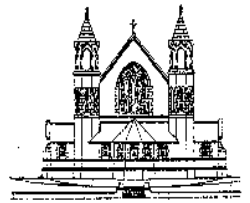


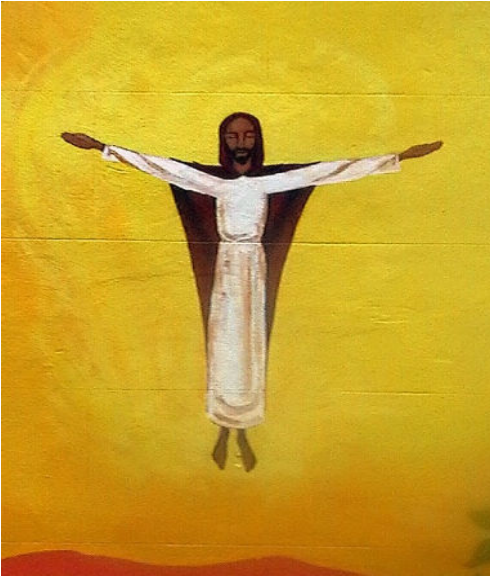


DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls

Good Samaritan by Gustave Moreau 1851
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 12TH , 2024



Your Mission, should you choose to accept

it...As a Parish we are committed to help build the reign of God by working towards the wellbeing of people, and the wellbeing of the earth. The Parish Council is aware that the challenge to the ecology of the earth is a huge one, but would like to start by inviting all parishioners to a forum discussion on what actions we might take as a Christian community concerned with the environmental issues of our day. This forum is an opportunity to give your suggestions and advice. The forum will be facilitated by Jeremy Fleming
Date: 19th May, 2024. Time: after 10.30 Mass, limited to one hour. Place: Parish Hall. For more information contact Jeremy jeremy.fleming@xtra.co.nz

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
12—19 May 2024**

Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one (Jn 17:21), and so Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity. Praying, walking, and working together is highlighted each year as Christians around the world celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). This year's theme is **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Luke 10:27)

It focuses on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and Jesus' call to see all humanity as our neighbours. The parable is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

The prayers and reflections for this year's Week of Prayer were prepared by an ecumenical group of Christians in Burkina Faso.

Prayer cards & leaflets are available at the church door.



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The ascension is a celebration of the passing of the baton from Jesus to us. The risen Lord is now present in his people, and each of today's readings stresses the mission of the Church to carry on the work of Jesus.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD — *The Spirit of God's Love*

World Communication Day

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Acts 1:1-11 He was lifted up while they looked on.

Psalms 47: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Ephesians 4:1-13 Fully mature with the fullness of Christ.

Mark 16:15-20 He was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (19 May)

The Spirit of Life

Acts 2:1-11 They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Psalms 104: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Galatians 5:16-25 The fruit of the Spirit.

John 15:26-27;16:12-15 The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Ministries	Sat 11 May	Sun 12 May
Welcome:	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers:	Steve Burke Nicki Witham-Blackwell	Sarah Sparks John Knight
Communion:	Denise Ross	Flo Sapa'u
Ministries	Sat 18 May	Sun 19 May
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Karen Rawlinson
Readers:	Damian Wallis Kath Petrie	Kate Kearins Gerard Dobbs
Communion:	Lisa Mannion	Iain Gillies

Prayer during the week

Mondays:
Rosary in Church 6pm
Meditative Prayer 6.30pm in Meeting Room.

Wednesdays:
Scripture Group 7pm
Meeting Room

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

May 12: Miriam Layzell 1944, Edna Callanan 1994

May 13: Edward Stanley-Hunt 1962, Patricia Coverdale 1996

May 14: John Kearney 1944, Anthony Gore 2020

May 15: Margaret Taylor 1952, Kenneth Delany 1989

May 16: Margarita Henderson 1946, Michael Gregory 1960

May 17: Carol Wynne 1908, Maurice Richards 2022

May 18: Thomas Robinson 1907, Doreen Yalland 2009

Important Reading:

The End-of-Life Choice Act is due for a review in November of this year. The Nathaniel Institute for Bioethics, advisor to the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference, has published in Issue 72 of their Nathaniel Report a very useful summary of the conflicting issues that are likely to be debated in the review. Entitled The Sharp End by medical and science writer Sophie Olszowski, it also examines the real issue of the lack of palliative care. In NZ, assisted suicide is fully funded, but hospices that provide end-of-life care, are not. To access the report visit www.tekupenga.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Nathaniel-Report-72.pdf

Rosmini College Enrolments for 2025.

Online enrolments for Year 7 are open now, with some limited spaces available Years 8-13.

Enquiries to Eunice 09 4883750 or enquiries@rosmini.school.nz

Open Day at the College Thurs 16 May at 1.30 pm

FROM THE DIOCESE

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: [https://](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturg-prayer/formation/)

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Marriage and Family Life Ministry

at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Part time Executive Officer for the Society of the Sacred Heart at Baradene

This new executive management position is a mix of strategic, finance, governance, HR and legal responsibilities, with help to advance the purpose of the Society's mission. For more information, please refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles. EO part time SEEK

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact:

michellej@cda.org.nz

Greetings from St Leo's Catholic School.



St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport

Nurturing the whole child - Mind, body and spirit.

OPEN DAY
Tues 21st May
Pop in anytime
between
9am - 3pm!

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& UNIFORM
FOR 2024**

* Refer to details below

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Small class sizes | Academic excellence | Extra learning opportunities | Christian Family Values

St Leo's small class sizes and experienced, passionate teachers enable learning to be tailored to children's individual needs, strengths and interests. As a result, our students excel academically.

We offer multiple sports, music, Kapa Haka, drama, Mandarin, Te Reo Māori, a dedicated art class and a dedicated STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths), as well as several out of school trips throughout the year.



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*Details of offer: 'School fees' refers to attendance dues only, amounting to \$514. Excludes school activities/trips. Uniform provided in excellent condition, excludes shoes. For enrolments submitted in 2024. This includes enrolments for future years. Subject to St Leo's enrolment criteria. Limited spaces available.

St Patrick News

On Tuesday I spent the day in St Patricks and for garden to table we made apple and rhubarb crumble. The tamariki loved slicing the apples and rhubarb and making the crumble. I must say it looked and smelt delicious when it came out of the oven. The only downside was that we only made one dish!

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal

Feast Days in the Seventh Week of Easter

- **Mon 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima.** The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children — Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta — between 13 May and 13 October, 1917. The apparitions occurred in the small village of Fatima, in Portugal.
- **Tue 14 May: Feast of ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE.** Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas. See Acts 1:15-26.
- **Sat 18 May: St John I, pope and martyr.** Born in Tuscany, elected as 53rd pope in 523. Sent by king Theodoric to Constantinople to persuade the emperor, Justin I, to desist from persecution of the Arians. He was welcomed with great honour, but refused to obey wishes of the king, so upon return to Rome was exiled to Ravenna where he died in 526.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN OUR PARISH

The Property and Finance Committee are putting a major effort into updating Risk Management and Health and Safety Requirements for the Parish.

Your feedback is requested for the trial removal of the pamphlet shelf on the back of the pews, to allow safer stowage of the kneelers, which can cause injury if they fall on a foot, but which may impede the progress of evacuation if left lowered. The pamphlet shelves have been removed on two of the pews on the left of the church, close to the altar of repose. The pews are marked with yellow stickers. Please have a look and let us know what you think, either by talking to one of the Parish Council members, or by emailing Parish Office.

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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

Mases during this coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: before the 5.30 Mass

Ministry Reminders Flowers

17/05 Sue Story, Kate
O'Rourke

Church Cleaning

18/05 Sasha Radford

Counters

12/05 Alix & Bill Hooper

18/05 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

12/05 Mothers' Day

19/05 Kate Casey

Altar Servers

12/05 Joseph Wolfkamp,
May Upton, Poppy
Weekes

19/05 Ben & Rose Dobbs,
Grace Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

12/05 Steven Albrecht and
Isla Gillies

19/05 Catherine & Isla
Gillies