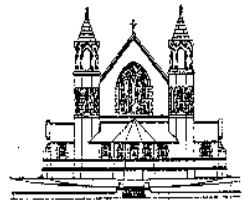




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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MARCH 9TH 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-13

In what ways does following the guidance of the Holy Spirit influence the decisions you make, especially during times of temptation?



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worry and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Pope Francis

The CARITAS LENT APPEAL

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to this Appeal by using the envelopes provided; you have the option of donating weekly (as an act of penance perhaps) or making a one-off single donation.

This year, Caritas is encouraging people to donate on-line or by direct deposit, to reduce costs and make the processing of donations faster. To find out more, or to donate, visit:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

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

We have just passed the half-way mark in the amount we need to raise to begin building. Thank you for responding to our call to action and for spreading the word about the Columbarium.. At the end of this month we will be going further afield by talking to parishioners in Takapuna and Milford who may have ashes at home for which they are searching a permanent resting place, or who wish to book a niche for themselves in the future. Keep it coming!
Payment by instalment can be arranged.

Next Coffee Morning
Wed. 12 March 10 am.
2 Patuone Avenue.
Phone Kathy 021 2124914



The season of Lent, as the preface says, is a gift. It offers time & space to stand back and look at the big picture — of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission among us. It is an exploration of our vocation as human beings.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus Is Lord

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The creed of the chosen people.

Psalms 91: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.

Romans 10:8-13 The creed of the Christians.

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 March

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.

Ministries	<u>Sat 8 March</u>	<u>Sun 9 March</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	John Knight Kate Kearins
Communion	Kevin Isidro Denise Ross	Kate Casey Gabriel Sagrapanti Flo Sapa 'u
Ministries	<u>Sat 15 March</u>	<u>Sun 16 March</u>
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Riaan Blom Steve Burke	Denise O'S. Ben Upton
Communion	Mila Burke Janet Monga	Monica Duot, Iain G Adrienne Ramskill

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?

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament will continue on the first Friday of every month for one hour at 12.30 (following noon Mass) and 5.30 pm.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

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 03: Eileen Missen 1948, Kathleen Walker 1987

Mar 04: Herbert Hayson 1945, Kate Roberts 1953

Mar 05: Francis Bolger 1985, Thomas Lanigan 1994

Mar 06: Helen Wynne 1937, Thomas Kirk 1958, Ann Whelan 2010

Mar 07: Arthur Posa 1983, Joan Oldham 1990

Mar 08: Raymond Kelly 1983

Mar 09: Consuglio Bartoli 1936, Irene Geary 1958

Mar 10: Catherine Murray 1979, Ida Lorigan 1998

Mar 11: Patrick Crorly 1935, Anne Halpin 1988, Don Fauchelle 2008

Mar 12: John Cooney 1983, Raymond Martini 1996

Mar 13: Mary Gillespie 1918, John Palmer 1918

Mar 14: Claude Brash 1988

Mar 15: Philip Bowden 1917

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers, for continuation of healing and rebuilding strength.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Te Kupenga Catholic Theology College 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

LENT @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, REMUERA

Lent is fast approaching – are you ready? Let Christ show you how He lived, move beyond the surface of the stories you've heard before.

Morning Talks with Dr Dan Stollenwerk –
“Who do you say that I am?”

4x Wednesdays from 19 March 10:45 – 12:00pm. No registration required.

Evening Talks with Fr Phil Bennenbroek 5x
Tuesdays from 11 March 7:00pm – 8:30pm

[Register here](#) For information <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/lenen-programme>

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

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:

dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz

St. Leo's School Catholic School News

Whole School Swimming Day – A Splashing Success! Our **Whole School Swimming Day** was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and water confidence!

Students enjoyed a variety of swimming activities, from races to water safety exercises,



while building their skills and having a great time with friends.

Burning of the Palms Liturgy – A Meaningful Tradition



This week, our school gathered for the **Burning of the Palms Liturgy**, a special tradition marking the beginning of our Lenten journey.

The blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday were burned to create ashes, which will be used for our **Ash Wednesday** service.

God Bless, Vimi Chandra, Principal.

Sacramental programme 2025

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

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

Feast Days in the First Week of Lent

- **Thurs 13 March:** *Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013).*

De Paul House is now supporting older adults as well as families with children, providing service to singles and couples aged over 55 years, in direct response to the increase in referrals. Their stories raise awareness of how secure, sustainable housing is a bedrock for Kiwis of all ages. Your donations help provide support in transitional housing, housing advocacy, working to sustain tenancies, Community Learning Centre classes and practical support with food, clothing, linen, household goods and furniture. Could you consider making a **regular weekly or monthly donation**? Your donation will assist DPH to change the lives of New Zealanders, of all ages, and is tax deductible.

De Paul House Charitable Trust bank account.

Account Number: BNZ 02-0278-0059429-02

Reference: March

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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 **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

15/3 Dobbs family

Counters

9/3 Arthur Whelan &

Frances Downs

16/3 Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

Roster tbc

Altar Servers

9/3 Maria Branco, Poppy Weekes

16/3 Grace Rumble, Chiara Albrecht

Children's Liturgy Leaders

9/3 Mary-Jane & Milly Lendich

16/3 Julia Strickett & Isla Gillies