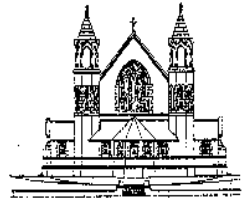




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2026: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**

**Hear the voice, answer the call  
Putting Compassion Into Action**

During Lent, New Zealand’s Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to this Appeal by using the envelopes provided; you have the option of donating weekly (as an act of penance perhaps) or making a one-off single donation.

Caritas is encouraging people to donate on-line or by direct deposit, to reduce costs and make the processing of donations faster. To find out more, or to donate, visit: [caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give](http://caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give)

**Week One: Cambodia** - Caritas partners with Cambodia Development Partnership in Action (DPA) to assist families living with poverty to manage their debts and establish more stable markets for their produce, improving their security and well-being.

**Prayer:** *E te Atua, in our wilderness times, may we draw strength from your Word. When our inner voices or temptations of the world distract us from our mission, may we attune ourselves to the faithful voice of God. Āmēne*

THE PILLARS OF  
*Lent*



- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving



**A LENTEN FAST**

- Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

*(From Pope Francis, 2017)*

The season of Lent is a gift. It offers us time and space to stand back and look at the big picture ... of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission among us. Our guides on the way are the great story-tellers of the Old Testament, the dynamic preacher Paul, and above all Jesus himself via the evangelists Matthew and John.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB - *Christ, the Second Adam*

**Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7** The creation and sin of our first parents.

**Psalm 51: Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**Romans 5:12-19** However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

**Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus fasted for forty days and the tempter came.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** 1<sup>ST</sup> Mar *Our Transfigured Lord*

**Genesis 12:1-4** The call of Abraham, the father of God's people

**Psalm 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10** God calls and enlightens us.

**Matthew 17:1-9** His face shone like the sun.

**Ministries** Sat 21 February

**Welcome** Kath Petrie  
**Readers** Robert Mannion  
 Steve Burke

**Communion** Lisa Mannion  
 Riaan Blom

Sun 22 February

Anne Gibson  
 Ben Upton  
 Mary Lyttleton  
 Adrienne Ramskill  
 Gabriel Sagrapanti  
 Maryanne Offner

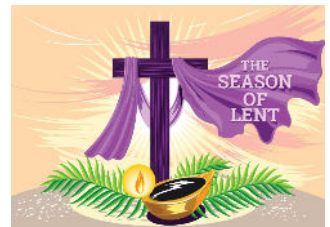
**Ministries** Sat 28 February

**Welcome** Shawn Blom  
**Readers** Robert Mannion  
 Steve Burke

**Communion** Kevin & Kasey Isidro

Sun 1 March

Greg Shanahan  
 Kate Kearins  
 Nevil Gibson  
 Gabriel Sagripanti  
 Monica Duot  
 Vimi Chandra



**Stations of the Cross**

**Each Friday at 7 pm**

**All Welcome**

[Weekday prayer groups](#)

**Rosary Group:**

Monday at 6pm in the Church



**Meditative Prayer:**

Monday 6.30 pm in meeting room

**Scripture Study Group:**

Wednesday 7pm in meeting room.

**We remember in prayer those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Feb 23:** Alice Lunn 1948, Ellen Clarke 1987

**Feb 24:** Jessie Jobber 1939, Margaret Hollis 1959

**Feb 25:** Wendy Durrant 1947, Jocelyn Lobendhan 1984,  
 Sr Muriel Shallue rsm 2022

**Feb 27:** John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942

**Feb 28:** Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004

**Feb 29:** Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968

**Mar 01:** Thomas Sothern 1978, Brendan Farrell 2008

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown

St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation.

When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera **Poster in foyer**

### Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland

THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Expect incredible keynotes from the Catholic speakers, practical breakout sessions, and in addition to practical, comprehensive training, you will experience community and personal spiritual renewal.

Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve and train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa's 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: [https://](https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention)

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### MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

Our 2026 parish mid-week Mass rosters have 3 vacancies which urgently need filling: Wednesday noon Mass needs a **Minister of the Eucharist** to be a backup person when Janet is unavailable.

Friday noon mass needs a Minister of the Eucharist to be a backup person when Flo is unavailable.

**Altar linen laundry:** one additional person to share this role with Maria. Training available. Contact: Eileen Pearce

## St LEO'S SCHOOL

### BURNING OF THE PALMS LITURGY



Last Tuesday, our school gathered for the meaningful tradition of the Burning of the Palms. Together, we prayerfully burned last year's blessed palms, preparing the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday.



This simple but powerful ritual reminds us of the journey from celebration to reflection, from the joy of Palm Sunday to the call to renewal in Lent. It was wonderful to see our students participate reverently and deepen their understanding of

this important part of our Catholic faith.

## CATHOLICISM

Home viewing of the series presented by Bishop Robert Baron at Elizabeth and Alan Light's home 2/3 Ariho Terrace at 7pm - Phone 021 158 9306 Episode 6: 26<sup>th</sup> February

## INVITATION



On the last Wednesday of each month several of us who attend noon Mass go to a cafe for coffee or lunch. This month we will be at the cafe next to the Naval Museum by Torpedo Bay and warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us.

## World Day of Prayer - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria, and will be held at the Devonport Methodist Church. If you can help in the preparation, please ring Kath 021 620805.

## Feast Days in the First Week of Lent

- **Mon 23 Feb:** for **St Polycarp, bishop and martyr**. Bishop of Smyrna in the second century, a disciple of the apostle John. Polycarp was martyred in Smyrna in 155 AD.
- **Fri 27 Feb:** **St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**. Widely venerated in the Armenian Church. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 2015 and inscribed on the Church Calendar as an Optional Memorial by Pope Francis in 2021. Born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. He became an abbot, priest and teacher of theology. Most famous for his work, "The Book of Lamentations," more commonly known as "The Book of Narek", a collection of ninety-five prayers which remains relevant and in use to this day.

### **PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME** 25 September to 17 October 2026

Fatima – Salamanca – Burgos - Lourdes – Paris Venice - Padua – Assisi - Rome

Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. Details from Laura Yap 021 390 055

or [laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz)



**Joshua**—Catholic's Men's Fellowship will meet next Wednesday 25th February. Presenter Fr Glen Lowe SDB. Join them for an inspiring evening of brotherhood, faith and encouragement. At St Thomas More Church, Glenfield. 7pm Fellowship 7.30 Praise & Worship. All men welcome.

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**Parish Bank Account: [BNZ 02-0108- 0706881-000](#)**

**St Leo's Catholic School:** (09) 445-9339 [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)

**St Leo's Catholic School Principal:** Vimi Chandra

**Proprietor's Reps:** Julia Strickett, Anna Rumble, Paulene Walsh

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm,  
Tuesdays 10am to 1pm. Closed Wednesdays.

#### Masses next weekend

Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

#### Masses during the coming week

**Wednesday and Friday at 12pm**

**Lent Season - Station of the Cross - each Friday 7pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5pm

### MINISTRY REMINDERS

**Flowers** Sue Story

#### Counters

22/2 Denise O'Shaughnessy &  
Karl Stolberger

01/3 Kate Kearins & John  
Knight

#### Hospitality

22/2 Zoe and Scott

01/3 Geraldine

#### Altar Servers

22/2 May Upton & Reuben  
Takuira

01/3 Bella Albrecht, Grace  
Rumble, Levente Ven

#### Children's Liturgy Leaders

22/2 Julia Strickett & Alice  
Gillies

01/3 Stephen Albrecht, Isla  
Gillies

#### **More volunteers welcome**

Please contact parish