



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



MAY 18TH 2025 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SOME THING NEW

In our Scripture readings today, Paul and Barnabas put “fresh heart” into Christians all around the Mediterranean; John of Patmos sees the One on the throne saying “Now I am making the whole of creation new”; Jesus, close to the end of his earthly life, gives us a new commandment—love one another.

What fresh green shoots are growing in my life today? What grace do I need to respond?



Property and Finance

The Committee gave its approval to the proposed changes in the columbarium

design and relocation of the proposed accessible access to the east door of the Church.

We discussed health and safety management during the construction of the columbarium. Access to the west side of the church will be restricted while construction is underway. There is likely to be some disruption to use of the church grounds to allow access for the contractor. Disruption will be kept to a minimum.

We agreed to fund a new fridge freezer for the presbytery meeting room for use by parish groups and St Vincet de Paul. Many thanks to parishioners who have generously donated \$595 towards the cost of this project.

Altar Servers

There are only 6 regular servers left on the roster and we value them highly. Young people would be welcome as volunteers., as well as adults who have served previously. Please see Fr Neil.

Today's readings continue the Easter theme of offering hope to those who are suffering, a hope founded on the risen Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The New Creation

Acts 14:21-27 They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Psalm 145: I will praise your name forever, O God my king.

Apocalypse 21:1-5 God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

John 13:31-35 I give you a new commandment, love one another.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25 May

The Radiant Glory of God

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 It has been decided ... not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

Psalm 67: O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

John 14:23-29 The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Ministries	<u>Sat 17 May</u>	<u>Sun 18 May</u>
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Damian Wallace Kath Petrie	Kate Kearins Gerard Dobbs
Communion	Kitt Isidro Janet Monga	Maryanne O., Kate Casey, Monica Duot
Ministries	<u>Sat 24 May</u>	<u>Sun 25 May</u>
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Robert Mannion Steve Burke	Sarah Sparks John Knight
Communion	Lisa Mannion Riaan Blom	Adrienne R., Flo S., Iain Gillies

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

Divine Mercy in the Third Millenium Conference May 23-35.

Rosmini College Auditorium & St Patrick's Cathedral

Keynote Speaker Fr Chris Alar from the USA, - best-selling author and YouTube presenter
Along with other speakers from around the world.
Flyers at the back of the church with full details.

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

- May 19:** Myrtle Temple 1990, Margaret (Margot) Atkins 2007
- May 20:** Cecilia Ure 1991, Gloria Rollin 2004
- May 21:** Kathleen Hennelly 1938, William Kearney 1986
- May 22:** Michael Tierney 1983, Raymond Sandford 2004
- May 23:** George Wynne 1959, Laura Mayo-Gaskill 1994
- May 24:** May Harris 1987, Ramona Chubb 2006, Brendan Meehan 2022

Pentecost Novena Resources Here Now and Next Week

From the Diocese

As one of the initiatives to celebrate 80 years of Pax Christi you are invited to join Bridget Crisp to explore how to find and foster peace in today's complex world. Explore strategies for creating harmony in our personal lives and broader society.

Tuesday 20 May 7.-8.30pm. Register paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com

Leading up to The Ecumenical Week of prayer for Christian Unity there is a

Webinar ZOOM Lecture on 'What is Ecumenism, Its history and relevance today', by Rev Dr Ray Williamson OAM, pastor from Sydney Anglican Church | Tues. 20th May 2025 | 7PM NZT | A must for all Catholics. Email us to register for the webinar louisar@cda.org.nz. For ZOOM meeting visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82580866130> ID: 82580866130

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts.

\$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm Sat 5 July Pompallier Centre, New Street

All details and registration for Details and registration <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/> Registrations essential.

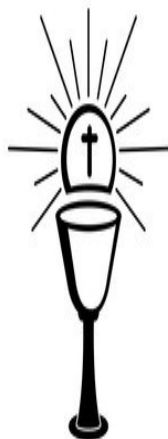
Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. contact: michellej@cda.org.nz by 5 June.

From St Leo's Catholic School



This week in assembly we handed out Manaakitanga Awards to students who continuously show manaakitanga by being kind and caring towards others, using their manners and helping others. It is wonderful to see our school values in action.

We have started our kapa haka lessons with Ngahiwi and Terehia Walker. Tamariki are preparing for the Bayswater Matariki Festival which will be held at Bayswater School on 14 June.



St Leo's will celebrate their Family Mass this term to support those receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist on June 15th at the 9.30 Mass.

Many thanks to Stephen and Paulene for their commitment to the Sacramental preparation programme.

Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Easter

- **Tues 20 May: St Bernadine of Siena, priest.** Born 1380 near Siena, he entered the Friars Minor and was ordained. Journeyed throughout Italy preaching God's mercy. Encouraged devotion to the holy name of Jesus. d 1444.
- **Wed 21 May: St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, martyrs.** Joined in martyrdom by 21 priests and three laymen, all members of the Cristeros Movement, who rebelled against the anti-Catholic govt. of Mexico in the 1920's. Having erected a Seminary at Tatatiche, he secretly spread the Gospel and ministered to people.
- **Thurs 22 May: St Rita of Cascia, religious.** Born at Spoleto, Italy, 1381. Wanted to enter a convent, but was forced into an arranged marriage, which was unhappy as her husband was violent. Rita was always faithful though, and after the death of her husband, and then her two sons, she was admitted to the convent of the Augustinian nuns at Cascia in Umbria. Died in 1457.
- **Sat 25 May: Mary, Help of Christians.** This feast was instituted by Pope Pius VII. It commemorates the many times Our Lady has helped and interceded on behalf of faithful Christians over the years.

Engaged / Planning a wedding?

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Approved marriage Preparation Course.

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

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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 the coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

24/5 Dobbs Family

Counters

18/05 Gabriel Sagripanti +1

25/05 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

18/05 Monika

25/05 Francisca

Altar Servers

18/05 Chiara Albrecht

25/05 Maria Branco

Children's Liturgy Leaders

18/05 Steven Albrecht & Isla

Gillies

25/5 Catherine & Alice

Gillies