

Feast Days in The Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 10 Feb: St Scholastica, virgin.** Born at Norcia in Umbria in the late 5th Century, the sister of St Benedict. She consecrated herself to God in early childhood, and lived near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino.
- **Wed 11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes.** The appearance of the Immaculate Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 near Lourdes in France was a call to penance and prayer, which has found particular expression in the service of the sick and disabled.
- **Sat 14 Feb: Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop.** Cyril and Methodius were brothers, born in Salonika about 825 and educated at Constantinople. They translated the bible, and liturgical texts, into the Slavonic language. Cyril died in Rome this day in 869. Methodius was made bishop and spent many years preaching in Hungary, despite resistance and hostility. He died in 885.

New Parish Office hours from February 2nd 2026

Mon 10am -2pm, Tue 10am -1pm, Wed Closed, Thu 10am - 2pm, Fri 10am - 2pm

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Tuesdays 10am to 1pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Masses next weekend

Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers Sue Story

Counters

8/2 Alix & Bill Cooper

15/2 Gabriel Sagripanti

Phil Lawrence

Hospitality

8/2 Fiona & Mark Brunton

15/2 Maria & Jeremy

Altar Servers

8/2 Levente Ven, Declan &

Reuben Takuira

15/2 Levente Ven, Rosemary

Dobbs, & Beth Cairney

Children's Liturgy Leaders

8/2 Mary Jane & Millie

Lendich

15/2 Julia Strickett & Alice

Gillies

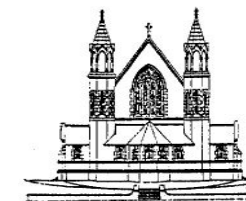
More volunteers welcome.

Please contact parish

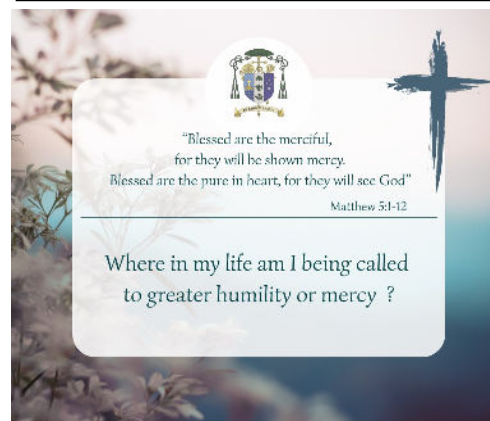
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FEBRUARY 8TH 2026: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Pope Francis

Parish Membership Registration

Our parish family is growing. If you are a new (or new-ish) member of our community of St Francis de Sales & All Souls, please be sure to fill in a registration form, which helps us to know who you are. Forms are available on the table at church door; or you can do this online:

<https://devonportcatholic.org.nz/parish-registration/>

Also, please let us know if you would like to be included on the list for the weekly email; you can do this online, or email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Programme for 2026

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins on Sunday 8th March at 3.30pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION** will take place in the second school term, and be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Lowe on Sunday 7th June at 9.30am Mass.

The minimum age level for the programme is Year 4 and above.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door, or download from parish website:

www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacramental

For further information, please phone Stephen Bell 021 0608561, or email

stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz

From Matthew's gospel, in these weeks before Lent, we hear extracts from the Sermon on the Mount. It is generally accepted that Matthew shaped much of his gospel around five 'speeches', which appear to parallel the five books of the Torah attributed to Moses. Jesus, Matthew suggests, is a new Moses who offers teaching that both fulfils and goes far beyond the original Torah.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *Christ's Church: A Light in the Darkness*

Isaiah 58:7-10 Then will your light shine light the dawn.

Psalms 112: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1Corinthians 2:1-5 During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.

Matthew 5:13-16 You are the light of the world

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 15 FEB *The Law of Christ*

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Psalms 119: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1Corinthians 2:6-10 God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

Matthew 5:17-35 You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

Matthew 5:13-16 You are the light of the world.

Ministries	Sat 7 February	Sun 8 February
Welcome	Steve Burke	Anne Gibson
Readers	Damian Wallis Kath Petrie	Nevil Gibson Yem Braid
Communion	Riaan Blom Denise Ross	Monica Duot Iain Gillies Francisca K.
Ministries	Sat 14 February	Sun 15 February
Welcome	Shawn Pearce Blom	Marty Willetts
Readers	Riaan Blom Nicky Blackwell	Kate & Kearins Denise O'Shaughnessy
Communion	Kevin & Kasey Isidro	Vimi Chandra Flo Sapa'u Pauline Baker

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

Feb 9: Margaret Walsh 1948, John Curtayne 1978, Albert Moore 1978, John Walsh 1993

Feb 10: Leo Hogan 1925, Edward Duxfield 1975, Neeltje Hillenaar de Graaf 2019

Feb 11: Christopher Whelan 1982, Andrew McAlpine 1993 Dominic Sumicz-Clark 2000

Feb 12: Kim Bronlund 1983

Feb 13: Thomas Weight 1944, Mollie Farrell 2003, Mervyn James O'Connor 2012

Feb 14: Thomas Harkins 1929, Eric Charnley 2011, Ian Grant 2012 Angela Faulkner 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th Feb



Please return any palms you have from last year's Passion Sunday.

They will be burned to make the ashes. There is a box at church door for them.

Ash Wednesday Mass times: **12.00pm and 7.00pm**

[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.

From the Diocese

Mission Hub – Sharing Your Story: Testimony That Transforms

Our lives are full of moments where God's presence quietly guides, comforts, and inspires us. Sharing these experiences can uplift others, strengthen faith, and spark hope.

In collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre, is gathering online for Sharing Your Story - Testimony That Transforms. Join us to reflect on how telling our stories with honesty and humility can encourage others on their spiritual journey.

Monday 16 February - 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time) Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion **Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/february16webinar> see poster in foyer**

2026 Theology of the Body Courses and Prayer Retreats

Course 1: Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and the hope of infinite bliss in Christ.

Dates: **Sat 21 and Sun 22 Feb.**

Course 2: NEW Beginners TOB course – Called to Holiness - LIVE – 4-talk series.

Sat 28 March (ONE DAY only)

All adults 20 years + are welcome. To register visit: theologyofthebody.nz

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 eve beginning **3rd**

March 2026 Time: 7 to 8:30pm at St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera

St Leo's Catholic School - Beginning of the Year

As we begin a new school year, St Leo's Catholic School warmly welcomes our students and families back and extends a special welcome to those who are new to our community, including our international students.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cleasby to our teaching team this year. We know she will be a valued part of our school and parish community, and we look forward to the gifts and experience she brings to our students' learning.

Our school theme for 2026 is Tūrangawaewae, a place where we belong. Throughout the year, this theme will guide our learning, prayer, and relationships as we support each child to feel known, valued, and confident in who they are, grounded in faith and connected to our school and parish whānau.

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
Ep 4: 12th; Ep 5: 19th Feb; Ep 6: 26th Feb

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

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