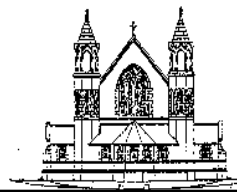




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB.4TH 2024

Jesus went to her,  
took her by the hand  
and helped her up.

*Am I prepared to reach out  
for Christ's help?  
Have I the courage to reach  
out and help others up?*



**Waitangi Day February 6th.**

This year, the commemoration at Waitangi promises to be newsworthy, given that the government is proposing to put the very meaning of Te Tiriti up for debate.

How will you spend this significant day?

**Pray...** for God's spirit of love and reconciliation to be present at Te Tii Marae and everywhere there are commemorations.

**Connect...** You could attend the Miha Maori in Otara (see page 3 ) This would also give you the opportunity to

**Listen and Learn...** from Manuel Beazley's talk on the Treaty of Waitangi or log into the Common Grace website for Tiriti Christians resources.

[www.commongrace.co.nz](http://www.commongrace.co.nz)

**14<sup>th</sup> February is ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please return any palms you have from previous years' Passion Sundays, we will be collecting them over the next two weeks — these palms will be burned to make the ashes.

Please consider donating to the Bishops' Caritas Lenten Appeal.

**From the Parish Council:**

As we head into 2024, we take note of a number of threads, emerging and continuing. We are beginning a period of re-thinking the future of the Church in solidarity with the Synod of Rome, which begins its second session in October this Year. What does "synodality" mean for us and our Mission as the Church in Devonport?

We are proposing a series of conversations over four Sundays during Lent, to look more deeply into the meaning of "synodality" in our own context— listening to each other, talking together, praying and discerning..

**The first of these will be on Sunday 18th February at 4.30 pm at the Church or the Hall, depending on numbers.**

One of the key themes of the Synod is Participation. Please note the date and consider coming along. Your contribution is valued and important.

The healing of Simon's mother-in-law is a sign of the kingdom of life that Jesus had come to inaugurate. He heals the woman on the Sabbath when such actions were forbidden. For Jesus, giving life to someone was more important than formal religious restrictions.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*Christ Who Makes Us Free To Serve*

**Job 7:1-4,6-7** Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

**Psalms 147: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

**1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23** I should be punished if I did not preach the gospel.

**Mark 1:29-39** He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*11 Feb*

*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 .

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 3 February</b>	<b>Sun 4 February</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Karen Rawlinson
<b>Readers:</b>	Robert Mannion Damian Wallis	Denise O'Shaughnessy Yem Braid
<b>Communion:</b>	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 10 February</b>	<b>Sun 11 February</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Natalie Williams	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke Nicki Witham-Blackwell	Nevil Gibson Vanessa Baldy
<b>Communion:</b>	Mila Burke	Maryanne Offner

**The next coffee group meeting will be at 2 Patuone Ave, Thursday 8th February 10am . Ring Kathy for inquiries 4451645**

***Praying through the Week***

Now that February has begun, Parish groups will re-start regular meetings.

**Rosary:** Monday evenings 6pm in the church Contact Ian Story 027 2212849

**Meditative Prayer:** Monday 6.30 pm in the meeting room. Contact Karen 021 777358

**Scripture Reflection Group:** Wednesday 7pm Meeting Room. Contact Kath 021 620805

**Choir:** starting up again shortly. Watch this space!

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

**Feb 4:** Emily Hobdell 1979, Dorothy Sherry 2007, Eileen Crawford 2008

**Feb 5:** Timothy O'Connor 1936, Clifford Hayson 1949

**Feb 6:** Rose Smythe 1939, Margaret Redmond 1957, Linda Tierney 2012

**Feb 9:** Margaret Walsh 1948, John Curtayne 1978

Albert Moore 1978, John Walsh 1993

**Feb 10:** Leo Hogan 1925, Edward Duxfield 1975, Neeltje Hillenaar de Graaf 2019

## From the Diocese:

**A conversation with Monsignor Tomáš Halik. Help my Unbelief! How can we find the “Galilee of Today”?** Ordained secretly as an underground priest, Tomáš Halik is now theologian at Charles University Prague. Come and listen to Mons Halik. St Columba Centre 5 February 2024 7.30pm. Followed by supper. Please RSVP Fr Merv Duffy [m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz) by 2 February.

**WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA** All are welcome to celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.

Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For more information email [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

Past, present members of the **Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations**, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod’s call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February Poynton Room Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. RSVP [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) | 5 February

**Safeguarding Workshop** 15 February 2024 at 7.00pm in St Joseph’s Parish, Takapuna All are welcome - learn or refresh your knowledge about safeguarding. The workshop is organised by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Registration by 12 February to [secretary@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:secretary@stjoseph.org.nz)

## From St Leo’s Catholic School

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

A Happy New Year to all from our St Leo’s whānau. We have had a fantastic and relaxing break and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Please have a look at the school community calendar and feel free to join us in any events.

## New Staff

We welcome teachers Mrs Ruth Christy, Mrs Kelly-Anne Fulmizi and caretaker Tima Moata’ane to St Leo’s. We are so blessed to have them join us this year.

## New Pupils and International Students

We welcome Victoria Rea and Alessa Sebin who have started in St Clare and we are welcoming back Ezra George who is in St Catherine. We also welcome 3 international students who started this week in St Patrick. There will be more students starting during this month in the other classes.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal

## MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Christian meditation is a simple way of being in God’s presence through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. In stillness we enter into union with God. In silence we give our own spirit room to breathe and to be with a God who longs to be in union with us. It becomes the prayer of the heart and the practice of the presence of God. Some also report physical and mental benefits. **The course starts on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm to 9-00-pm and will run for four weeks 20<sup>th</sup> & 27 February and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March.** It will be held in the St Joseph’s parish Meeting Room, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna, (the old office) and led by members of the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation. For more information please contact Graham on 09 489 4389.

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

- **Mon 5 Feb:** for **St Agatha, virgin and martyr.** Martyred at Catania, in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius. She is among the saints commemorated in the Roman Canon.
- **Tue 6 Feb:** **Waitangi Day.**
- **Wed 7 Feb:** Feast of **The Presentation of the Lord.** Also known as “**Candlemas Day**” — **St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs.** Paul was the son of a Japanese military leader. Educated by the Jesuits and himself joined the Order in 1580, becoming known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified, along with 25 other Catholics, at Nagasaki on 5 Feb. 1597 during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotoni Hideyoshi, in the name of the Emperor. They were canonized in 1862 as the Martyrs of Japan.
- **Thurs 8:** **St Josephine Bakhita.** Born in the Sudan in 1869; kidnapped into slavery at an early age; taken to Italy by a good family where, in response to God’s grace, entered the Daughters of Charity, where everyone still calls her “Mother Moretta” (our Black Mother). She died 8 Feb 1947 at the Canossian convent in Schio. Canonized in 2000.
- **Thurs 8 Feb:** **St Scholastica, virgin.** Born at Norcia in Umbria in the late 5th Century, the sister of St Benedict. She consecrated herself to God in early childhood, and lived near her brother’s monastery at Monte Cassino.

**2024 Sacramental Programme** enrolment forms are now available and sessions, beginning with preparation for Reconciliation, start on March 3rd. If you have a child preparing for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion please contact Stephen Bell for enrolment and a timetable. 021 0608561 [stpb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stpb@xtra.co.nz)

**Bike Group: Checking if anyone is interested in joining a social bike group, for a quiet ride for exercise once a week, and a coffee to follow. Contact Chris - 02108677159**

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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**

2/02 Susan Story

#### **Church Cleaning**

**2/02** Anne Feeney

16/02 Christopher Drake

#### **Counters**

4/02 Alix & Bill Hooper

11/02 Denise and Karl

#### **Hospitality**

4/02 Mia and Gerard

11/02 Shyrelle & Noreen

#### **Altar Servers**

4/02 Ben & Rosemary

11/02 James and May

#### **Children’s Liturgy Leaders**

4/02 Stephen Albrecht,  
Alice Gillies

11/02 Mary-Jane & Millie  
Lendich