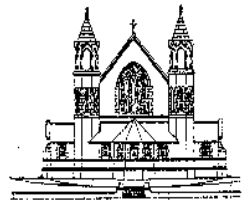




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FEBRUARY 16TH 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Jubilee Sing Jubilee** Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025.

Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

**Retreat Workshop with Tony**, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Please visit the following link for registration: [Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#). Followed by concert

**Conversation with Tony** with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Please visit the following link for registration: [A Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)

Diary these dates now!

Farewell Karen Rawlinson.

**When:** Sunday 16th Feb from 5 pm  
**Where:** Shelley & Hyme's home , 22 Wicklow Road, Narrowneck.  
**What:** a casual get-together .  
**Why:** to celebrate Karen as she and Grant prepare to move to Australia, and to thank her for the gifts she has shared so generously with our Parish over the years.

*Please bring a small plate & beverage of your choice*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SAFEGUARDING?

We will be running a Safeguarding Workshop in the Parish Hall across the road on Thursday 27th February at 7 pm.  
Come and meet others from our own and



neighbouring parishes to refresh your thinking about keeping everyone safe in our church.

See notices at the back of the church re enrolment dates for 2026 at Carmel, Baradene and St Paul's Colleges.

What makes someone happy? Being poor, hungry, weeping, hated, according to today's Gospel! There must be some mistake! Then is it being rich, having plenty to eat, with a well-paid job and being well-regarded by others? Not necessarily! The response to the psalm provides a clue: 'Happy are they who hope in the Lord'. Neither riches nor poverty promise a blessing. Only trust in God can do this. 'A blessing on those who put their trust in the Lord' (1st reading).

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *Our Trust In the Lord*

**Jeremiah 17:5-8** A curse on those that put their trust in humanity, a blessing on the one who puts their trust in the Lord.

**Psalm 1: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.**

**1Corinthians 15:12,16-20** If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless

**Luke 6:17,20-26** How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *23 Feb The Love of Our Father*

**Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23** The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

**Psalm 102: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**1Corinthians 15:45-49** We who have been modelled on the earthly will be modelled on the heavenly.

**Luke 6:27-38** Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat Feb 15</b>	<b>Sun Feb 16</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Joseph Wolfkamp
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Petrie Damian Wallace	Mary Lyttleton Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Kate Casey, Gabriel Sagripanti, Flo S.
	<b>Sat Feb 22</b>	<b>Sun Feb 23</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Burke Robert Mannion	Gerard Dobbs Denise O' S
<b>Communion</b>	Mila Burke Lisa Mannion	Adrienne R., Pauline B. Maryanne Offner

**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

**Reminder: Playgroup every Tuesday for pre schoolers and carers. 9.15-10.15. Parish hall.**

**5<sup>th</sup> March is ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please return any palms you have from last year's Passion Sunday, we will be collecting them over the next couple of weeks — these palms will be burned to make the ashes. There is a box at church door for them.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

This year will be hosted by the Anglicans at Holy Trinity Devonport on Friday 7 March at 10 a.m.

Come and join in this ecumenical prayer service, prepared this year by the WDP Cook Islands Committee.

**Job Vacancy – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor**

The Diocese has a vacancy for a Religious Education and Catholic Character Advisor in our Catholic Education Services. The role's key functions are to promote the mission of Catholic schools to provide an Encounter with Christ, Growth in Knowledge of Christ, and Witness to Christ . You must have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or Theology and hold a current NZ Teacher registration. For full details and the position description, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) , under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close 28 February 2025.

## **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 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](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) to be sent the online link.

**CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND:** The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

**GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL:** The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

## **CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!**

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at [dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz) and/or check out our socials. ”

## ***Sacramental programme 2025***

### **Sacramental Programme for 2025**

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION** will take place in the second school term, and be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Lowe on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am Mass.

The minimum age level for the programme is Year 4 and above.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door, or download from  
parish website:

[www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacramental](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacramental)

For further info ph Stephen 021 0608561, or email [stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

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

**Feb 10:** Leo Hogan 1925, Edward Duxfield 1975, Neeltje Hillenaar de Graaf 2019

**Feb 11:** Christopher Whelan 1982, Andrew McAlpine 1993 Dominic Sumicz-Clark 2000

**Feb 12:** Kim Bronlund 1983

**Feb 13:** Thomas Weight 1944, Mollie Farrell 2003, Mervyn James O'Connor 2012

**Feb 14:** Thomas Harkins 1929, Eric Charnley 2011, Ian Grant 2012

**Feb 15:** Philip Carrigan 2000, Frances Jagusch 2008

**Feb 16:** Jack Aggett 2024

### **Rosters Update:**

We would welcome more volunteers, especially for Altar Serving and Children's Liturgy Leadership/  
Training and support given. See Kath if interested.

## Feast Days in the Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Mon 17 Feb: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.** Seven laymen of the city of Florence in the mid-13th Century, renounced the world and lived as hermits on Monte Senario. They had a particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; they spent themselves in the care of others and in preaching throughout Tuscany. The Order of Servites was founded by those who came to follow them: first recognized in 1304.
- **Fri 21 Feb: St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born at Ravenna in 1007, Peter Damian became a hermit at Fonte Avellana. Strove to remove the abuses, which had overtaken the church in feudal times, by his writings and example of austere living. Was made Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He died in 1072.
- **Sat 22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.** This feast has been kept at Rome since the fourth century, as a symbol of the unity of the Church. Peter 5:1-4, Ps 23, Mt 16:13-19.

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**Pastoral Assistant: Stephen Bell**

**Parish Secretary: Kathleen Petrie**

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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](http://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 till Easter: Sue**

Story

**Church Cleaning**

15 Feb Sasha Radford

**Counters**

16/2 Kate Kearins & John  
Knight

23/2 Maria & Jeremy  
Fleming

**Hospitality**

16/2 Pauline Baker

23/2 Shyrelle & Norrene

**Altar Servers**

**16/2 May Upton**

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

**16/2 Julia Strickett & Claire  
Gillies**