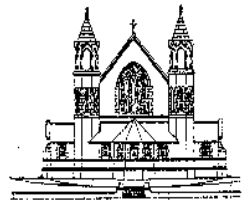




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 9TH FEBRUARY 2025



**2025 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 the world. Let us keep the Jubilee year in our prayers. The world is still suffering the impacts of war, ongoing effects of COVID 19 pandemic, climate crisis, illness and many others.

**Columbarium -A Gift to this Parish. An update:**

*Please keep this proposed columbarium in your prayers*

*Do you have a family member or friend's ashes in your home and want a resting place for them? The Columbarium would be an excellent resting place..*

*Consenting process is underway*

*Single niche 3000.00+gst*

*Double niche 4000.00+gst*

*Contact office 09 445 0078or*

*office@devonportcatholic.org.nz*

*Forms also at the back of church.*

**School news: Open day for Carmel College February 27 2025. Rosmini College May 30 2025. St Leos's happy for you to contact them.**

St Leo's started back on Monday, 3 Feb. They welcomed two New Entrant teachers and new pupils. Welcome to St Leo's with its Mercy traditions. The founder of the Mercy Sisters is Catherine McAuley Born in Dublin Ireland 1831. One of her quotes "Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Our St Leo's graduates are excelling. Well done.

Rosmini :(Founder Antonio Rosmini Italian priest)

Joseph Wolfkamp is Head boy for 2025. Anthony Angelo is a prefect for 2025. St Mary's Ponsonby: (Founder Catherine McAuley Mercy) 2024 Chloris Wong- First in fashion and interior design. Clara Angelo- Top Academic Achievement in yr 8. First in drama, English, Math, RE, Science, Social studies and tech. May Upton- First in English, Health, PE, RE and Social Studies. Carmel College (Founder Catherine McAuley Mercy) 2024 Honor Braid Principal's award for contribution to school life. Lily McGivern year 13 Deans' award contribution to school life. Kate Bell-Booth service to sport.

A huge thank you to our gardening team. The church grounds are looking magnificent.

Isaiah, Paul and Peter were ordinary blokes. In a group they would not have stood out. Yet God chose them. All were conscious of their unworthiness, yet all three surrendered to their God and produced extraordinary results.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time Year C** Christ makes us his Apostles.

**Isaiah:1-8** Here I am , send me.

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

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

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

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.** Our Trust in the Lord.

**Jeremiah 17 5-8** A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the one who puts their trust in the Lord.

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

**1 Corinthians 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.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Sat 8 February</b>	<b>Sun 9 February</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	Shawn Pearce –Blom	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Burke	Nevil Gibson Ben Upton
<b>Communion:</b>	Riaan Blom, Kitt Isidro Janet Monga	Pauline Baker, Gabriel Sagripanti Monica Duot

*Congratulations Jonathan and Valeria on your Wedding in our beautiful church St Francis de Sales and All Souls. God bless you both.*

**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.**

**Sat 15th Feb. One day retreat for men and women**  
Directed by  
Fr Carl Telford SM.  
St Thomas More Church Glenfield.  
Poster at the back of church.

*Well done to our wonderful gardeners. Grounds are looking amazing.*

*Please continue to keep Vocations in your daily prayers.*

**Ash Wednesday March 5**  
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 are burned to make the ashes. There is a box for them at the church door.

**Rite of Election:**  
Lent approaching first week in March. Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing conversion an important step in seekers journey towards Baptism or Full Communion. See Parish Office for details. Mass March 4 to be seated by 1.40 at the Cathedral.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW\\_-](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_-)

## ***Saramental programme 2025***

***The programme of formation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins on Sunday March 23.***

***Preparation for Confirmation and First Communion takes place Sunday June 15 at the 9.30 Mass.***

***The celebrant will be Bishop Stephen Lowe.***

***Enrolment forms with the programme schedule will be at the church door shortly or download the form [www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacraments](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacraments).***

***For further information contact Stephen***

***021 0608561 or email***

***[stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz)***

## ***Anniversaries that occur now are:***

**Feb 3: Bob Caldwell 2013**

**Feb 4: Emily Hobdell 1979, Dorothy Sherry 2007, Eileen Crawford 2008**

**Feb 5: Timothy O'Connor 1936, Clifford Hayson 1949**

**Feb 6: Rose Smythe 1939, Margaret Redmond 1957, Linda Tierney 2012**

**Feb 9: Margaret Walsh 1948, John Curtayne 1978, Albert Moore 1978, John Walsh 1993**

## Feast Days

**Mon 10 Feb: St Scholastica, virgin.** Born at Norcia in Umbria in the late 5th Century, the sister of St Benedict. She consecrated herself to God in early childhood and lived near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino.

**Tues 11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes.** The appearance of the immaculate Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 near Lourdes in France was a call to penance and prayer, which has found particular expression in the service of the sick and disabled.

**Friday 14 Feb St Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop.** Cyril and Methodius were born brothers, born in Salonika about 825 and educated at Constantinople. They translated the bible, and liturgical texts, into the Slavonic language. Cyril died in Rome 869. Methodius was made bishop and spent many years preaching in Hungary,. Died 885. **St Valentines Day** Patron of love, young people and happy marriage. Died 269

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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

9/2 Christina Kersey &  
Gabriel Sagripanti

### Hospitality

9/02 Kate & Phil Casey

### Altar Servers

9/02 Bella & Chiara  
Albrecht

### Children's Liturgy

#### Leaders

9/2 Mary-Jane & Millie  
Lendich