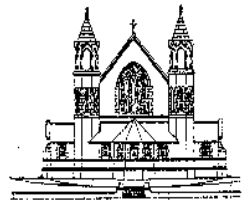




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MARCH 2ND 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The Season of
LENT**

Ash Wednesday, 5th March



'Ordinary Time' is interrupted until after the Easter season. Lent is a season of prayer, self-denial and helping others., for renewing faith, hope and love. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter. Celebrations take account of this spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple or absent.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting and abstinence.

**Ash Wednesday: — Mass: 12.00 noon
& 7 pm**

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

**Friday 7 March: Day of Prayer for
Victims of Abuse**

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/>

Parish Committee Updates

Parish Council meeting Tues 26 Feb

- with Joseph Wolfkamp, we explored possibilities for **extending youth involvement** in parish life and better communication through Instagram. All suggestions welcome.
- **There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on the 1st Friday of each month starting 3/7 for one hour at 12.30 and 5.30
- We would welcome some **feedback from a range of people about our liturgy** as we gear up for Lent. Liturgy includes music, welcome, symbols, participation, spoken word, displays, silence. Please speak to Stephen or Kath
email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz
- A committee appointed to look into **Hall management** has met and discussions with St Leo's are ongoing.

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

We will shortly 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!

How do you judge a person's character? How do you know what is in a person's heart? You look at their actions and listen to their words, which flow from the goodness or badness in their heart. Time and again the gospel writers report on how astonished the people were at Jesus' power to heal and at the authority of his teaching. Was it because they sensed that his words and deeds perfectly matched what was in his heart?

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Love of Our Father

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

Psalm 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9 March

Praise and Thanksgiving

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

Psalm 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.

Ministries	<u>Sat March 1</u>	<u>Sun March 2</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
	<u>Sat 8 March</u>	<u>Sun 9 March</u>
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	John Knight Kate Kearins
Communion	Kevin Isidro Denise Ross	Kate Casey Gabriel Sagrapanti Flo Sapa ' u

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.

We welcome to our Parish

Summer and Brody Lawrence, who are baptised here this weekend and their parents Jessica and Jacob .



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

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

Feb 23: Alice Lunn 1948, Ellen Clarke 1987

Feb 24: Jessie Jober 1939, Margaret Hollis 1959

Feb 25: Wendy Durrant 1947, Jocelyn Lobendhan 1984, Sr Muriel Shallue rsm 2022

Feb 27: John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942

Feb 28: Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004

Feb 29: Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968

Mar 01: Thomas Sothern 1978, Brendan Farrell, 2008

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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

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/lenten-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

St. Leo's School Picnic – A Fantastic Afternoon of Fun and Friendship!

Our **school picnic** was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter, bouncy castle, and community spirit! Families, students, and staff gathered with picnic blankets and delicious kai, enjoying the beautiful weather and each



other's company (until the rain kicked in). It was heartwarming to see our St. Leo's community come together and create such special memories. It was also the last day for our International students and we had free sausage sizzle for everyone. 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.

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 stp@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Feast Days in the Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 4 March: St Casimir.** Born in Poland in 1458, son of King Casimir IV of Poland. Intelligent and generous, involved in public affairs, but first and foremost a man of prayer. He served the poor. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady were most marked. He died in 1484.
- **Wed 5 March: ASH WEDNESDAY.**
- **Fri 6 March: St Perpetua and St Felicity, martyrs.** Perpetua was 22, of a patrician family; Felicity was a slave: both were martyred in the public stadium at Carthage, in 203, during the persecution of Septimus Severus.
- **Sat 7 March: St John of God, religious.** Born Portugal, 1495. An adventurous youth as a soldier. A sermon of St John of Avila turned his mind to the sufferings of the poor and sick, and he devoted the rest of his life to their care, establishing hospitals for the outcasts of society. His followers established the Order of Hospitallers of St John of God. He died in 1550.

**World Day of Prayer this Friday March 7th at Holy Trinity, Church Street, 10 am.
All are welcome to join in this ecumenical service prepared by WDP Cook Islands.**

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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. PFC 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
15/3 Dobbs family

Counters

2/3 Shyrelle & Brian
Mitchell
9/3 Arthur Whelan &
Frances Downs

Hospitality

Roster tbc

Altar Servers

2/3 Joseph Wolfkamp,
May Upton
9/3 Maria Branco, Poppy
Weekes

Children's Liturgy Leaders

2/3 Catherine & Alice
Gillies
9/3 Mary-Jane and Milly
Lendich