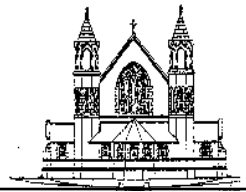


DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 7TH , 2024
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



*Shalom, peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
so I send you ...Receive the
Holy Spirit... Do not doubt,
but believe.*

Notes from the Liturgy Committee

- Reviewed recent parish liturgies held during Lent and Holy Week - feedback which has been generally positive. St Leo's School to be commended for the Family Mass on 10 April.
- Intercessory Prayers during Mass: responding to suggestion and feedback, the committee decided it might be desirable to vary the response to the prayers on occasion and when appropriate.
- Formation of ministers (Welcome, Lector, Communion): two sessions have been scheduled for 7th and 21st July at 4pm

From the Parish Council:

- Thanks to those who contributed to the Synodal Conversations during Lent. Feedback will be sent to all participants.
- An Ecology Mission group will be starting in May. Details to follow.
- Funding has been received from a donor for a bike rack at the side of the Church.
- The St Joseph's Guild is planning to replant the lavender hedge with potted cuttings taken from the existing hedge .

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
DIVINE MERCY** — Based on

the writings of **St Faustina Kowalska**. Calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available — especially to the greatest sinners. All we have to do is **ask**.



A — Ask for Mercy: Repentance (change of heart)

B — Be Merciful (ie engage in the Corporal Works of Mercy)*

C — Trust in Jesus

* The Corporal Works of Mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Giving alms to the poor is a chief witness to fraternal charity and justice.

SVDP Foodbank: Your continuing support is appreciated as requests are still coming in from people in need in the Devonport area. Please think about bringing a food, toiletry or cleaning item with you when you come to Mass.



The latest issue in your church Sunday April 7

\$4

The readings during the Easter Season provide for a time of mystagogical catechesis, particularly for the newly baptised; the whole community joins them in exploring the implications of baptism and life in the Spirit.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *Faith: Our Victory Over The World*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35 United, heart and soul.

Psalms 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

1John 5:1-6 Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *14 April Our Advocate With the Father*

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Ps 4: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. Or Alleluia!

1John 2:1-5 He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

Luke 24:35-48 So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Ministries	Sat 6 April	Sun 7 April
Welcome:	Kath Petrie	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers:	Steve Burke Damian Wallis	Nevil Gibson Denise O'Shaughnessy
Communion:	Denise Ross	Pauline Baker
Ministries	Sat 13 April	Sun 14 April
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Anne Gibson
Readers:	Nicki Witham-Blackwell Kath Petrie	John Knight Kate Kearins
Communion:	Riaan Blom	Francisca Knottenbelt

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 09: Eileen Cossar 2004, Muriel Laloli 1998

Apr 10: Teresa Gilfedder 1911, Val Kearney 2015

Apr 11: James Baker 1936, George Graham 1952

Apr 12: Mary Bernie 1939, Antony Martin 2014

Apr 14: Lawrence Curtayne 1982, Veronica Hart 1984

Requiescant in Pace

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

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN will be celebrating 40 years this year and North Shore Dove will be hosting a celebration at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on Saturday, 20th April 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting with Holy Mass. Come and meet and hear stories and miracles from women who have been involved in Dove for the past 40 years. Please bring food to share.

For information, as well as sharing of memories, testimonies and our current vision, please check out our website: www.dove.org.nz or look for us on Facebook.

Blessings, Gloria Stafford, National Leader.

From the Diocese

Accountant - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. For more details see www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

Applications close 19 April 2024.

Other vacancies:

University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy. See website for full details:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

On Sunday 14 April at 3pm, the **Catholic 30s and 40s Singles Group** will meet at Elliott Stables for coffee - before we go to Bach's B minor Mass at the Town Hall. All interested should email Marie-Claire at [aklcatholicingsocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicingsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com) for the exact café and concert booking details.

Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre

Taize Prayer Evening Friday 12 April at 7pm Mary MacKillop Chapel, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room. 20,\$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm . Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35 /\$25.Register by 17 April.

All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

Greetings from St Leo's.

St Catherine News

On Friday, I took the enthusiastic St Catherine tamariki to the Navy Museum and Education centre to do some learning about navigation. We looked at the history of navigation and what the navy uses now. This is part of the STEM and the NZ Histories programme / curriculum.

Kapa Haka

We are so lucky to have Caleb Kutia from the Royal New Zealand Navy, leading our kapa haka. He has been working with St Patrick and St Catherine children, teaching them new waiata. We are preparing for the Matariki



Festival which will be held at Bayswater Primary in June.

Recipe Books for sale \$25 each. Bargain!

My Mothers Kitchen - New Zealand's best chefs, bakers and foodies share their mothers' special recipes.

Cooking For Change - 101 Famous kiwis share their favourite recipes. Nearly 500 recipes from chefs like Sir Michael Hill, Sam Neill, Lucy Lawless, Joseph Parker, Valerie Adams etc They are available from the office.

Please deposit money into the PTFA account 12 -3057-0067576-00 with your name and cookbooks as Reference

Blessings, Vimi Chandra, Principal

Feast Days in the Second Week of Easter

- **Mon 8 Apr: The Annunciation of The Lord.** We celebrate that great day of decision: Mary's acceptance of the role that God has chosen for her in his plan of redemption. Is 7:10-14,8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38.
- **Thurs 11 Apr: St Stanislaus, bishop & martyr.** Born Poland about 1030, studied in Paris and Liege, became bishop of Cracow in 1071. A pastoral bishop concerned with reform of the clergy and the sanctity of the people; helped the poor and visited the clergy each year. He came into conflict with the king, Boleslav, who had him murdered in 1079.
- **Sat 13 Apr: St Martin I, pope & martyr.** Born at Todi in Umbria. Elected Pope in 649; called a Council to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which denied the two natures of Christ. This brought him into conflict with Emperor Constant II who had him exiled and stripped of his honours. He died in the Crimea in 656.

THE STUDIO OF JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS OPEN STUDIO

& SACRED ART EXHIBITION

- Sacred Art for sale
- View a legacy of 20 year's work
10am – 4pm, 8-13,15-20 April
1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

Many parishioners will remember Fr John O'Connor, who was Parish Priest here for a year while working at the Seminary. He has moved back to the Christchurch Diocese, from where he runs **Food for Faith**, a digital platform offering daily email reflections and podcasts, for people looking to grow in maturity of faith. He has published a book of FFF reflections, and we have a limited number for sale at \$40. Highly recommended! Available this weekend at back of church or pay \$40 to parish Bank Account, Reference FFF Book / name

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(If making a donation for a specific purpose, please note that as reference e.g. Easter Flowers)

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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

New rosters out shortly.

Ministry Reminders

Flowers Sue Story, Anne Gibson

Church Cleaning

20/04 Anne Feeney

Counters

7/04 Anne Feeney &

Christina Kersey

14/04 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

7/04 Sue Story

14/04 Fiona Brunton

Altar Servers

7/04 Ben & Rose Dobbs

14/04 School Holidays—as available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

7/04 Anna Rumble &

Steven Albrecht.

14/04 School Holidays