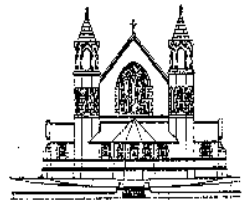




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FEBRUARY 23RD 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves.

Luke 6: 27-38

*When we judge others, how does it
affect our relationship with God?*



Parish Committee Updates

Property and Finance Committee

The PFC (Jeremy Fleming, Karl Stolberger, Alan Light, Peter Adams, and Fr Neil) met on 11 February.

The Parish finished last year in a good financial position with \$136,000 cash on hand despite funding some reasonably big projects including painting the Hall and fitting safety glass to the crying room.

The main item on our agenda was the columbarium project. Alan provided an update that confirmed that the project is on track towards achieving the required level of presales for construction to start. The parish will be contributing \$90,000 to the project which will be recovered from niche sales once construction is complete.

The PFC agreed to the formation of Parish Hall Management Committee.

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. All welcome!**

Come and meet others from our own and neighbouring parishes to refresh your thinking about keeping everyone safe in our church.



Our Columbarium—a call to action.

Members of the Operating Committee have been available after Masses each weekend in February, and we hope you have been given a chance to ask questions and stay informed. Sincere thanks to the purchasers of 15 niches. Now we ask YOU to take the next step. If you have ashes of family members sitting at home, if you want to make provision for a safe sacred resting-place yourself or others, **if you want to assist the parish in meeting its pre-sales target so we can start building in the first half of this year,** please order a niche agreement from the office or return the one you've already picked up, to start the ball rolling.

Any queries email

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Or phone Mike: 021 283 8040

Kath: 021 620 805 or Alan: 021 158 9306

How difficult it is to forgive — ourselves or others. The long patient road from vengeance to forgiveness is recorded in scriptures. It culminates in Jesus' words: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you'. It is the **opposite** of 'an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth'. Forgiveness can be life-giving. It is not the reaction of the weak person but of one who has found an inner strength.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *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.

Psalms 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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *2 March Praise and Thanksgiving*

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 Do not praise a person before they have spoken.

Psalms 91: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1Corinthians 15:54-58 He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45 The words of a person flow out of what fills their heart.

	<u>Sat Feb 22</u>	<u>Sun Feb 23</u>
Ministries		
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Steve Burke Robert Mannion	Gerard Dobbs Denise O' S
Communion	Mila Burke Lisa Mannion	Adrienne R., Pauline B. Maryanne Offner
	<u>Sat 1 March</u>	<u>Sun 2 March</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Anne Gibson
Readers	Riaan Blom Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Sarah Sparks Nevil Gibson
Communion	Janet Monga Casey Isidro	Francesca K., Monica D. Iain G.

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.

5th 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.

FREE COOKING AND NUTRITION COURSES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Learn to plan and cook simple, healthy meals for one or two people, plus shopping tips, label reading and time-saving strategies. Ideal for those lacking practical cooking skills or who need a boost of confidence to cook for themselves.

3-hour friendly and social classes held for 4 weeks include morning tea and lunch.

DATE: Monday 24 February, 3,10 and 17 March

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm

WHERE: Hugh Green Village, 105 Apollo Drive, Rosedale

To register, contact Anna at 021 143 7308, or anna@nutritionfoundation.org.nz or Priscilla 027 444 7648.

FROM THE DIOCESE

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>

Healing of the Family Tree Seminar conducted by Fr Rory Morrissey

Two talks by Fr Rory, on Zoom at 7.30pm - 9pm on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March for information and preparation, followed by a special HFT Mass on Saturday March 29th, at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby from 9.30am-11ish, followed by a cuppa. Register here for the zoom link. bit.ly/ACCPGN-HFT. More info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Te Kupenga Catholic Theology College

Webinars in 2025. Each session is unique so you can come for one that may interest you or come to all the live sessions. Fee is \$20 per webinar or \$100 for all 6 webinars. All live sessions are done on Zoom online platform and will be recorded so you won't miss out. For details, please visit <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college-2/webinar-2025/>

Wings.Nga Parirau this Lent – an invitation to grow your relationship with Jesus..

The **Sunday Gospels** of Lent provide a particular framework for our reflection.

See poster at back of church.
contact diannaf@cda.org.nz

Sacramental programme 2025

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 23rd 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 15th 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

For further info ph Stephen 021 0608561, or email stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially Angela Faulkner, sister of Steve Burke, who died in Christchurch 14th Feb and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Feb 18: Emily Hughes 1941, Margaret Clark 1949, Ivy Sotheran 2012, Toni Laloli 2017

Feb 19: Alvin Josef 1944

Feb 21: Robert Crawford 1987

Feb 22: Augusta McCallum, Anna Sinclair 1962

Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Auckland.

Part-time (20 hours - 3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

Feast Days in the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

- **Thurs 27 Feb: St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church.** Widely venerated in the Armenian Church. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 2015 and inscribed on the Church Calendar as an Optional Memorial by Pope Francis in 2021. Born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. He became an abbot, priest and teacher of theology. Most famous for his work, "The Book of Lamentations," more commonly known as "The Book of Narek", a collection of ninety-five prayers which remains relevant and in use to this day.

Altar Servers Needed.

If your child has made her/his First Communion, and is prepared to commit to serving at Mass on a Sunday morning once a month, we would love to hear from you.

Some of our Senior Altar servers are moving on for study or in other ministries, so we welcome newcomers.

Training with Fr Neil and a senior server will be arranged.

Please contact Kath in the Parish Office.

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Neil Darragh

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. PPFC 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 till Easter: Sue Story

Church Cleaning

1 March Elaine Harvey

Counters

23/2 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

2/3 Shyrelle & Brian Mitchell

Hospitality

23/2 Shyrelle & Norrene

Altar Servers

23/2 Rosmary Dobbs, Grace Rumble

2/3 Joseph Wolfkamp, May Upton

Children's Liturgy Leaders

23/2 Steven Albrecht & Julia Strickett

2/3 Catherine & Alice