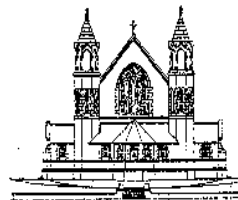
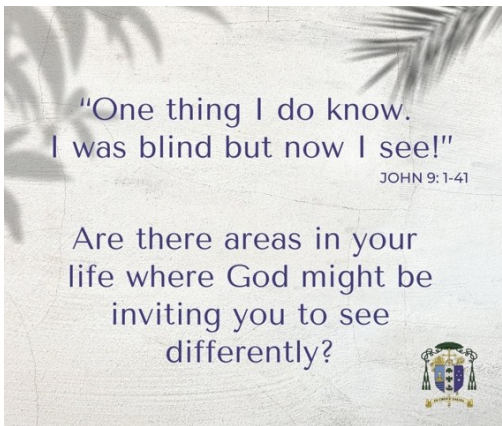




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
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**MARCH 15TH 2026: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**The Season of LENT**  
Stations of the Cross: Each Friday, 7.00pm

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION RITE II**  
Devonport Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm

Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mairangi Bay	7pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Orewa	7pm
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Devonport	7pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Takapuna	7pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Glenfield	7pm
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Northcote	7pm
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Beach Haven	7pm

**HOLY WEEK**  
**EASTER LITURGIES**

**PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH:** Blessing of the Palm Sat 5pm & Sun 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL :** Noon weekly mass

**HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL:**

- ◆ 7pm Evening mass of the Lord's last supper

**GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL:**

- ◆ 10am Ecumenical procession beginning at Windsor Reserve
- ◆ 3 pm Veneration of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL:**

- ◆ 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL:**

- ◆ 9.30am mass

**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**  
**Hear the voice, answer the call**  
**Putting Compassion Into Action**

Lent Appeal Envelopes are available at

**Week Four: Papua New Guinea** — Since 2014, Caritas Oceania has documented people's stories of environmental loss and damage to take them to decision-makers, to make their voice heard. When Brother Solomon MSC was growing up in the 1980s in Central Province, Papua New Guinea, his school and church were 100 metres inland. By 2024, the sea reached the village and cemetery. Their church collapsed into the sea in 2025, and the whole village moved further inland; the former village site is now completely under water. Brother Solomon wants people's eyes to be opened. "We would like the world to continue on its awareness and efforts on climate change. Climate change is real and we are asking people to help us."

We have arrived at the mid-point of our Lenten journey. The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday, which comes from the first word (in Latin) of the Entrance Antiphon for today: "Rejoice!" The increasing boldness of the man born blind challenges us to have the courage of our convictions, to be seen and known as followers of Jesus Christ, and bearing the light of Christ for the world.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**      15 March *Our Shepherd - King in This Valley of Darkness*

**Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13** David is anointed king of Israel.

**Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Ephesians 5:8-14** Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

**John 9:1-41** The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**      22 March *Our Shepherd-King in This Valley of Darkness*

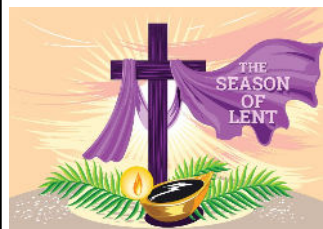
**Ezekiel 37:12-14** I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Romans 8:8-11** The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

**John 11:1-45** I am the resurrection and the life.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b><u>Sat 14 March</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 15 March</u></b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sarah Menzies	Vimi Chandra Principal
<b>Readers</b>	Riaan Blom Steve Burke	James Horner - Yr6 Greg Morrogh - DRS
<b>Communion</b>	Janet Monga Denise Ross	Francisca Knottenbelt Pauline Baker Monica Duot
<b>Ministries</b>	<b><u>Sat 21 March</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 22 March</u></b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Steve Burke	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Mannion Nicky Witham Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton Ben Upton
<b>Communion</b>	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill Flo Sapa'u 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:**

- Mar 15:** Philip Bowden 1917, Frances Jagusch 2008
- Mar 16:** Ngaire Brash 1980, John Fleming 1984
- Mar 17:** James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003  
Dorothy Parker 2005, Carolyn Bonnie Kirby 2019
- Mar 19:** Julie McCarthy 1951, Agnes Munro 1990
- Mar 20:** Raymond Reynolds 1997, Kathleen O'Leary-Pace 2005
- Mar 21:** Clarence Alesy 1984
- Mar 22:** Alice Boylan 1934

### FROM THE DIOCESE

**The Upper Room | Wednesday 18 March 2026 at Good George Mission Bay.** The Upper Room is a night of formation and fellowship for young adults. Guest speaker James Bergin. Topic: 'Digital Integrity'; how one can be authentically Catholic in an artificial digital world. \$10 tickets Register here; <https://events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-march-2026> or see Poster in foyer

**RESHAPING - Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am -12.30pm at Pompallier Centre, Poynton Room.

Parish counsellors and other parish leaders are invited to attend. Please visit the Diocesan website to register. Each attendee needs to register separately.

**Lent Reflection at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay** Tue 24 March, Lenten Reflection with Dianna Fouhy and Tue **28 April**, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg. Poster in foyer.

**Chrim Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.00pm** At this mass, the sacred oils are blessed and consecrated. These oils are used in parishes for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick. **Members of our church are invited to attend this Mass to collect the oils to be used in our parish.** If you would like to volunteer for this 'mission', please let office know.



**Baptisms** - Today we will be welcoming 2 children into church. They are Rowan Alfie Takuira and Amelia Elizabeth Fontinha Frith.

### FROM ST LEO'S SCHOOL St Clare Visits the Nursery



The St Clare class recently enjoyed a wonderful visit to the local nursery, where they learned about native plants and the important role they play in caring for our environment. A special thank you to Lance, who generously shared his knowledge and guided the students through the nursery. He taught us about a variety of native plants and helped the children plant their own seedlings. It was a hands-on, memorable experience that helped our students deepen their understanding of stewardship and care for God's creation.

### School - Parish Picnic & Beach Clean-up

All are welcome to join the school-parish picnic and beach clean-up at Windsor Reserve straight after today's mass. Please bring gardening gloves for picking up rubbish and



**Safeguarding** - Online Workshop Thursday, 19 March, 7-8.30pm. For more information and to receive Microsoft Teams Online Link Contact Lisa-May Gray: Ph 09 360 3019 or email [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz). Poster in foyer

**De Paul House plea for donation** - If you have any spare blankets and towels to donate. Please leave them in children's room for collection. Any queries call the Parish office. 09 445-0078. Thank you

### **Feast Day in the Fourth Week of Lent**

- **Tues 17 Mar: St Patrick, bishop. Principal Patron of the Auckland Diocese.** The apostle of Ireland was born in Great Britain about 385, taken captive and sold as a slave to Ireland when a young boy. Worked as a herdsman, escaped, decided to become a priest. Made Bishop of Ireland, he was indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there. He died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.
- **Wed 18 Mar: St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Cyril was born in 315, made bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was raging, he was exiled several times. In his Catecheses he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. Died in 386.
- **Thurs 19 Mar: St Joseph, Husband of Mary.** A simple village carpenter, Joseph, the husband of Mary and guardian of the child Jesus, has become the guardian and patron of Christ's universal Church.

**PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME** 25 September to 17 October 2026 - Refer to Poster in Foyer.  
Chaplain: Mons David Tonks Details from Laura Yap 021 390 055 [laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz)

**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. At rear of church are some sample children's books to peruse.

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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**

#### **Counters**

15/3 Gabriel Sagripanti & Phil Lawrence

22/3 Arthur Whelan & Frances Downs

#### **Hospitality**

15/3 Zoe & Scott

22/3 Francisca Knottenbelt

#### **Altar Servers**

15/3 Grace Rumble, Beth Cairney & Levente Ven

22/3 Rosemary Dobbs & May Upton & Levente Ven

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

15/3 No children's liturgy

22/3 Mary Jane & Millie Lendich

**More volunteers welcome**

Please contact parish secretary  
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