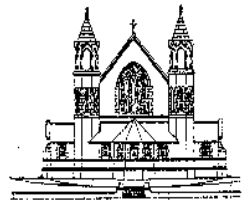




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**MARCH 23RD 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



**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 Three: Fiji** — The mission of Caritas' partner Tutu Rural Training Centre embodies the Catholic social teaching principle of Stewardship, which calls for responsible guardianship of both the environment and one another. At Tutu, students learn sustainable farming methods and financial management, enabling them to use resources wisely to support their family and village.



**Parish Groups :The**

**SVDP** The committee would like to thank all the parishioners who give so very generously to the collection for SVDP be it in

monetary donations or in produce in the basket at the back of the church. It means that right now our shelves are looking abundant with the exception of cleaning and personal hygiene products.

May we therefore suggest that if you are donating over the next few weeks that you please think of these products—perhaps put an extra item in the trolley when you're shopping for yourself.

*Columbarium. Thanks for the response so far—you are helping us reach our target to start building.*

Look at how far we've come:

End of January: Bishop Steve gives permission and we announce the project to the parish.

End of February: we issue a further call to action.

23 March: we celebrate reaching orders for 26 double and 9 single niches. Some payment is still in process, so action is still needed. We are getting close to our target of a further \$80K in the bank to start building.

30 March: We open up to Takapuna parishioners .

Have you thought about buying a niche for yourself or a family member? We'd love to hear from you.

In everyone's life there are experiences that are special. There is something about them that says to us: God is here. Times of sadness, or times of joy; in a quiet place, or a busy street. When it happens it's an experience to be cherished. Today's 1st reading records Moses' experience of meeting God. Lent is a time when we wonder at how God works in our lives.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** *The Lord of Compassion and Love*

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

**Psalm 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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** *30 March The Lord Who Welcomes Sinners*

**Joshua 5:9-12** The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the Promised Land.

**Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**2Corinthians 5:17-21** God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**Luke 15:1-3,11-32** Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

	<u>Sat 22 March</u>	<u>Sun 23 March</u>
<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
	<u>Sat 29 March</u>	<u>Sun 30 March</u>
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	Kate Kearins Gerard Dobbs
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion Riaan Blom	Maryanne O, Kate Casey, Monica Duot

*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 24:** Thomas Harron 1908
- Mar 25:** Norma Smith 1982, Maria Ulberg 1984
- Mar 26:** George Cole 2005, Mary O'Brien-Specht 2023
- Mar 27:** Martin Hamblin 1947, Fr John Tollan 2023
- Mar 28:** Mary Corles 1890, Cecil Wallace 1985
- Mar 29:** William McKearney 1918
- Mar 30:** Ethel Munro 1938, Raymond Cameron 1960

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

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship: Wednesday 26 March** : Guest Speaker is Dr Ethan Breinhorst who is back to encourage and challenge us with a talk titled Men's Health Matters. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact Jerome (027) 2334380 for more information.

## From the Diocese

### VACANCY NOTICE: St Thomas More Glenfield - Music Co-Ordinator

We are looking for someone to take over the Music Co-Ordinator position in our parish. It is largely an administrative role although some basic musical knowledge is required. Training will be provided. Approximately 6 hours per week. Please forward your cover letter and CV by Friday, 28 March 2025 via email to: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** met for the first time this year on 8 March. You can keep up-to-date with their meeting through the newsletter <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/March-25-Newsletter.pdf>

### 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.

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 03 359 2087 [info@divinemercy.co.nz](mailto:info@divinemercy.co.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=PLYVVDaH6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW - gsxny4e>

### Family Mass and Morning Tea and Games at St Leo's! - Sunday, 30 March

One of the many things that makes our wonderful Parish so unique is our Primary School, St Leo's. St Leo's is the only school on the Peninsula where children can receive a Catholic education and it provides a nurturing family-like environment where our children thrive. At 9.30am on Sunday, 30 March, we look forward to St Leo's students and their families joining us for our weekly Sunday Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our community, form friendships and share what is special about our School and Parish, together.

After the Mass, please head over to the St Leo's hall for a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate to share after Mass if you can. The School's hardworking PTFA will be hosting a range of fun games for children on the field outside and the adults will have the chance to chat over a cuppa inside the hall. St Leo's will also host its PTFA AGM during this time. We really encourage all Parishioners to stay behind and hear about working together. Come along and find out more.



**Sacramental programme 2025**  
**We are so excited to be starting our journey through the sacraments of initiation today at 3.30.**  
**Please pray for candidates, sponsors and parents.**

## Feast Days in the Third Week of Lent

- **Tues 25 Mar: The Annunciation of The Lord.** We celebrate that great day of decision: Mary's acceptance of the role that God has chosen for her in his plan of redemption. Is 7:10-14,8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38. This is a day of prayer for Family Life.

### **Chrism Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

Each year in Holy week all the priests of the diocese gather with the bishop to renew their commitment to priestly service. And it is here that the sacred oils are blessed and consecrated.

These oils are used in parishes for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

**Members of our parish attend this Mass to collect the oils to be used in our parish.**

If you would like to volunteer for this 'mission', please let us know.

### **GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS:**

People needed to join the singing team. We also need three people to help with traffic control (crossing roads) and one of those people will also need to do a head count. Finally, if anyone wants to be part of the Medical team it would be great to have them. If anyone is keen to help with any of those roles, please email Kath in Parish Office [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz) or text to 021 620805

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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**

23/3 Denise & Karl

30/3 Christina Kersey &  
Gabriel Sagripanti

### **Hospitality**

23/3 Kate Casey

30/3 Fiona & Mark

### **Altar Servers**

23/3 Rosemary Dobbs

30/3 Joseph Wolfkamp,  
Bella Albrecht, Grace  
Rumble

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

23/3 Stephen & Bella  
Albrecht

30/3 Family Mass, No  
Children's Liturgy