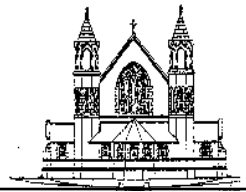




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024**

**Those who  
live by the  
truth come  
into the light**

How do I live my  
pilgrimage of  
Lent with  
gratitude?



The fourth Sunday of Lent is *Laetare* Sunday. "Rejoicing Sunday." Even as we observe our Lenten actions and are busy about the preparations for Holy Week may we find space to rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

**St Vincent de Paul Society –  
Devonport**

We would like to thank all those who help us both financially and with donations of food, we are incredibly grateful as it is desperately needed.

There has been an increase in those requiring assistance in the form of food parcels in the last 6-9 months. This has now meant that our shelves are low on stock. Can we please ask for donation of non-perishable basics like rice, pasta, tinned vegetables/meat/fish, cleaning products, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, [minute noodles](#), [rice meals](#) and cereal. We are fine for sweet treats at the moment

There is a basket at the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you

**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](http://www.caritas.org.nz)

**Week Four: Time for Love Te Wā mō te Tūtaki** (meeting) — **HAFOTI, TIMOR-LESTE:** Caritas' partner organisation HAFOTI works to provide skills and economic opportunities to women across the country, including training in farming and improving cooking skills.

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

If you have been baptized and received First Eucharist, and would like to be confirmed as an adult Catholic, please contact the Parish Office [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz) or phone 4450078.

It is proposed that the Sacrament will take place toward the end of June, when the Bishop will be in the parish.

**What actions need to be taken so that we can be a Synodal Church in Mission?**

We are asked to provide our feedback to the Diocese by April 5th, for the October Synod in Rome. We warmly invite you to join us this **Sunday at 4.30pm in the Hall.**



By now we are well on our way through this season of repentance & renewal. The word of God today makes it clear that it is time to decide. It is a wholly positive choice that we are offered — to welcome the love that God has poured out on us in Christ — but still we hesitate, afraid to come forth out of darkness into such wonderful light.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY**

*Christ the Redeemer*

**Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23** The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

**Psalms 137: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.**

**Ephesians 2:4-10** You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

**John 3:14-21** God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17 March**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

**Psalms 51: Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**Hebrews 5:7-9** He learnt to obey and became the source of eternal salvation.

**John 12:20-30** If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>9 March</b>	<b>Sun 10 March</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Karen Rawlinson
<b>Readers:</b>	Robert Mannion	Sarah Sparks Nevil Gibson
<b>Communion:</b>	Riaan Blom	Pauline Baker
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>16 March</b>	<b>Sun 17 March</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Linda Lampen-Smith
<b>Readers:</b>	Nicki Witham-Blackwell Kath Petrie	Yem Braid Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion:</b>	Mila Burke	Flo Sapa'u

**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

We pray for all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Mar 10:** Catherine Murray 1979, Ida Lorigan 1998
- Mar 11:** Patrick Coroly 1935, Anne Halpin 1988, Don Fauchelle 2008
- Mar 12:** John Cooney 1983, Raymond Martini 1996
- Mar 13:** Mary Gillespie 1918, John Palmer 1918
- Mar 14:** Claude Brash 1988
- Mar 15:** Philip Bowden 1917
- Mar 16:** Ngaire Brash 1980, John Fleming 1984
- Mar 17:** James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003

***Requiescant in Pace***  
 May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN**  
 Will meet on **TUESDAY, 19th March, 7:30 p.m.**  
 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall.  
 Speaker: DEIDRE BROOME.  
 Come and learn how to pray in prayer ministry.  
 For more information please contact Sylvia Hartley  
[aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)



**The next Senior coffee group meeting**  
 will be Thursday  
 14th March 10  
 am at 2 Patuone Ave.  
 All welcome Kathy lynch 4451645  
 for directions .

## From the Diocese

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz).

### Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross

The ecumenical partners of Auckland, and Christians in more than 100 cities around the world, has come together and launched the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross. This is to pray, raise awareness and assist the suffering people of Gaza.

More information is available at: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>, scroll down the page to 'Join a walk' and click on Aoteroa/NZ for updated details of the pilgrimage.

This is to be a Lent prayerful pilgrimage, meant to be 41 km long (the length of Gaza Strip), with 14 stations of the Cross. It is planned for **Saturday, 16 March**, with **start at 6 am from Holy Sepulchre Church, 2 Burleigh Street, in Grafton, Auckland.**

People are welcome to walk, cycle or roll in some or all stations if they prefer. Please book this date in your diary, if you would like to join us in this international event. Let us be active, present, and advocates for Peace and Justice.

## **From St Leo's Catholic School**

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

### **Moana Festival**

This week I took the lovely Year 5 and 6 tamariki to the New Zealand Maritime Museum as part of STEM. The New Zealand Maritime Museum organised Kōrinorino activities, and a pop-up container village with citizen science activities demonstrating the NZL Blue Belt ocean health monitoring tools. These activities included Marine Metre Squared, Photogrammetry, Plankton, Temperature and Baited Video Monitoring and Blake NZ VR Goggles ( the children loved



this). The children then looked at the history of sailing in New Zealand and took part in a

challenge to identify devices and events linked to sailing. The tamariki had an amazing time learning about our environment and how to be the kaitiakitanga of our moana.

### **New Pupils**

We welcome Cody who started in St Clare this week.

Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal

### **St Mary's College**

A friendly reminder that enrolments close on Friday 15 March. Please visit

[www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz) for enrolment information and online application form.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Enrolments Officer:

[enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz)

## Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Lent

There are no saints listed on the local calendar this week.

### **Chrism Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

Each year in Holy week all the priests of the diocese gather with the bishop to renew their commitment to priestly service. And it is here that the sacred oils are blessed and consecrated. These oils are used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and Anointing of the Sick.

**Members of our parish attend this Mass to collect the oils to be used in our parish.** If you would like to volunteer for this 'mission', please let us know.

### **The Book of Job: 5 things to know before reading**

Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024

6-8PM (2x 1hour talks)

Venue: Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

Speaker: Dr Israel McGrew

Zoom link available.

See poster at back of church.

### **Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough Road:**

For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May

**Homecoming** - A Lenten retreat reflecting on Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm- Sun 24 Mar 4:30pm | Standard \$330

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**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Neil Darragh [neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**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. Easter 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** No flowers in Lent

### **Church Cleaning**

15/03 Elaine&Les Harvey

### **Counters**

10/03 Shyrelle & Brian

17/03 Arthur Whelan &  
Frances Downs

### **Hospitality**

10/03 Karen

17/03 Francisca

### **Altar Servers**

10/03 Joseph Wolfkamp,  
Maria Branco

17/03 As available

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

10/03 Family Mass—no  
Childrens' Liturgy

17/03 Mary-Jane and Millie  
Lendich