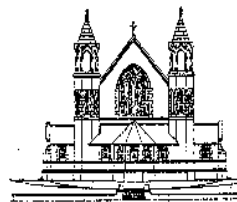




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MARCH 1ST 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



World Day
of Prayer

Friday 6 March 2026
at 10am

"I Will Give You Rest: Come

A service prepared by WDP Nigeria

You are invited to join in worship
and fellowship at

Devonport Methodist Church

18 Owens Road, Devonport

Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action
Join the world in prayer and action
for peace and justice.

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 will 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

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

For further information please phone Stephen 021 0608561, or email stpb@devonportcatholic.org.nz



CARITAS LENT APPEAL

Hear the voice, answer the call
Putting Compassion Into Action

Lent Appeal Envelopes are available. Weekly giving is good, or you may prefer to make one single donation. Alternatively, you may donate via the website: caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give

Week two: Fiji— Caritas provides support for the Tutu Rural Training Centre (RTC) on Taveuni Island which runs courses that help women to become more confident and independent; learning skills such as sewing, screen printing, handicrafts to create items for sale, but also how to manage money. One young woman learnt how to run a small business, selling decorated mats, wrap-arounds, and earrings. She buys mats and decorates them with requested designs. She sells locally, but also overseas – to customers in Japan, Australia, United States and even Cuba.

Prayer: *E te Atua, Thank you for your revelations in the sharing of our lives and your Word. Help us to be attentive in this coming week to how you touch us and lead us. May we see you as you truly are, in both the spectacular and the down-to-earth. Āmene*

Just as we always hear the story of Jesus' testing on the first Sunday of Lent, so we always hear of his transfiguration on the second. This story of transfiguration and vision of Jesus' glory can be a source of encouragement and reassurance on our Lenten journey. But the story makes clear that we cannot stay with this vision; Jesus must come down from the mountain and continue on his way, as must we.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -8th March - *The Living Water*

Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

John 4:5-42 A spring welling up to eternal life.

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

Ministries Sat 7 March

Welcome Steve Burke
Readers Damian Wallis
 Nicky Witham Blackwell
Communion Kit Isidro
 Lisa Mannion

Sun 8 March

Emma Mackie-Watts
 Sarah Sparks
 Yem Braid
 Iain Gillies
 Kate Casey



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 03: Eileen Missen 1948, Kathleen Walker 1987

Mar 04: Herbert Hayson 1945, Kate Roberts 1953

Mar 05: Francis Bolger 1985, Thomas Lanigan 1994

Mar 06: Helen Wynne 1937, Thomas Kirk 1958, Ann Whelan 2010

Mar 07: Arthur Posa 1983, Joan Oldham 1990

FROM THE DIOCESE

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Will hold its first webinar of the year in preparation for World Youth Day 2027. Join Dr John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he unpacks the theme of WYD, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) and reflects on how this message speaks to young people and the whole church. This will be on **Tues 3rd March 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom**. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026 for more information and to register.

Mission Hub - Ephesians 4: The Five Gifts for Building the Church. Every member of the Church has a role to play in building up the Body of Christ. The 5 gifts being the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher. Together, you'll explore how to recognise these gifts in yourselves, how they strengthen the Church, and how to respond with courage and faith. **Monday 9 March, 7:00-8:30pm**, Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar> **Poster in foyer**

Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy. Part time position of 24/week available. Applications close 6 March 2026. To view full advert, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan services and staff .

Mass for Life (and Adoration)

Before the National March for Life, you are invited to attend Mass to pray for the protection of all pre-born children from conception, for conversion and healing of all those who are wounded by, or participate in, abortion. Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass Saturday 7 March 9am at Holy Family Catholic Church - 94 Taikata Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula.

FROM ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Francis Class – Collaborative Maths in Action

Our St Francis children have been busy mathematicians, working collaboratively to explore number knowledge through making groups of 10 and beyond. Using hands-on materials and partner talk, students have been developing their understanding of number combinations, place value, and efficient counting strategies.



It has been wonderful to see the children working together, explaining their thinking, and supporting one another as they build confidence with numbers. This collaborative approach not only strengthens mathematical understanding but also reflects our St Leo's values of cooperation, perseverance, and joyful learning. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and teamwork our young learners are showing in maths.

Wings. Nga Parirau - Faith Formation Programme.

The Introductory Session will take place on **Saturday 14th March @ 10.00 – 11.30am** in the St Josephs school staffroom. All interested participants are invited to attend. The six-session programme will commence after Easter 2026. Please register with Joh Cogle at jcogle@xtra.co.nz or text 021 42 99 15. This is especially designed for those who are 'shy' about their faith and would like to explore/learn more in a gentle thoughtful way.

Feast Days in the Second Week of Lent

- **Wed 4 Mar: St Casimir.** Born in Poland in 1458, son of King Casimir IV of Poland. Intelligent and generous, involved in public affairs, but first and foremost a man of prayer. He served the poor. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady were most marked. He died in 1484.
- **Sat 7 Mar: St Perpetua and St Felicity, martyrs.** Perpetua was 22, of a patrician family; Felicity was a slave: both were martyred in the public stadium at Carthage, in 203, during the persecution of Septimus Severus.

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



Pro-life New Zealanders will gather in Auckland on **Saturday, 7 March**, for the 2026 **March for Life**. This family-friendly event offers a peaceful witness of the dignity of every human life and makes a stand against abortion and euthanasia. The March will begin at 2pm at Te Komititanga Square, move up Queen St to Aotea Square, and conclude at 4pm.

For pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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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

01/3 Kate Kearins & John Knight

08/3 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

Hospitality

01/3 Geraldine

08/3 Anna

Altar Servers

01/3 Grace Rumble, Rosemary Dobbs, Levente Ven

08/3 Declan & Reuben Takuira

Children's Liturgy Leaders

01/3 Isla Gillies

08/3 Catherine & Claire Gillies

More volunteers welcome

Please contact parish secretary 09 445 0078