



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



APRIL 20TH 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION



*Jesus the Christ is risen today
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Each Anzac Day we remember the names of members of our parish community who were killed in war.


ANZAC DAY

 + LEST WE FORGET +
**BRIAN BOATE, BILL COLEMAN,
LAURIE HALE, JACK HENDRY, BILL
HENDRY, GERALD MULLANE
LAURIE RYDER, BRUCE SKINNER,
BRIAN STONE**

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn. At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, We will remember them.*

Mass on Friday 25 April will be at 9.30am.
Note: There will not be a 12pm Mass that day
 Devonport Anzac Day Parade commences at
 10.50am from Fleet St. Service at Memorial in
 Marine Square commences 11.00am.



there I Am in the midst

News from Parish Groups :

Property and Finance Committee

- > Congratulations to the Columbarium Operating Committee on an effective marketing push in Takapuna parish, resulting in more niche pre-sales.
- > Weekly collections by cash, Eftpos, Automatic payments and Envelopes are up 9% on last year. We encourage people to use Automatic Payment or Envelopes so you have a record of payment for tax purposes. Tax receipts for the 2025 year are in process, and all donations attract a 30% rebate.
- > The presbytery alarm system has been upgraded.

Parish Enviro Group

We are beginning a small group who will meet now and then to discuss and put into place new initiatives in our parish community **to help us become more sustainable**. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more please email Sasha at sashagillies@gmail.com

SVDP

Thank you for your continuing donations of food, cleaning and toiletry items. We are still looking for a fridge-freezer to enable us to store fresh and frozen foods for our food parcels, in the interests of healthy eating. Please contact paulinbkr@gmail.com to help.

The tide of joy released by the Easter Vigil flows over into Easter Day. During the night the church glowed with light from within. Now light floods the world. The flame of the Easter Candle is matched by the fire of the sun that brings light and warmth and life to all. Christ is risen indeed.

EASTER SUNDAY *Resurrection of The Lord*

Acts 10:34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalms 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

Colossians 3:1-4 You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

John 20:1-9 He must rise from the dead.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *27 April Our Easter Joy — Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 5:12-16 The numbers of men & women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Psalms 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19 I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

Ministries	<u>Sat 19 April</u>	<u>Sun 20 April</u>	Prayer during the Week Mondays: Rosary at 6 pm in the Church, Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room Wednesdays: Scripture Discussion Group 7 pm. Meeting Room
	Welcome	Sarah Menzies	
Readers	Steve Burke Damian Wallace	Mary Lyttleton Gerard Dobbs	
Communion	Kitt Isidro Janet Monga	Iain G. Maryanne O. Francisca K.	
Ministries	<u>Sat 26 April</u>	<u>Sun 27 April</u>	
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Joseph Wolfkamp	
Readers	Robert Mannion Damian Wallace	John Knight Kate Kearins	
Communion	Lisa Mannion. Riaan Blom	Flo Sapa'u Monica D. Gabriel Sagripanti	Special Collection — Please Note: • There will be a <u>second collection</u> on Easter Sunday (the Easter Offering) : for the welfare of the clergy of the Auckland diocese. <u>Special envelopes are available for this collection, on table at church door.</u>

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

Apr 20: Harriete Wilson 1974

Apr 21: Elizabeth Fogarty 1950

Apr 23: Lucy Buckland 1982, Rosemary Perry 1991

Apr 24: Linda Gay 1993

Apr 25: John O'Brien 1946, Veronica Boyd 1977

Diane Petersen 1977

Apr 26: Elizabeth Lilly 1951

Easter Flowers—Donations please.

Parishioners are invited to contribute to the cost of fresh flowers for our Holy Week Altar of Repose and the Easter altar. Please place donations in the basket at the church door or direct credit to Parish account 02-0108-0706881-00 St Francis & All Souls, ref. Flowers. Many thanks.

From the Diocese

Jubilee Sing Jubilee Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

Conversation with Tony with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Please visit the following link for registration: [A](#)

[Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)

Retreat Workshop with Tony, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Please visit the following link for registration: [Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#).

If you are interested in attending any of these music events as part of a parish group, please let Kath or Stephen know.

The Upper Room | Wednesday 7th May 2025 | 6:30pm Good George Mission Bay

Young adults, you don't want to miss the first Upper Room of 2025! This event is an awesome opportunity to grab a drink, chat to other young adults, and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! And did we mention free bar snacks? We are excited to be joined by Fr Frank Bird as our guest speaker! Talk topic to be released soon. Stay tuned for more details on our socials!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of fellowship and formation!

Free on-street parking is available nearby.

Event is 18 years and over Tickets: https://events.humanitix.com/upper_room



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<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> For more information contact Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz or Mobile 021 02247442

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 Pat Barrett 03 359 2087

School Attendance Due Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Please visit the link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Feast Days in the Octave of Easter

- Easter Week, or the **Octave of Easter**, is regarded as one Feast. Every day during this week is a celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord for which we say Alleluia! Praise the Lord for his goodness to us!



The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home and Hospital Herne Bay, are looking for volunteers to take our residents out on a weekly drive.—a number of drivers so the commitment is not every week. The vehicle is a manual gear Ford Transit van with a hoist for embarking and debarking residents, who look forward to each week's outing. Please contact Sr Maureen 09 361 4000 if you feel called to volunteer or for more info.

Fort Portal Uganda Project—Coming to a Close?

Because of changes to Caritas structure, donations to St Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Uganda can no longer be accepted. The home is staying open and will continue to operate, and a final remittance of more than \$22K has been sent. Huge thanks to all who have contributed over the years, and to parishioners Eileen Pearce, Shawn Pearce-Blom and Riaan Blom who have formed an important part of the committee to raise funds.

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(If making a donation for a specific purpose, please note that as reference e.g. flowers)

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 : 7pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses this coming week

Wednesday 12 noon, Thursday 7 pm and Friday 3pm (liturgy)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers till Easter:

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

26/4 Sasha Radford

10/5 Elaine Harvey

Counters

20/4 Shyrelle & Brian
Mitchell

27/4 Arthur Whelan &
Frances Downs

Hospitality

20/04 Pauline Baker

27/4 Sue Story

Altar Servers

20/4 As available

27/4 As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

20/4 School holidays, no
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