



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



MAY 25TH 2025 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Peace I leave you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give. This is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. John 14: 27*

How do we find and foster peace in today's complex world—in our personal lives and in the broader society?

**Prayer and fasting for peace and the relief of suffering of children worldwide.**

Catholics in St Mary's Otaki, moved by confronting images of children in Gaza, invite other Catholics to take part with them in 24 hours prayer and fasting for peace and the relief of children suffering starvation, injury and death due to wars being fought by adults. You are invited to fast from food, or if health excludes food fast, fasting from another activity on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May and to pray for peace in all places of conflict. You may choose to donate to Caritas the amount you will not pay for food that day. They suggest praying "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us" or the Litany of the Saints .



**Property and Finance**

There will be a Fire Evacuation practice at the 9.30 Mass next Sunday, June 1st. This is part of our Health and Safety policy.

**St Vincent de Paul**

Parishioners have been very generous already including donations for the purchase of a fridge that we can use. However, there are new families in need all the time and with winter coming on it will be getting tougher for some. Can you help by donating food staples, cleaning products or toiletries?

**Parish Council.**

We have our regular meeting this coming Tuesday, May 27th, including a discussion on what would make our liturgies more participative and inculturated. Please feel free to contribute to the discussion, either in person to Council members, or by email to [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**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.

Many people today find change difficult. It was the same in the early church. The change from a Jewish church to a church that was prepared to welcome all caused much anguish, and one of the main issues of disagreement was that of conditions of membership. Today's readings give some insight into how the early church leaders handled this.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** *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.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** — *Christ's Eternal Glory* 1 June

**Acts 1:1-11** He was lifted up while they looked on.

**Psalm 47:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Ephesians 1:17-23** He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

**Luke 24:46-53** As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

Ministries	Sat 24 May	Sun 25 May
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Robert Mannion Steve Burke	Sarah Sparks John Knight
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Mannion Riaan Blom	Adrienne R., Flo S., Iain Gillies
Ministries	Sat 31 May	Sun 1 June
<b>Welcome</b>	Natalie Williams	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Nicky Witham Blackwell	Kate Kearins Denise O'S.
<b>Communion</b>	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	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 Discussion Group 7 pm. Meeting Room

Fr. Neil will be away from Monday-Friday next week, at Priests' Formation days in Whangarei. There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday 28 and Friday 30th May.

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

**May 26:** Catherine Boate 1954, Norman Crombie 1962, Norman Barnett 2009

**May 27:** James Simmonds 1954, Benjamin Steklin 1994, Jan Corbett 2010

**May 28:** Frances Woods 1993

**May 29:** Jerome Beehan 1891, Munro Jones 1990

**May 30:** Marjorie Orr 2000, Gabrielle Barnett 2020

**May 31:** Edward Harvey 1946, Edna Mulqueeny 1981

The next meeting of Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will be held on **Wed 28 May** at St Thomas More Church Hall, Glenfield at 7.15pm. We invite all men to the meeting for prayer and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

## From the Diocese

### The Ecumenical Day of prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday

1 June 2025 | 7:00PM at the Anglican St Lukes Church in Mt Albert. Refreshments afterwards.

**Jubilee Bursary** Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz) by 5 June.

### VACANCY – DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC

**ENQUIRY CENTRE:** For over 60 years, the Catholic Enquiry Centre has helped thousands of people explore the Catholic faith and, in many cases, become Catholic. An agency of the Bishops Conference, the Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. Please send expressions of interest to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by June 6. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly

### Masterclass for Young Leaders | 3:00pm 28 June 2025

Auckland Youth Ministry promotes this event designed to equip, empower, and energize young people for ministry. Practical tools, spiritual nourishment, two workshops and an opportunity to connect with other young leaders, followed by a delicious free dinner, and an evening of worship and adoration

Note: Due to limited space, workshop spots will fill up quickly. See Parish Secretary if interested 445 0078

## From St Leo's Catholic School Celebrating Support Staff

This week we celebrated Support Staff Day and took time to thank the amazing people who help our school run smoothly every day. A huge thank you to Renee, Dom, Tania, and Hervie for all the care, dedication, and hard work you bring to St Leo's. We are so grateful for everything you do for our tamariki, staff, and whānau — you truly are the heart of our school!



### Pro-Life Facts - respecting & cherishing life at every stage.

Many Christians would agree that the Right to Life is the foundation of all rights and that every human being is of infinite value to God. They may be troubled by euthanasia and abortion but unsure what they can do personally. They can advocate for pro-life policies by contacting legislators or contribute financially to provide baby supplies to families in need.

They can also support hospice shops by donating or shopping there, to help sustain palliative care as a viable and compassionate option for New Zealanders.

## Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Easter

- **Mon 26 May: St Philip Neri, priest.** Born in Florence 1515, spent most of his life in Rome. A man of the Renaissance, yet truly Christian: he enjoyed discussion; worked for the sick, the poor, prisoners; a man of prayer devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. Ordained in 1551, he formed the Oratory in which services of spiritual reading and singing were held. His Christianity was full of joy and vigour.
- **Tues 27 May: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop.** 605.
- **Thurs 29 May: St Paul VI. pope.**
- **Sat 31 May: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Mary set out for the hill country of Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself with child Luke 1:39-56).

**Sunday June 1 is World Communications Day and the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**



Many thanks to those women and men who provide hospitality after Sunday Mass. The chance to gather for a cuppa and enjoy the home baking or biscuits is a real gift to the parish and a chance to share our stories. Thanks also to Alessandro for the donated coffee—support him at his espresso shop at Kings' Store on Lake Road (opposite Old Lake Road).

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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**

**Liturgy of Word & Communion 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

7/6 Anne Feeney

### **Counters**

25/05 Denise & Karl

1/06 Maria & Jeremy

### **Hospitality**

25/05 Francisca

1/06 Yem Braid

### **Altar Servers**

25/05 Maria Branco

1/06 Grace Rumble, Bella  
Albrecht

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders**

25/5 Catherine & Alice

Gillies

1/06 Anna & Will Rumble