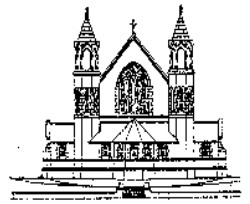




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



APRIL 27TH 2025 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Loving God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis. In him you gave us a man of humility, one who valued listening to the voices of the voiceless, compassion for the undervalued, mercy for sinners and justice for the oppressed. You gave us a pastor who led through the example of his love for your people and your creation, who was not ashamed to smell like his sheep. Comfort all who mourn his passing, and may the angels now lead him to paradise with you to rest in your peace for eternity. May your Spirit guide the future successor to your servant Francis to continue the work you have begun through him, for the good of the Church and the world. Through Christ our Lord
Amen



there I Am in the midst

News from Parish Groups

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 paulinebakr@gmail.com to help.

Columbarium

The Resource Consent process is continuing and we will be ready to start building once it has been issued. We are still taking orders for niches., so please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

DIVINE MERCY — Based on the writings of

St Faustina Kowalska. Calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available — especially to the greatest sinners. All we have to do is **ask**.

- A — Ask for Mercy:** Repentance (change of heart)
- B — Be Merciful** (ie engage in the Corporal Works of mercy)*
- C — Trust in Jesus**

10 people in our Parish made the Divine Mercy Novena in church this year.

The forty days of Lent give way to the fifty days of Easter. Each Sunday focuses on some part of the Easter mystery. This is known as a 'mystagogical catechesis' for the newly baptised at Easter and for the whole church. Together, we reflect on the presence of the risen Lord in our midst.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *The Living One* — Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Psalm 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 4 May *'It Is the Lord'*

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit

Psalm 30: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Apocalypse 5:11-14 The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

John 21:1-19 Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

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
Ministries	<u>Sat 3 May</u>	<u>Sun 4 May</u>
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Kath Petrie Riaan Blom	Denise O'S Ben Upton
Communion	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Kate Casey, 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 Discussion Group 7 pm. Meeting Room

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

Apr 27: Mona Harkins 1981, Kathleen McGregor 1982
Henrietta Redmond 1996, Peter Kalaugher 2006, David McKellar 2015

Apr 28: Kathleen Marquis 1917

Apr 29: Peter Rattigan 1955, Lillian Quirke 1960

Apr 30: Kevin Wright 2005, Suaesi Passi 2009

May 1: Maria Street 1946, Daniel O'Rourke 1999

May 02: Albert Downing 1957, Sydney Kennings 1962

May 03: William Rogan 1986, Christopher Whelan 2003

Please pray for Cardinal John Dew as he flies to Rome to take part in Francis' funeral and the Conclave to elect a new Pope, and for all the Cardinal Electors.

The next Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting on **Wednesday 30 April** will be a special one and ALL are invited : not just men !! Our guest speaker will be **Rebecca Adams**, director of Pregnancy Choice. This organisation ministers to women of all ages and backgrounds who face an unexpected pregnancy as well as to women who have had abortion. Please join us at **St Thomas More Church, 336 Waiau Rd, Glenfield at 7pm for 7.15 start **Please bring some cash - a collection will be taken for Pregnancy Choice exclusively****

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.

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

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Update from Mary McKillop Retreat Centre.

This message comes tinged with sadness as we grieve the death of Pope Francis. How poignant that he died the day after Easter Sunday - . May he rest in love and peace with his faithful, compassionate God.

How timely that a reflective evening on **Pilgrims of Hope** is being offered by Jill McLoughlin rsj on **Tuesday 6 May at 7pm** in our **Chapel at Mission Bay**. Pope Francis invited us all to celebrate the Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope. This evening will also provide an opportunity to give thanks for Pope Francis' remarkable courage and vision.

Lyndall Brown rsj is offering a reflection day at Mission Bay on the theme **Wisdom of the Body**. This will take place on **Saturday 24th May from 10am – 2pm**. The day will draw on the wisdom from Celtic Spirituality and from the book 'Wisdom of the Body' by Christine Valters Paintner.

Please see the posters on the noticeboard in the foyer for more information.

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 5 June 2025 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Feast Days in the Second Week of Easter

- **Mon 28 April: St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr.** Born in France 1803, did pastoral work there for a few years after ordination, then entered the Marist Society and was sent to Oceania. There was resistance to missionaries at the time, though he did receive a few converts into the faith before being clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in 1841. Patron saint of Oceania.
- **Tues 29 April: St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church.** Born at Siena in 1347. Entered the order of St Dominic. Filled with an active love of God and neighbour, she strove to bring peace to the quarrelling factions and cities of Italy, and to restore the rights of the papacy, in exile in Avignon. A contemplative and ascetic, her writings are remarkable for their spirituality and theology.
- **Wed 30 April: for St Pius V, pope.** Born near Alessandria, Italy, 1504. Entered Dominican Order, made Pope in 1566. He put into practice the reforming decrees of the Council of Trent which ended 1563: in his name the Catechism, Breviary and Missal were promulgated. Encouraged the praying of the Rosary. Died 1572.
- **Thurs 1 May: St Joseph the Worker.** The commemoration of St Joseph the Worker on this day was established by Pius XII in 1955. St Joseph is the patron of all working people.
- **Fri 2 May: St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born Alexandria 295. Attended Council of Nicea in 325 - called to rebut heresy of Arius, which denied the divinity of Christ. Became bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was tireless in combating the heresy. Exiled five times for his persistence. He wrote brilliantly, both in defense of doctrine, and on spiritual matters.
- **Sat 3 May: Sts Philip and James, Apostles.** Philip, born at Bethsaida, was a disciple of John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. James, the son of Alphaeus (not James the brother of John). The Lord appeared to him after the resurrection; he is the writer of one of the Epistles. He belonged to the Church at Jerusalem, and was martyred there in 62AD.

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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 and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

10/5 Elaine Harvey

Counters

27/4 Arthur Whelan &

Frances Downs

4/05 Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

27/4 Sue Story

4/05 Shyrelle & Norrene

Altar Servers

27/4 As available

4/05 Grace Rumble

Chiara Albrecht

Children's Liturgy Leaders

27/4 School holidays, no

Children's Liturgy

5/05 Anna & Will Rumble