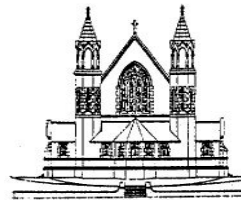
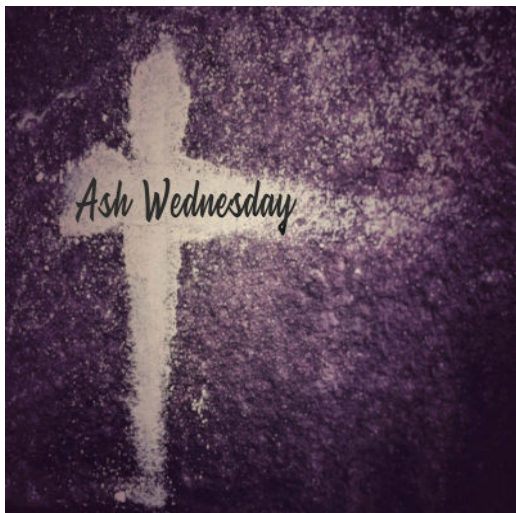




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FEBRUARY 15TH 2026: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**

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.

This year, 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:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

**BLESSING OF NEW COLUMBARIUM**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 9.00am**

Bishop Steve Lowe will join us next Sunday to preside at the blessing and opening ceremony for our brand new Columbarium. We will be joined by a number of invited guests, who have helped build and fund the Columbarium. After the Blessing, we will process in for celebration of Eucharist; the first Sunday of Lent - followed by hospitality outside the church or in the Hall if the weather is bad.

Parishioners are kindly asked to bring a plate to help cater for the visitors.

Please join us for this momentous occasion.

**The Season of LENT**

**Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

- 'Ordinary Time' is interrupted until after the Easter season.
- Lent is a season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. It is a time for renewing faith, hope and love. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter. Celebrations take account of this spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple or absent.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting and abstinence.

**Ash Wednesday Mass: 12.00pm, 7.00pm**

**Stations of the Cross: Each Friday, 7.00pm**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Day of Prayer for Victims**

Gospel living is uncompromising and calls for complete integrity of life. It is not enough to be outwardly good and religious; our inmost thought and feelings must be thoroughly purified as well. This teaching of Jesus is complemented today by wisdom ancient and new. The author of Ecclesiasticus invites us to choose between life and death, and Paul offers the Corinthians the mysterious wisdom that is now revealed by the Spirit who alone knows the depths of God. Together they offer encouragement.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** *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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** 22 FEB *Christ, the Second Adam*

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

**Psalms 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.

**Ministries** **Sat 14 February**  
**Welcome** Shawn Pearce Blom  
**Readers** Riaan Blom  
 Nicky Blackwell  
**Communion** Kevin & Kasey Isidro

**Sun 15 February**  
 Marty Willetts  
 Kate & Kearins  
 Denise O'Shaughnessy  
 Vimi Chandra  
 Flo Sapa'u  
 Pauline Baker

**Ministries** **Sat 21 February**  
**Welcome** Kath Petrie  
**Readers** Robert Mannion  
 Steve Burke  
**Communion** Lisa Mannion  
 Riaan Blom

**Sun 22 February**  
 Greg Shanahan  
 Ben Upton  
 Mary Lyttleton  
 Adrienne Ramskill  
 Gabriel Sagrapanti  
 Maryanne Offner

**LENT & EASTER CATHOLIC RESOURCES**



Prepare for Lent and Easter with great Catholic resources at the **St Joseph's Gift Shop**. New location in Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany. Visit [www.stjosephscentre.co.nz](http://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz) to see their Lent and Easter Catalogue. 09 489 5613 | 0221392093

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

- Feb 15:** Philip Carrigan 2000, Frances Jagusch 2008
- Feb 16:** Jack Aggett 2024
- Feb 18:** Emily Hughes 1941, Margaret Clark 1949, Ivy Sotheran 2012, Toni Laloli 2017
- Feb 19:** Alvin Josef 1944, Benjamin Santa Ana 2025
- Feb 21:** Robert Crawford 1987
- Feb 22:** Augusta McCallum, Anna Sinclair 1962

[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

**Ash Wednesday** “turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion” (Joel 2:12 from Ash Wednesday). Join in these short Zoom sessions through Lent: wake and pray, daily meditation 6.15am; Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm reading Pope Leo’s “Dilexi Te” – his teaching on compassion for the poor; Saturdays 7-7.40pm reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. In interested please contact Dianne [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

*Please refer to all Diocesan posters in foyer for all upcoming events*

## PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The PFC met on 10 February. Parish collections for January were \$10k. A third of the collections go to the Diocese for the support of the clergy. Operating and maintenance costs for the Church and Presbytery were \$18k. Over the year Parish income will fully cover operating costs. The Hall made a \$2k in fees. Columbarium sales were \$15k. Stage 1 of the Columbarium is complete and was fully funded by niche sales.

January 2026	Parish	Hall	Columb
Total collections	10		
Other income	1	2	15
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
Support for clergy	-3		
Expenses	-18		-3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

Mike Simpson attended to discuss plans for this year’s maintenance program which includes further repairs to the Church and Presbytery, upgrading the Presbytery bathroom, and shade outside the meeting room. Time and funds permitting we will look at starting a refurbishment of the Church interior.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR 2026

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION’S SECOND** session will be Sunday 15th 3.30-5pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION** will take place in the second school term, and be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Lowe on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz/sacramental)

**Please be sure to enrol your child by the end of February.**

For further information, please phone Stephen Bell 021 0608 561, or [stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

## 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.

## 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 [eileenpearce1@gmail.com](mailto:eileenpearce1@gmail.com) or 021 0822 4744

## 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 5: 19<sup>th</sup> Feb; Ep 6: 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

## Feast Days in The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tues 17 Feb: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.** Seven laymen of the city of Florence in the mid-13th Century, renounced the world and lived as hermits on Monte Senario. They had a particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; they spent themselves in the care of others and in preaching throughout Tuscany. The Order of Servites was founded by those who came to follow them: first recognized in 1304.
- **Weds 18 Feb: ASH WEDNESDAY.** Penitence is an essential part of the Christian life, for none of us can measure up to the tremendous vocation that is ours as Christians. We are in constant need of the mercy and forgiveness of God. Today we express this by taking part in an impressive corporate act of penitence & reconciliation, beseeching God for the grace to use with profit the 'favourable time' (Lent) of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passover feast. Joel 2:12-18, Ps 51, 2Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Sat 21 Feb: for St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born at Ravenna in 1007, Peter Damian became a hermit at Fonte Avellana. Strove to remove the abuses, which had overtaken the church in feudal times, by his writings and example of austere living. Was made Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He died in 1072.

"Ash Wednesday is full of joy..... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust." — Fr Thomas Merton

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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**

**Ash Wednesday 18th February 12pm and 7pm**

**Friday 12 noon and Station of the Cross 7pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm**

## **Ministry Reminders**

**Flowers** Sue Story

### **Counters**

15/2 Gabriel Sagripanti

Phil Lawrence

22/2 Denise O'Shaughnessy

& Karl Stolberger

### **Hospitality**

15/2 Maria & Jeremy

22/2 Zoe and Scott

### **Altar Servers**

15/2 Levente Ven,

22/2 May Upton & Reuben

Takuiria

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

15/2 Anna & Will Rumble

22/2 Julia Strickett & Alice

Gillies

### **More volunteers welcome**

Please contact parish

secretary 09 445 0078