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

Feb 27: John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942

Feb 28: Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004

Feb 29: Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968

Mar 01: Thomas Sothern 1978, Brendan Farrell, 2008

Sacramental Programme for 2024

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

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

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(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

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

15/03 Elaine&Les Harvey

Counters

25/02 Kate Kearins & John Knight

3/03 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

Hospitality

25/02 Kate Casey

3/03 Shelley

Altar Servers

25/02 Bella & Chiara Albrecht

2/03 Benjamin & Rosemary Dobbs

Children's Liturgy Leaders

25/02 Anna R and Claire G

3/03 Stephen Albrecht & Anna Gillies