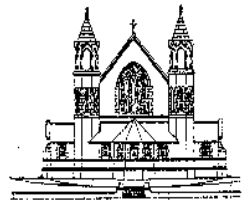




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



APRIL 6TH 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone... Neither do I condemn you.

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

Week Five: Solomon Islands — Caritas partners with the Solomon Islands Association of Vocational and Rural Training Centres (SIAVRTC), which oversees more than 70 rural training centres across the Solomon Islands. These offer vocational training, including agricultural, carpentry, mechanical, financial literacy, sewing, leadership, and life skills; helping to uplift and empower communities in remote areas, equipping local people - especially the youth - with essential skills for a brighter future.



News from Parish Groups :

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 or office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

St Luke's Gardeners Guild have repaired the fence between the parish land and the Council graveyard with timber and netting—a project jointly funded by the Parish and the Council. Thanks to the Guild for the solid work they do every Monday around the motu. The quail chicks are now adults and will soon be starting their own families, thanks to fewer predators.

Columbarium. We are now getting so close to our target for commencing the build, with increasing numbers of niche enquiries from Takapuna parishioners. Please get in touch through the Parish office if you've been delaying your own niche agreement.

EASTER TIMES

Holy Thursday 7.00pm Mass

Good Friday 10.00am Procession of Witness
3.00pm Passion & Veneration of the cross

Holy Saturday 7.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9.30am Easter Mass

Let anyone who is without sin be the first to throw a stone'. Those who live in glass houses cannot afford to throw stones! Today's gospel confronts our willingness to judge others by our own standards and to condemn them as inferior. This is a risky business because one day God may judge us in the same way.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT *The Lord Who Has Wiped Out Our Past Sinfulness*

Isaiah 43:16-21 See, I am doing a good deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Psalms 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Philippians 3:8-14 Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

John 8:1-11 If there is one of you who has not sinned, let them be the first to throw a stone.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY *13 April Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

ENT: Luke 19:28-40 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult — I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Luke 22:14—23:56 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministries	<u>Sat 5 April</u>	<u>Sun 6 April</u>
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Damian Wallace Riaan Blom	Sarah Sparks John Knight
Communion	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Adrienne R, Iain Gillies, Flo Sapa'u
Ministries	<u>Sat 12 April</u>	<u>Sun 13 April</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce-Blom	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Steven Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Kate Kearns Denise O'S.
Communion	Mila Burke Denise Ross	Gabriel S., Pauline Baker, Maryanne O.

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
Fridays: Stations of the Cross

Reminder: Playgroup — last session for this term Tues 8/4 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:

Apr 06: Mary Lee-Richards 1999, Nunzio Arabito 1999, Val Wheldale 2012

Apr 07: Ellen Croll 1921, Edith Glover 1954, Margaret Casey 2010

Apr 08: Pavo Kulas 1998, Winifred Cassidy 2009

Apr 09: Eileen Cossar 2004, Muriel Laloli 1998

Apr 10: Teresa Gilfedder 1911, Val Kearney 2015

Apr 11: James Baker 1936, George Graham 1952

Apr 12: Mary Bernie 1939, Antony Martin 2014

Church Cleaning Bee Help us with some extra cleaning & polishing in the church in readiness for Holy Week and Easter. Next Sat 12/4 10-12 noon
Next Saturday, 12th April, 10am—12pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

RITE 2 (Communal Rite)
(North Shore Parishes)

All at 7.00pm

Tues 8/4 Orewa
Wed 9/4 Mairangi Bay
Thurs 10/4 Northcote
Friday 11/4 Beach

Haven

**Sunday 13 April
Devonport**

From the Diocese

The first edition of our new Catholic Diocese of Auckland newsletter has just been published [www.nzcatholicissue 1](http://www.nzcatholicissue1)

This is a collaboration with the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference communications team. It will be published monthly, with a mix of national and local news. This is a companion publication to New Zealand CathNews published twice a week that combines news and events from both the national and local Church.

Join us for the 17th Annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD!

Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral. 18th of April 2025

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.

Registrations are essential. www.divinemercuryconference2025.co.nz
Pat Barrett 03 359 2087
info@divinemercury.co.nz

Pope Francis: "Indeed, it is precisely in receiving forgiveness from God that we in turn are capable of forgiving others."



Engaged / Planning a wedding? Catholic Diocese of Auckland Approved marriage Preparation Course.

Book your Marriage Preparation Course early– 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings.

Register and Book here

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

For more information contact Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz or Mobile 021 02247442

If you are able to volunteer 4-6 hours per week and willing to train as Marriage Educators, then you are **just the married couple** we are **looking for** to join our Marriage Educators Team. For more information contact Gerry as above.

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* **EASTER FLOWERS — Donations** *
* **please.** *
* Parishioners are invited to contribute towards *
* the cost of fresh flowers for our Holy Week *
* Altar of Repose and the Easter Altar. Please *
* **place donations in basket at church door** or *
* direct credit to: Parish a/c 020100 0120958 *
* 16 (Ref: Flowers). Thank you. *
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Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Lent

- **Mon 7 April: St John Baptist de la Salle, priest.** Born at Rheims, France, 1650; opened his first school for poor children in 1679 in Rheims, later in Paris and Rouen. Formed a religious congregation to carry on the work of Christian education, insisting on a life of poverty, penance and prayer. Died 1719 at Rouen.
- **Fri 11 April: St Stanislaus, bishop & martyr.** Born Poland about 1030, studied in Paris and Liege, became bishop of Cracow in 1071. A pastoral bishop concerned with reform of the clergy and the sanctity of the people; helped the poor and visited the clergy each year. He came into conflict with the king, Boleslav, who had him murdered in 1079.

Chrism Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday 15th 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.

Gerard and Mia Dobbs have volunteered to collect the oils which will be used in our parish , and other parishioners are invited to join them.

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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 this coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers till Easter:

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

12/4 Cleaning Bee

Counters

6/4 Kate Kearins & John Knight

13/4 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

Hospitality

6/4 Annie & Chris

13/4 Shelley & Hyme

Altar Servers

6/4 May Upton, Grace Rumble

13/4 As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

6/4 Catherine & Alice Gillies.

13/4 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy