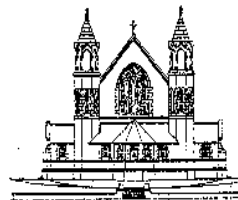




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**MARCH 22ND 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**From the Liturgy Committee**

- Dates of Formation Sessions for liturgical ministers have been set: Sun 12 April 4pm for ministers of Welcome and Communion; Sun 19 April 4pm for Ministers of the Word
- Preparation for Holy Week liturgies is in hand.
- Protocol and liturgy for Inurnment of Ashes in the Columbarium is being arranged with the Columbarium Operating Committee.
- Resulting synthesis of the Synodal Conversations about Liturgy and its implications is an ongoing agenda item.

**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



**EASTER LITURGIES**

**PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH:** Blessing of the Palm Sat 5.30pm & 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, or you may donate via website: [caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give](https://caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give)

**Week Five: Holy Land** — Caritas staff living and working in Gaza continue to bring relief, consolation, hope and healing to their neighbours; for example, by supporting the Polio and Artificial Limbs Centre. In September 2025 the centre was badly damaged when an adjacent residential building was bombed. Staff and community members carried out urgent repairs; three days after the incident, the Centre had reopened to resume its vital humanitarian services for amputees and patients with disabilities, so that they could walk, move, and live with dignity.

**Prayer:** *E te Atua, thank you for hearing the cries of our heart and the cries of the poor in our midst. We pray for deep healing in lands and hearts torn apart by violence and war. May those who carry pain and darkness find a place and time for healing and release. Give us faith in the resurrection. Āmene*

Are we fully alive, or are we dwelling among the dead? Some of our patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving may not be life-giving at all, in so far as we pursue our own self-interest, or put our energy into material security and social status and so on. But if we have the courage to look more deeply and see how imprisoned we are in our cocoons of comfort, we will be thrilled to hear Jesus command us to come forth, declaring: “Unbind him, let him go free”.

**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.

**Psalms 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.

**PASSION SUNDAY** 29 March *Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem*

**Matthew 21:1-11** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Isaiah 50:4-7** I did not cover my face against insult — I know I shall not be shamed.

**Psalms 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Philippians 2:6-11** He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

**Ministries**

**Welcome**

**Readers**

**Communion**

**Sat 21 March**

Steve Burke

Robert Mannion

Nicky Witham Blackwell

Kevin Isidro

Kasey Isidro

**Sun 22 March**

Greg Shanahan

Mary Lyttleton

Ben Upton

Adrienne Ramskill

Flo Sapa'u

Vimi Chandra

**Ministries**

**Welcome**

**Readers**

**Communion**

**Sat 28 March**

Shawn Pearce Blom

Robert Mannion

Riaan Blom

Lisa Mannion

Denise Ross

**Sun 29 March**

Emma Mackie-Watts

John Knight

Sarah Sparks

Gabriel Sagripanti

Pauline Baker

Maryanne Offner



**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

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

**Mar 22:** Alice Boylan 1934

**Mar 23:** James Lonie 1982, Leonard Roberts 1985

**Mar 24:** Thomas Harron 1908

**Mar 25:** Norma Smith 1982, Maria Ulberg 1984

**Mar 26:** George Cole 2005, Mary O'Brien-Specht 2023

**Mar 27:** Martin Hamblin 1947, Fr John Tollan 2023

**Mar 28:** Mary Corles 1890, Cecil Wallace 1985

**Scripture Study Group:** On break and will meet again Wednesday 22nd April.

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

**The Gift of Dreams** On Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 2pm at the Orewa Catholic church, the Auckland Christian Meditation Community is hosting a presentation by Tay-Marie Yorston. Dreams tell our stories; they anchor and deepen our faith in seasons of transition, anxiety, stress, grief and loss. BYO lunch

**Divine Mercy Feast** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

**Prayer Retreat for Women** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

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

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\* **EASTER FLOWERS - Donations please** \*  
\* Parishioners are invited to contribute towards \*  
\* the cost of fresh flowers for our Holy Week \*  
\* Altar of Repose and the Easter Altar. Please \*  
\* **place donations in basket at church door** or \*  
\* direct credit to: Parish a/c 020100 0120958 16 \*  
\* (Ref: Flowers). Thank you. \*  
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Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 5-18 June 2026. Experience Our Lady's presence on a 'Medjugorje In-Depth' pilgrimage and a fulfilling 10 night stay in the holy valley. Booking now. Contact Patricia at 027 3525 217 or [info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz](mailto:info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz)

**FROM ST LEO'S SCHOOL**  
**Looking after God's Creation**



Our school recently took part in a Resource Recovery initiative, encouraging students and families to collect and recycle plastic bottle tops. Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were thrilled to collect the highest number of bottle caps and win the \$1000 prize!

This initiative helped our students learn about the importance of caring for God's creation by reducing waste and recycling materials that would otherwise end up in landfill. Bottle tops are made from recyclable plastic and can be repurposed into new products, helping conserve resources and protect our environment. We are very grateful to our families for supporting this effort and helping our tamariki understand that even small actions can make a big difference in caring for our planet.

**School-Parish Beach Clean-up**



A very enthusiastic and happy team of workers turned up for the first school-parish beach clean-up on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Braving windy conditions, the team removed microplastic materials from the sand, picked up numerous plastic bottles, vapes, cellophane products and large sections of timber washed up on the rocks. Materials were subsequently sorted into recyclables or rubbish bound for landfill. A surprise find was a \$5 bill and 3 almost new sports caps! A big thank you to those who came along. Roll on the next beach clean-up!

### Feast Day in the Fifth Week of Lent

- **Mon 23 Mar: St Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop.** Born in Spain 1538, his ministry was exercised in Sth America, as Bishop of Lima, Peru, from 1581. The oppression of the native population by the European community, and the decadence of the clergy, led him to set about reforming the Church and caring for the oppressed with zeal. He died in 1606, while on one of his journeys through the diocese.
- **Wed 25 Mar: The Annunciation of The Lord.** We celebrate that great day of decision: Mary's acceptance of the role that God has chosen for her in his plan of redemption. Is 7:10 -14,8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38.



**Church Cleaning Bee** Join us for some extra cleaning & polishing in the church in readiness for Holy Week and Easter. **Next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10am—12pm**



**Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter Wednesday 25 March, 7.00pm.** New voices welcome. If you can sing in tune, you'll do. See you there.



**De Paul House plea for donation** - If you have any spare blankets and towels to donate. Please leave them in the clear plastic box in children's room for collection. Any queries please call Bernadette in the office. Thank you

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

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**Proprietor's Reps: Julia Cairney, 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**

22/3 Arthur Whelan &  
Frances Downs

29/3 Alix & Bill Hooper

#### **Hospitality**

22/3 Francisca Knottenbelt

#### **Altar Servers**

22/3 Rosemary Dobbs & May  
Upton & Levente Ven  
29/3 Beth Cairney & Declan  
Takuira

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

22/3 Julia Cairney & Isla Gillies  
29/3 Mary Jane & Millie  
Lendich

#### **More volunteers welcome**

Please contact parish secretary  
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