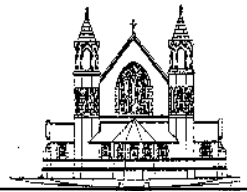




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024**



**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

If you have been baptized and received First Eucharist, and would like to be confirmed as an adult Catholic, please let Fr Neil know or contact the Parish Office 4450078 [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz). It is proposed that the Sacrament will take place toward the end of June, when the Bishop will be in the Parish.

**St Vincent de Paul Society, Devonport**, is supporting a growing number of families both financially and with donations of food. We are very grateful to those who make anonymous donations in the box at the back of the church, or provide items in the basket at the back of the church. Donations of non-perishable basics, tinned meat, vegetables or fish, cleaning products, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, rice meals and cereals are all very welcome.

Throughout Lent Caritas has shared stories that speak to the power of your compassion. The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the most direct way to put your compassion into action and ensure that our mission supporting those most in need continues.

In their statement the Bishops call on people to support our mission, writing:

*For our Catholic community, Caritas is the means by which we help our brothers and sisters in need – upholding their human dignity through partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching.*

*Over the last couple of years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund programmes that serve those most in need.*

*We ask that during this time of preparation, you make a special gift to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024, using envelopes from back of church or direct bank transfer 03-0518-0211216-03*

If you have already donated - thank you. Your receipt will be on its way shortly.

**Please give generously today.**

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

This is the last of our 4 sessions, looking at actions we can take in our own parish in answer to the big question above. Be prepared for action!

**Sunday at 4.30pm in the Hall.**



The way ahead is the way of the cross. It is the way Jesus has trod before us, so we know it to be the path of life. The time has come for us to make a choice.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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.

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY** 24 March

*Commemoration of the Lord's Entry Into Jerusalem*

**ENTRANCE/PROCESSION: Mark 11:1-10** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Isaiah 50:4-7** I did not cover my face against insult — I know I shall not be shamed.

**Psalms 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Philippians 2:6-11** He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

**Mark 14:1—15:47** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<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
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>23 March</b>	<b>Sun 24 March</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Natalie Paine	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers:</b>	Damian Wallis Steve Burke	Sarah Sparks Ben Upton
<b>Communion:</b>	Lisa Mannion	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

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

**Mar 17:** James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003

Dorothy Parker 2005, Carolyn Bonnie Kirby 2019

**Mar 19:** Julie McCarthy 1951, Agnes Munro 1990

**Mar 20:** Raymond Reynolds 1997 Kathleen O'Leary-Pace 2005

**Mar 21:** Clarence Alesy 1984

**Mar 22:** Alice Boylan 1934

**Mar 23:** James Lonie 1982, Leonard Roberts 1985

**Mar 24:** Thomas Harron 1908

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

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:**  
**RITE 2** (Communal Rite)  
(Local Parishes)  
**All at 7.00pm**  
Tues 19 March Northcote  
Wed 20 March Glenfield  
Thurs 21 March Takapuna  
Friday 22 March Beach Haven  
**Sunday 24 March Devonport**

**EASTER LITURGY TIMES**  
**Holy Thursday 7.00pm** Mass  
**Good Friday 10.00am** Procession  
of Witness  
**3.00pm** Passion & Veneration of  
the cross  
**Holy Saturday 8.00pm** Easter  
Vigil  
**Easter Sunday 9.30am** Easter  
Mass

**EASTER FLOWERS**  
— **Donations please.**  
**Basket at church door**  
or direct credit  
0201-0108-0706881-00  
(Ref:Flowers).

## From the Diocese

**St Joseph's Feast Day** Prayer Ritual to honour St Joseph's Feast Day, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm .

**Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM**, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10 (See poster)

**The National Liturgy Office** has posted resources for Week Five of Lent. These include readings, prayer, suggested music and a Homily Studio Podcast. Please go here for the details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/len-2024-week-five/>

**Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series**, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology).

**Towards October 2024** Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/> . ***The local regional meeting will be at St Joseph's Takapuna Monday, 8th April 7pm***

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

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

### **Family/Parish Mass**

On Sunday the 10 March, we celebrated Eucharist with the Parish and I must say, how amazing it was to see our beautiful children and their whānau join us for this special occasion. Thank you to all who were able to attend. At the end of the Mass, our new children and their families were welcomed with a St Leo's candle.

### **St Catherine News**

#### **GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Our year sixes participated in a one-day interactive leadership event held annually during term 1, all across New Zealand. GRIP is an acronym for the values and ideals promoted by this independent organisation ( Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) and has been running in New Zealand since 2014 and in Australia for a number of years before that. Our year sixes learned about the qualities of a good leader and how to make a positive impact. They were led through a number of problem solving scenarios, shown



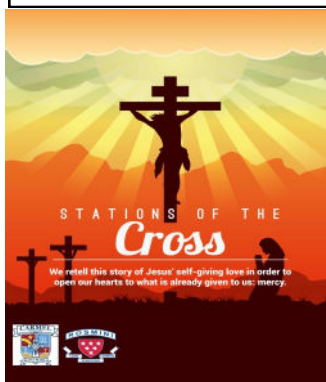
inspirational videos and had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from a wide range of other schools. A number of them took the stage during the less formal breakout

sessions including Ezra George displaying his acting abilities, Amy Jameson having to make quick decisions and Cavelle Ikenasio, who made some moves on the dance floor.

**Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal**

## Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Lent

- **Mon 18 Mar:** **St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Cyril was born in 315, made bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was raging, he was exiled several times. In his Catecheses he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. Died in 386.
- **Tues 19 Mar:** **St Joseph, Husband of Mary.** A simple village carpenter, Joseph, the husband of Mary and guardian of the child Jesus, has become the guardian and patron of Christ's universal Church .
- **Sat 23 Mar:** for **St Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop.** Born in Spain 1538, his ministry was exercised in Sth America, as Bishop of Lima, Peru, from 1581. The oppression of the native population by the European community, and the decadence of the clergy, led him to set about reforming the Church and caring for the oppressed with zeal. He died in 1606, while on one of his journeys through the diocese.



Every year , for more than 30 years now, our local Catholic Colleges re-tell the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. We are invited to join them in this celebration of Jesus' self-giving love.  
**St Joseph's Takapuna, 7pm Tues. 26 March.**

### **Church Cleaning Bee**

Help us with some extra cleaning & polishing in the church in readiness for Holy Week and Easter.

**Next Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10 - 12**

**Chrism Mass — Cathedral, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

Please see Stephen if you can attend to collect parish Chrism oils

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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, Easter donations welcome.

### **Church Cleaning**

See notice above

### **Counters**

17/03 Arthur Whelan & Frances Downs

24/03 Alix & Bill Hooper

### **Hospitality**

17/03 Francisca

24/03 Pauline

### **Altar Servers**

17/03 as available

24/3 James Farrell, May Upton

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

17/03 Mary-Jan and Millie Lendich

24/03 Julia Strickett & Claire Gillies