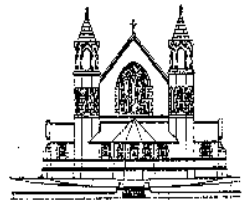




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MARCH 16TH 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Parish Notes from the Property and Finance Committee.

- \* Insurance has been confirmed with the Diocese using the functional replacement valuation for the church and base/mid-level valuations for the Presbytery and Hall. There is a small -2% reduction in valuations due to lower building costs
- \*It was noted that the presbytery alarm system has been upgraded earlier this month

*Columbarium. Thanks for the response so far—you are helping us reach our target to start building. We're past the half-way mark! Keep it coming!*

The Columbarium will provide a permanent sacred space to honour our dead. There are some other reminders in our church, which come to mind with upcoming feast days. Did you know that the statue of St Patrick, on the left of the main altar, was donated by Antonio Martin and his daughters Chrissie, Hazel and Isobel, in memory of Josephine Martin, wife and mother?

The statue of St Joseph, on the right at the back of the church, was donated by the parents of Owen Hanley Walsh, who died at the age of 10 on 7th November 1918, a victim of the world-wide Spanish Flu epidemic. Owen was the uncle of Anne Sutton, a present-day parishioner. May Josephine and Owen, and all those whose ashes will be placed in our Columbarium, rest in peace.

**The Season of LENT**

**Stations of the Cross: Each Friday, 7.00pm**

**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**

**Putting Compassion Into Action.**

Lent Appeal Envelopes are available.

Weekly giving is good, or you may prefer to make one single donation. Alternatively, you may donate via the website:

[www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz)

**Week Two: Ukraine** — Caritas has been active on the ground promoting peace and providing lifesaving aid and support to those most in need — food, shelter, psychological support and accommodation. Caritas has been supporting local partners in providing humanitarian assistance to more than 3.8 million people during the past three years of conflict.

There are peak experiences in our lives when things are going just right and we feel like we're on a high. We wish these times would never end. But for Peter, James and John, and for Jesus, it is not on the mountain where life is lived and love is proven: it is in the dogged perseverance of the daily journey. Lent invites us to open up to God in the everyday and allow him to work through us.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*The Lord in Whom We Put Our Faith*

**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18** God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

**Psalms 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Philippians 3:17—4:1** Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

**Luke 9:28-36** As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

23 March

*The Lord of Compassion and Love*

**Exodus 3:1-8,13-15** I Am has sent me to you.

**Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12** The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

**Luke 13:1-9** Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

	<b>Sat 15 March</b>	<b>Sun 16 March</b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Riaan Blom Steve Burke	Denise O'S. Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Mila Burke Janet Monga	Monica Duot, Iain G Adrienne Ramskill
	<b>Sat 22 March</b>	<b>Sun 23 March</b>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Anne Gibson
<b>Readers</b>	Nicky Witham-Blackwell Damian Wallace	Nevil Gibson Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion</b>	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Francisca K, Pauline B Gabriel Sagrapanti

## ***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

**Why not think about taking part for Lent?**

**Reminder: Playgroup — Every Tuesday for pre-schoolers and carers. 9.15-10.15. Parish Hall.**

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

**Mar 16:** Ngaire Brash 1980, John Fleming 1984

**Mar 17:** James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003

Dorothy Parker 2005, Carolyn Bonnie Kirby 2019

**Mar 19:** Julie McCarthy 1951, Agnes Munro 1990

**Mar 20:** Raymond Reynolds 1997 Kathleen O'Leary-Pace 2005

**Mar 21:** Clarence Alesy 1984

**Mar 22:** Alice Boylan 1934

**Mar 23:** James Lonie 1982, Leonard Roberts 1985

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers, for continuation of healing and rebuilding strength. We give thanks that his condition is now stable.

## **St Mary's College 2026**

### **Enrolments**

Enrolments are OPEN (but closing soon).

St Mary's College is a girls college providing a Catholic education in the Mercy tradition. We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7 and Year 9 students Please apply online at [www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)

St Mary's College has NO zoning restrictions.

Enrolments close 21 March.

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### **Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25 2025**

**Auckland** - Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker. Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers.

Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium.

Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are essential; [www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz](http://www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz) Pat Barrett 03 3592087

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next Retreat will be held at Mary McKillop Centre, **April 11-13, 2025**. For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email [wendy@rachelsvineyard.org.nz](mailto:wendy@rachelsvineyard.org.nz)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: 0272456742 or [dovenational.leader@gmail.com](mailto:dovenational.leader@gmail.com)

### **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. Search "*aucklandcatholicchaplaincy*"

## From St Leo's Catholic School

### **St Catherine News**

This week I was lucky enough to take St Catherine's class to the Navy Museum to learn about medals and the importance of why people receive medals. They looked around the museum and got a chance to make their own medals.

Tamariki also had an amazing time learning about the importance of Navy values. They linked



it to our school values and talked about how they overlap and where they have seen it used at school. This term we are focusing on Aroha. It is great to see children showing aroha in the classrooms and in the playground.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

**St Leo's School PTFA Fundraiser – Award-winning Daily Bread Hot Cross Buns!**  
\$23 per pack—see notice and order form at back of church.

### ***Sacramental programme 2025***

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30pm and continues in Term 2 for First Communion and Confirmation.

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 [stp@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:stp@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

## Feast Days in the Second Week of Lent

- **Mon 17 Mar: St Patrick, bishop. Principal Patron of the Auckland Diocese.** The apostle of Ireland was born in Great Britain about 385, taken captive and sold as a slave to Ireland when a young boy. Worked as a herdsman, escaped, decided to become a priest. Made Bishop of Ireland, he was indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there. He died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.
- **Tues 18 Mar: St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Cyril was born in 315, made bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was raging; he was exiled several times. In his Catecheses he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. Died in 386.
- **Wed 19 Mar: St Joseph, Husband of Mary.** A simple village carpenter, Joseph, the husband of Mary and guardian of the child Jesus, has become the guardian and patron of Christ's universal Church.

## **Thanks to all those who volunteer for the Ministries that are so vital to the life of our church.**

It's great to see our young people stepping into these roles — more are needed.

Could you help lead a Liturgy of the Word for Children once a month?

Could you serve on the altar at Mass? Could you assist with Hospitality on Sundays?

Could you be a Minister of the Word or Communion or Welcome?

Training and support given. Contact Kath 445 0078/office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

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**Facebook: [St Francis de Sales & All Souls](#)**

**Parish Priest: Rev Fr Neil Darragh**

[neil@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto: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. PFFC 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 Masses during this coming week**

**Wednesday and Friday 12 noon**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5pm on Saturdays**

## **Ministry Reminders**

### **Flowers till Easter:**

Sue Story

### **Church Cleaning**

29/3 Anne Feeney

### **Counters**

16/3 Alix & Bill Hooper

23/3 Denise & Karl

### **Hospitality**

16/3 Gerard & Mia

23/3 Sue Story

### **Altar Servers**

16/3 Grace Rumble, Chiara  
Albrecht

23/3 Rosemary Dobbs

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

16/3 Julia Strickett & Isla  
Gillies

23/3 Stephen & Bella  
Albrecht