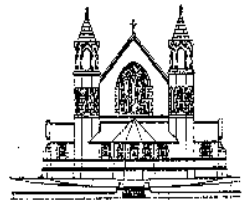
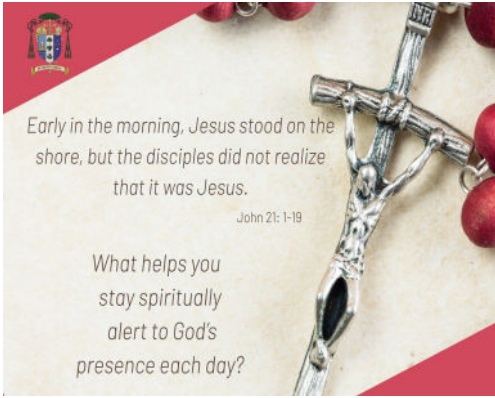




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MAY 4TH 2025 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



God of resurrection, you who listened to the needs of those at the edges, visit us with your revitalising peace and energy for community and mission. We ask this through Christ, alive among us, and the Holy Spirit.

Tony Alonso



Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture.

-  An Evening with Tony Alonso
Thursday 29 May 6.30pm
St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei
Koha \$10.00
-  A Conversation with Tony Alonso
Friday 30 May 8.00pm
Pomfrierer Diocesan Centre with drinks and nibbles
\$20.00
-  Workshop with Tony Alonso
Saturday 31 May 1.30 – 4.00pm
Bancroft College Auditorium, Victoria St, Koha
-  A Concert with Tony Alonso
Saturday 31 May 6.30pm
Bancroft College Auditorium, Victoria St, \$10.00



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Parish Council

We spent some time in prayerful discussion of synodality in our Parish. As a Council we are

listening - please help us to celebrate the good things that are happening in our Parish and to discern what needs there are to be answered.

- A change is proposed to the disabled access . Drawings and information will be available after Masses this weekend and we would like to hear your views.
- Your feedback on liturgies is always welcome, to enable us to celebrate together more actively and meaningfully.
- Material for a novena leading up to Pentecost (8 June) will shortly be available at the back of the church.
- We will be buying a fridge-freezer to replace the small one in the Meeting Room, for use by parish groups and the SVDP. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this please use the St Francis Devonport account 02-0108-0706881-00 ref. Fridge. Cash donations will be collected next weekend after Masses.

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..

The next coffee meeting will be May 8th Thursday 10am at 2 Patuone Ave Kathy's phone 0212124914. All welcome.

This is the paradox of the paschal mystery. The one who was rejected has thrown open the gates of heaven. The one who died in weakness has been raised in power. The one who was pinned to the cross has unlocked the wellspring of mercy. An inexhaustible mystery — no wonder the Church takes fifty days to explore it.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *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 also the fish.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *11 May The Lamb Will Be Our Shepherd*

Day of Prayer For Vocations

Acts 13:14,43-52 We must turn to the pagans.

Psalm 100: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to the springs of living water.

John 10:27-30 I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

Ministries	Sat 3 May	Sun 4 May
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Anne Gibson
Readers	Kath Petrie Riaan Blom	Denise O'S Ben Upton
Communion	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Kate Casey, Iain G. Adrienne Ramskill
Ministries	Sat 10 May	Sun 11 May
Welcome	Shawn Peace-Blom	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Steve Burke Nicky Witham-Blackwell	Nevil Gibson Mary Lyttleton
Communion	Denise Ross Mila Burke	Francisca K., Pauline Baker, Gabriel S.

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

From Jubilee Jottings, suggestions for the Church at home:
 Write sentence starters on slips of paper, and randomly draw one to begin a faith conversation eg
 If I could ask Jesus one question right now, I would ask...
 If God wrote a text message to the world, it would say ...
 The hardest part about being a Christian this week was...

Please pray for those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
May 04: Stephanie Cameron 1999
May 05: John Rigg 1979, Owen Doble 1995, Frances Smith 2020
May 06: William Harkins 1927
May 07: Rose Hogan 1956, Warwick Cooper 1983
May 08: James Coleman 1908, Vincent Canavera 1943
May 09: Elizabeth King 1947, John Heaton 1952
May 10: Rod Pedersen 2002, Florence Gainsford 2004, Mary McFadden 2022
In these days of mourning, let us pray for Pope Francis

Saturday May 10 at 6pm
Miha Māori Mass
 Wharekarakia
 College Rd (Hato Petera)



All are warmly invited to a celebration of Eucharist in te reo Maori.

From the Diocese

Solemn Requiem Mass for Pope

Francis at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, Sunday, 4 May at 6.00pm, which will be live-streamed beginning 15 minutes before the Mass at the following link

https://youtube.com/live/DI-RNOA_hQQ?feature=share. All are invited to join in prayer and remembrance

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

Praying For The Conclave: New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at www.catholic.org.nz

The May edition of the NZCBC Auckland Diocese newsletter is now available as well as Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/NZ-Catholic-Issue-2.pdf> as is the latest edition of Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MAY-2025-Jubilee->

From St Leo's Catholic School

Welcome back to Term 2. We especially welcome three new students who have settled in beautifully in our new transition classroom. We also welcome Anna Rumble, who is running this for four weeks this term.

We held a special liturgy to honour the life and legacy of **Pope Francis** following his recent passing. It

was a time of prayer, remembrance, and thanksgiving for his compassionate leadership, deep commitment to social justice, and powerful call to

care for creation and serve the most vulnerable. As a faith community, we came together in aroha and gratitude to reflect on the values Pope Francis lived by and the example he leaves us. It was a meaningful opportunity for our tamariki and whānau to celebrate his life and remember his enduring message of love, hope, and unity.



Feast Days in the Third Week of Easter

- **Sat 10 May:** for **St John de Ávila** (1499-1569), priest and doctor of the Church. John was a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author, and religious mystic. He is called the "Apostle of Andalusia", for his extensive ministry in that region. Canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI.

Next Sunday (11th May), **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, is **Good Shepherd Sunday** — A Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

There will be a **Special Collection next week for the Seminary**. The money collected will help pay the tuition fees of Auckland students for the priesthood.

Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door.

Fr Neil will be away during this coming week. There will be Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday and Friday at noon. If a priest is needed urgently during this week, please contact Takapuna Presbytery 09 4896338.

FLAX WEAVING WEEKEND

10am on Saturday May 10 and 9.30am on Sunday May 11.

Beginners' course kono / small kete
159 Bayswater Ave, in the Hall. \$45 Co-ordinator Jan Mason can be contacted via email at janindevo@gmail.com
Please email in advance.

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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

Liturgies of the Word and Communion this coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

10/5 Elaine Harvey

24/5 Dobbs Family

Counters

4/05 Alix & Bill Hooper

11/05 Denise & Karl

Hospitality

4/05 Shyrelle & Norrene

11/05 Maria

Altar Servers

4/05 Grace Rumble

Chiara Albrecht

11/05 Rosemary Dobbs

Children's Liturgy Leaders

5/05 Anna & Will Rumble

11/05 Mary-Jane & Millie
Lendich