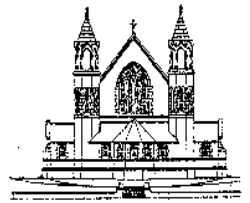




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 2ND 2025



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. The logo is worth a closer prayerful look.

Welcome back to education everyone.

God Source of Wisdom, as our students and life long learners head back into education, school, university and tertiary education we ask for your guiding hand to protect them, open their minds to learning and bless them with kind hearts and strong friendships.

Keep them safe and help them to thrive in 2025.

Amen.

Playgroup starts back in St Leo's Hall Tuesday Feb 4 9.15-10.15

Let us celebrate and enjoy our **National Day Te Tiriti o Waitangi** on Thursday, 6 February. There is a **Mass at 12.00noon.**

Thank you and please continue to support De Paul House.

De Paul House thanks all those who generously supported our annual Christmas Appeal 2024. We had over 100% increase in the number of individuals who were able to choose gifts, Christmas treats and received supermarket vouchers. Over 746 individuals, 277 adults and 469 children shared in the magic of Christmas.

Can you help? Our cupboard is bare!

In 2024 we assisted 148 adults and 212 children into long term rentals or social housing. Last year we took over 602 calls requesting help with housing.

Families and senior citizens are supported with access to our bedding, linen, food, furniture, household goods and clothing banks. **We are in urgent need of good quality towels, flannels, bathmats, hand towels. Single linen is always low** as we have 133 single beds and families take the bedding when they move out. Single duvet inners and covers, sheets, new pillows, duvet inners, tea towels. Contact De Paul House Ph 4805959

Email admin@depaulhouse.org.nz or contact Kath in the Parish Office 09 445

Today's readings have a dynamism about them that jolt us out of our easy lethargy in these languorous summer days. Welcome or unwelcome, the call to repent — to change our ways — is in the air.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Christ: The light of the Nation

Malachi 3:1-4 The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple

Ps 24: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Heb 2:14-18 It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers.

Luke 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your salvation.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Christ Makes us his apostles

Isaiah 6: 1-8 Here I am, send me

Psalms 138: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 I preach, and that is what you all believed.

Luke 5:1-11 They left everything and followed him.

Ministries	Sat 1 February	Sun 2 February
Welcome:	Natalie Williams	Greg Shanahan
Readers:	Riaan Blom Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton John Knight
Communion:	Lisa Mannion, Denise Ross Mila Burke	Adrienne Ramskill, Maryanne O., Flo S.

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,
Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

Wednesdays: Scripture Group 7pm in Meeting Room
Starting for this year Jan 29th

There will be a Parish Mass for Waitangi Day Feb 6th at 12 noon.

The Diocese of Auckland is seeking a talented and creative **Multimedia Journalist** (part time – 20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies. These stories will also contribute to supporting the national CathNews platform which delivers news, analysis, and commentary of interest to the Catholic Church community.

For full details, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

Sat 15th Feb. One day retreat for men and women directed by Fr Carl Telford SM.
St Thomas More Church Glenfield.
See poster in Church foyer.

Columbarium update:

Please keep this proposed columbarium in your prayers.

Consenting process underway.

*Single niche \$3000.00 and GST
Double Niche \$4000.00 and GST*

*Contact Parish Office 09 445 0078
Or office@devonportcatholic.org.nz*

Registration forms at the back of the Church. Feel free to take one.

*For more details, you can also visit:
www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/columbarium/*

FROM THE DIOCESE

Story of the Stations of the Cross Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23?

You are invited to prayerfully explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross.

To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link.

3-day Prayer Retreat for Women Friday 28

February 6pm to Sunday 2 March 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction.

All women are welcome. There will be sessions on "What is prayer?" "Why should I pray?" "How do I pray?" and "Humility & Forgiveness". Early bird registration and details

here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Incense — A Taste of Heaven? Beate Matthies is the founder of Titipounamu Study & Joy. She has a background in linguistics, history of art and business management. She has a special interest in Scriptures, Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue.

Monday, **24 February 2024, 7-8pm**
(ZOOM) Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated. For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Bishop Steve Speaks tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLHpW_-

Sacramental programme 2025

The programme of formation for the sacrament of reconciliation begins on Sunday 23 March. Preparation for confirmation and First Communion takes place Sunday June 15 at 9.30 Mass Celebrant Bishop Stephen Lowe.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule will be at church door shortly or download www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacraments For further information Stephen 021 0608561 Or email stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Prayer Ministry

Our parish is pleased to announce the launch of the Prayer Chain Ministry, an initiative designed to connect our community through the power of prayer. This ministry is a response to the heartfelt need for unity, support, and spiritual encouragement, especially during times of challenge.

If you feel called to join as a member of the Prayer Chain or have a prayer request to share, please contact us at

Prayerpartners@xtra.co.nz.

For more information visit <https://devonportcatholic.org.nz/prayer-ministry/>

Anniversaries that occur now are:

Jan 26: Mary Harris
Jan 27: June Kerney-Good 2008
Jan 28: Daniel Murphy 1979
Annie Halsey 2004
Jan 29 Joseph Kirk 1954
Mary Wright 2003
Jan 30: Rolland Magness 1922
Allan Wilson 1987
John Mc Hugh 2015
Jan 31 Donovan 1887
Feb 1 Barry Drake 1987
Roland Mewa 2002
Feb 2 Henry Gallagher 1929

Feast Days

Mon 3 Feb: St Blaise, bishop & martyr: Bishop of Sivas in Armenia in the fourth century. Patron saint of throat illnesses and of wild animals.

Mon 3 Feb: St Ansgar, bishop. Born in France 801 became a monk and in 826 set out to preach gospel in Denmark and then Sweden. Made bishop of Hamburg & papal legate to Denmark & Sweden by Gregory 1V.

Thurs 6 Feb Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Mass 12.00

Fri 7 Feb St Paul Miki and companions martyrs. Paul son of Japanese military leader. Educated Jesuits joined order in 1580. Crucified with 25 other Catholics at Nagasaki Feb 5 1597. They were canonized in 1862 as the Martyrs of Japan.

Sat Feb 8 St Josephine Bakhita. Born Sudan 1869, kidnapped into slavery at an early age, taken to Italy entered the Daughters of Charity where she was called Mother Moretta (black mother). Died Feb 8 1947 at the Canossian convent in Schio. Canonized in 2000.

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

St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 www.stleos.school.nz

St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

Proprietor's Reps: Julia Strickett, Anna Rumble

**Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon
closed Wednesdays**

Masses next weekend

Sat : 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am

Mases during this coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5pm on Saturdays

Ministry Reminders

Flowers through to

Easter: Sue Story

Church Cleaning

New roster sent, to be confirmed

Counters

2/2 Denise O & Karl S

Hospitality

2/02 Shelley & Hyme

Altar Servers

New Roster

Children's Liturgy

Leaders

New Roster