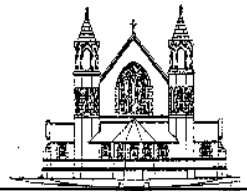


DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28TH , 2024



*I am the vine, you are the  
branches. All who live in me, and  
I in them, bear much fruit.*

John 15: 5

**What we feed ourselves with will shape  
who we become.**

This was the title of an article in the Wellington Catholic newspaper *WelCom* In August last year, written by Archbishop Paul Martin sm. He mentioned that when he celebrated Confirmation in many parishes, as Bishop Steven Lowe will be doing in our parish in June, he and parishioners are reminded of the gifts of the Holy Spirit we received in our own Confirmation. "They are not just passive elements of our spiritual life, they need to be used so as to develop in us and be fruitful".

Just as the vine needs to be pruned and fed, so does our journey towards maturity in faith. One way of doing this is through spiritual reading on a regular basis. ....

...and the good news is there is more ways to access spiritual books, articles, podcasts, clips on YouTube than ever before.

Some recommended online Spiritual reading

> Food for Faith [foodforfaith.org.nz](http://foodforfaith.org.nz)

> Tui Motu magazine [www.tuimotu.org.nz](http://www.tuimotu.org.nz)

> Bishop Robert Barron– [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org)

> Magnificat magazine [Magnificat.net](http://Magnificat.net)

And for a deeper dive into each Sunday's readings from a local viewpoint:

**Sunday readings from St Mary's Wellsford**

<https://wellsfordcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads>

**The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective**

from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St.

Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed.

Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and

works at Bethlehem University where New

Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice

Chancellor till very recently. Professor Mazin

has exceptional knowledge about the

situation and has a sharp, clear

understanding of the issues. Saturday, May

18, 1-3 pm St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity, Parnell.

Live streaming :

<https://www.facebook.com/pax.christi.7>

See poster in church foyer for more detail.

Would you be interested in a small group to watch the livestream together via our AV system? If so, talk to Kath in the Parish Office.

'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser' The image of the vine points to one of the fundamentals of the Good News. We do not try to live a good life in order to earn God's love; rather, he loves us first and unites us to himself in Christ.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Christ the True Vine*

**Acts 9:26-31** Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

**Psalm 22: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

**1John 3:18-24** His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

**John 15:1-8** Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*5 May The Spirit of God's Love*

**Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48** The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

**Psalm 98: The Lord has revealed to the nations, his saving power.**

**1John 4:7-10** God is love.

**John 15:9-17** There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for friends

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 27 April</b>	<b>Sun 28 April</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers:</b>	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Steve Burke	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion:</b>	Kitt Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 4 May</b>	<b>Sun 5 May</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Natalie Williams	Linda Lampen-Smith
<b>Readers:</b>	Damian Wallis Kath Petrie	Denise O'Shaughnessy Yem Braid
<b>Communion:</b>	Janet Monga	Kate Casey

**Prayer during the week**

**Mondays:**

Rosary in Church 6pm

Meditative Prayer

6.30pm

**Wednesdays:**

Scripture Group 7 pm

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

**Apr 28:** Kathleen Marquis 1917

**Apr 29:** Peter Rattigan 1955, Lillian Quirke 1960

**Apr 30:** Kevin Wright 2005, Suaesi Passi 2009

**May 1:** Maria Street 1946, Daniel O'Rourke 1999

**May 02:** Albert Downing 1957, Sydney Kennings 1962

**May 03:** William Rogan 1986, Christopher Whelan 2003

**May 04:** Stephanie Cameron 1999

**National Youth Theatre presents Joseph and the Amazing**

**Technicolor Dreamcoat**, with

Joseph Wolfkamp (altar server) as Pharaoh.

June 21 –23 Aotea Centre.

Book at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

Flyers at back of Church.

**NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** invites all women to come and

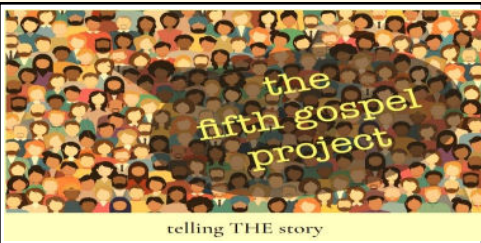
learn more about THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT over two sessions at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield. Saturdays, 11th and 18th May 2024 at 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. For more info. please contact Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email

[aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)

**Parish Sacramental Programme**

The preparation of candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion **resumes next Sunday with a session at 3pm.**

The celebration of these sacraments will take place at Sunday Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> June with Bishop Steve Lowe.



Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - **before the end of April**) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

**Let's Talk About Mary** 8 May 7.30pm  
Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May, (Mary's month) join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**Thinking about the priesthood?** Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith. 4 May at noon – [www.aucklandvocations.org.nz](http://www.aucklandvocations.org.nz) for more details.

**Homestays for pre-seminary students** The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email [alisonm@cda.org.nz](mailto:alisonm@cda.org.nz) or 09 360 3003.

## Greetings from St Leo's Catholic School.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back for term 2 after the holidays.

We are asking for your support for the event below, which is a PTFA school fundraiser. Devonport Yacht Club 2-5 pm Saturday 4th May 2024.

Tickets Lower level \$69, Upper level \$79.

Book Tickets here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-leos-high-tea-2024>



## St Leo's Ladies High Tea

DRESS IN THEME TO YOUR FAVOURITE ERA!

Kirsten Taylor  
CEO, Sleepdrops

Claire Waterworth  
Aesthetics nurse specialist

Johanna-May  
Personal stylist & confidence builder



Gather your friends and dress up for a lovely afternoon out, alongside a fabulous panel of experts building wellness, style and confidence.

2-5PM, SATURDAY 4TH MAY, 2024  
DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB

\$69 lower level, \$79 upper level  
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### Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Easter

- **Mon 29 Apr:** Feast of **St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr**. Born in France in 1803, he did pastoral work there for a few years after ordination, then entered the Marist Society and was sent to Oceania. There was resistance to missionaries at the time, though he did receive a few converts into the faith before being clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in 1841. Patron saint of Oceania.
- **Tue 30 Apr: St Pius V, pope**. Born near Allessandria, Italy, 1504. Entered Dominican Order, made Pope in 1566. He put into practice the reforming decrees of the Council of Trent which ended 1563: in his name the Catechism, Breviary and Missal were promulgated. He encouraged the praying of the Rosary. He died 1572.
- **Wed 1 May:** for **St Joseph the Worker**. The commemoration of St Joseph the Worker on this day was established by Pius XII in 1955. St Joseph is the patron of all working people.
- **Thurs 2 May: St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Born Alexandria 295. Attended Council of Nicea in 325 - called to rebut heresy of Arius, which denied the divinity of Christ. Became bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was tireless in combating the heresy. Exiled five times for his persistence. He wrote brilliantly, both in defense of doctrine, and on spiritual matters.
- **Fri 3 May:** Feast of **Ss Philip and James, Apostles**. **Philip**, born at Bethsaida, was a disciple of John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. **James**, the son of Alphaeus (not James the brother of John). The Lord appeared to him after the resurrection; he is the writer of one of the Epistles. He belonged to the Church at Jerusalem, and was martyred there in 62AD.



See poster at back of church for invitation from the Council of Christians & Muslims:  
A Picnic for Peace in these troubled times. Sun May 5th 12.30 –3pm

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[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 the 5.30 Mass

#### **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** Sue Story, Anne Gibson

#### **Church Cleaning**

4/05 Christopher Drake

18/05 Sasha Radford

#### **Counters**

28/04 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell

5/05 Arthur Whelan & Frances Downs

#### **Hospitality**

28/04 Mia & Gerard Dobbs

5/05 Yem Braid

#### **Altar Servers**

28/04 Ben and Rose Dobbs

5/05 James Farrell, Maria Branco

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

28/04 Mary-Jane & Millie Lendich

5/05 Julia Strickett & Claire Gillies