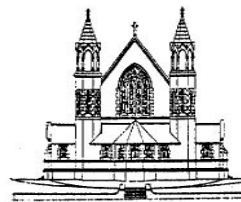
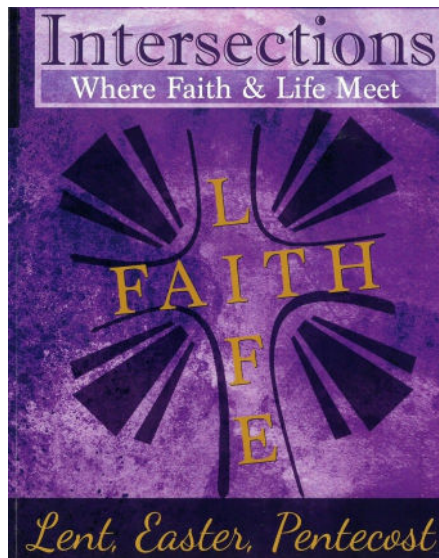




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
St Francis de Sales & All Souls  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MARCH 8TH 2026: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**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](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

**The Season of LENT**

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday, 7.00pm

**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](https://caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give)

**Week three: Hokianga, Aotearoa New Zealand**

Caritas is supporting safe and secure water supplies for people across the Pacific and in Timor Leste. However, safe drinking water is also an issue for many in Aotearoa, especially in smaller rural centres where many rely on tank water or smaller water supplies. In 2023, a Pacific-wide Caritas water security project included water security analysis in the Hokianga, working through a local partner Te Kupenga Rauora Trust. The results of water quality testing were concerning, with a majority of samples containing bacteria capable of causing illness.

**Prayer:** *E te Atua, Having reflected on the woman at the well, help us to see the deeper meaning and significance of the people we meet. May we encounter you in the strangers we meet, and their stories. In our exchanges, may we grow in understanding. May we allow your Spirit to flow, to transform the wilderness parts of our lives that are barren and arid. In our dryness, bless us with the vision to see how we are called to bring life-giving water to others. Āmēne*

For these next three Sundays we have dramatic scenes from the gospel of John which reveal fundamental features of Jesus' identity and mission. He is the living water (4:5-42), the light of the world (9:1-41), and the resurrection and the life(11:1-45). We begin with the story of Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman at the well. It challenges us to reflect deeply. What do we really thirst for in our lives? Who will quench our heartfelt longings?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** - *The Living Water*

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

**Psalms 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.

**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.

**Psalms 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

**Ministries** Sat 7 March  
**Welcome** Steve Burke  
**Readers** Damian Wallis  
 Nicky Witham Blackwell  
**Communion** Kitt Isidro  
 Lisa Mannion

**Sun 8 March**  
 Emma Mackie-Watts  
 Sarah Sparks  
 Yem Braid  
 Iain Gillies  
 Kate Casey

**Ministries** Sat 14 March  
**Welcome** Sarah Menzies  
**Readers** Riaan Blom  
 Steve Burke  
**Communion** Janet Monga  
 Denise Ross

**Sun 15 March**  
 Vimi Chandra Principal  
 James Horner - Yr6  
 Greg Morrogh - DRS  
 Francisca Knottenbelt  
 Pauline Baker  
 Monica Duot



**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 08:** Raymond Kelly 1983

**Mar 09:** Consuglio Bartoli 1936, Irene Geary 1958

**Mar 10:** Catherine Murray 1979, Ida Lorigan 1998

**Mar 11:** Patrick Crorly 1935, Anne Halpin 1988, Don Fauchelle 2008, James Porter 2022

**Mar 12:** John Cooney 1983, Raymond Martini 1996

**Mar 13:** Mary Gillespie 1918, John Palmer 1918

**Mar 14:** Claude Brash 1988

**COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
**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

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

**RESHAPING - Next meeting dates below**

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

**11 March** Our Lady Immaculate Conception, Ellerslie Hall 7.00-9.00pm

**14 March** St Therese, Moerewa Parish Centre 10.30-12.30pm

**18 April** Pompallier Centre, Poynton Room 10.30-12.30pm

**Mission Hub** - You'll explore how to recognise the 5 gifts for building the church within yourselves, and how to respond with courage and faith. **Monday 9 March, 7:00–8:30pm**, Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion All invited to register <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

**Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention**  
**13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College**

**Auckland.** THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Register online or see poster in foyer <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

**FROM ST LEO'S SCHOOL**

**School Visit to Devonport Museum**

Our school recently enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Devonport Museum, where the rich heritage of our peninsula truly came to life. From historical treasures to stories of our early settlers, the students gained a profound new perspective on the streets they walk every day.



Central to this trip was our focus on Tūrangawaewae, helping our children understand the places where they feel grounded, connected, and empowered to stand. By walking in the footsteps of those who came before us, our students are beginning to appreciate the many layers of identity and history that make Devonport such a special place to call home.

**School - Parish Picnic & Beach Clean-up**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Following the St Leo's family Mass, there will be a school-parish picnic and beach clean-up at Windsor Reserve. Please bring gardening gloves for picking up rubbish and your own picnic. We will all meet at Windsor Reserve straight after Mass. Everyone is welcome!



**ROSMINI COLLEGE 2027 ENROLMENTS**

For year 7 are open online at [www.rosmini.school.nz](http://www.rosmini.school.nz). Limited spaces available in Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Enquiries to Eunice 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@rosmini.school.nz). Open Day at college on Thursday 28 May 2026. Please refer to school website for key dates and information.

## Feast Day in the Third Week of Lent

- **Mon 9 Mar: St Francis of Rome, religious.** Born in Rome, 1384. She married and had three children. Her husband was well-off, the marriage was happy, and she devoted herself to the care of the needy. In 1425 she founded the Congregation of Oblates, following the rule of St Benedict. She died in 1440.



**Senior Coffee Group:** The next morning coffee will be Thursday 12th March at 10am at the Ryman coffee shop for contact and directions phone Kathy 021 212 4914

**Wings. Nga Parirau - Faith Formation Programme.** Introductory Session will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**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

**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 Secretary:** Bernadette Coe

**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

**Flowers** Sue Story

### Counters

08/3 Maria & Jeremy Fleming  
15/3 Gabriel Sagripanti & Phil  
Lawrence

### Hospitality

08/3 Anna  
15/3 Zoe & Scott

### Altar Servers

08/3 Declan & Reuben  
Takuiria & Levente Ven  
15/3 Grace Rumble, Beth  
Cairney & Levente Ven

### Children's Liturgy Leaders

8/3 Catherine Gillies & Claire  
Gillies  
15/3 No children's liturgy

### **More volunteers welcome**

Please contact parish secretary  
09 445 0078