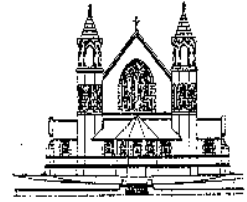




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



APRIL 19TH 2026: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Seminary Appeal

With 11 men currently discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland in 2026, we are blessed to see men generously answering God's call to serve the Church. Each of these men is undertaking years of prayer, study, and formation as they prepare for a life of service to the people of our diocese.



Please keep our seminarians in your prayers and, if you are able, consider supporting their formation as they prepare to serve the Church in Auckland.

SCAN QR CODE TO
DONATE ONLINE TODAY
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate



**Next Sunday (26th April),
Fourth Sunday of Easter, is
Good Shepherd Sunday.**

A Day of Prayer for
Vocations to Priesthood and
Religious Life.

There will be a **Special Collection next week for the Seminary.**

The money collected will help pay the tuition fees of Auckland students for the priesthood. Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door.

**Invocation to the
Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit,
come by means of the
powerful intercession of
the Immaculate Heart of
Mary

Your well-Beloved Spouse.



Each Anzac Day we remember the names of members of our parish community who were killed in war.

**ANZAC DAY
+ LEST WE FORGET +**

**BRIAN BOATE, BILL COLEMAN,
LAURIE HALE, JACK HENDRY,
BILL HENDRY, GERALD MULLANE
LAURIE RYDER, BRUCE SKINNER &
BRIAN STONE**

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn. At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, We will remember them.*



ANZAC DAY - Sat 25th April
**There will be a commemoration
Mass next Saturday at 9.30am**

Devonport Anzac Day Parade commences at
10.45am from Fleet Street.
Service at Memorial in Marine Square
commences 11.00am.

Before we are led further into the Easter season by the gospel of John, we pause to hear one of the loveliest of the post-resurrection stories. The gospel of Luke alone tells us about the encounter of the two disciples with the risen Lord on their way to Emmaus. How precious it is to be gathered for Eucharist and to be reminded “how they had recognised him in the breaking of bread!”

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ With Us on the Way of Life

Acts 2:14,22-33 It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Psalm 15: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1Peter 1:17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Luke 24:13-35 They recognised him in the breaking of bread.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 April *The Shepherd and Guardian of Our Souls*

Acts 2:14,36-41 God has made him both Lord and Christ

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

1Peter 2:20-25 You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

John 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Ministries	<u>Sat 18 Apr</u>	<u>Sun 19 Apr</u>
Welcome	Steve Burke	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Kath Petrie	Ben Upton
	Robert Mannion	Mary Lyttleton
Communion	Kitt Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill
	Denise Ross	Gabriel Sagrapanti
		Maryanne Offner
Ministries	<u>Sat 25 Apr</u>	<u>Sun 26 Apr</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce Blom	Marty Willetts
Readers	Steve Burke	John Knight
	Damian Wallis	Vanessa Baldey
Communion	Janet Monga	Iain Gillies
	Lisa Mannion	Maryanne Offner
		Kate Casey

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[CELEBRATING-THIRD-SUNDAYof-EASTER.pdf](#)

ADULT PONDERING:

[LESSONS FROM THE ROAD TO EMMAUS](#)

Please note next Wednesday 22nd April at noon, it will be a funeral mass.

Weekday prayer groups

Rosary Group:

Mondays 6pm in church

Meditative Prayer:

Mondays 6.30pm in meeting room

Scripture Study Group:

Wednesdays 7pm in meeting room.

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

Apr 20: Harriete Wilson 1974

Apr 21: Elizabeth Fogarty 1950

Apr 23: Lucy Buckland 1982, Rosemary Perry 1991

Apr 24: Linda Gay 1993

ANZAC DAY +LEST WE FORGET+

Brian Boate, Bill Coleman, Laurie Hale, Jack Hendry, Bill Hendry, Gerald Mullane, Laurie Ryder, Bruce Skinner, Brian Stone

Apr 25: John O'Brien 1946, Veronica Boyd 1977, Diane Petersen 1977

Apr 26: Elizabeth Lilly 1951

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

The Graduate Choir NZ

FRANCISCVS - a special recital presented by The Graduate Choir NZ that commemorates the papacy of Pope Francis in song and spirit.

Tuesday 21 April 2026 - 7:30 PM - St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera, Auckland. FRANCISCVS features an evocative programme of sacred choral works - including John Rutter's Requiem - performed in the rich, resonant acoustics of St Michael's. You'll also hear pieces by Poulenc, Howells, Harris, Artley and Duruflé, performed with soprano Elizabeth Mandeno, organist Philip Smith, and a small orchestra alongside the choir. Whether you're a longtime choral lover or looking for a profound musical experience this autumn, this evening of reflection and exquisite harmony is not to be missed. Tickets from NZ\$30-\$40 + booking fees

Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland. Next mass:

Sunday 26th April. For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: youthmin@cda.org.nz or see their Facebook page: @AKCYM

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Network Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar on The Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby. Come for a cuppa from 7.15pm. **Starts April 21st.** No charge. Register at <https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrbb7A>. For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Lent Reflection at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay Tuesday, **28 April**, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg

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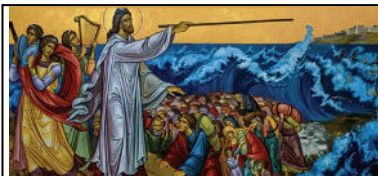
Charis NZ is pleased to announce that **Chevalier Cyril John** will be leading a 1.5 day, hosted by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of Charis NZ). Cyril John is a well-known speaker and serves on the International Commission for Intercession and has spent more than a decade travelling the world, teaching, and forming intercessors in the ministry of Prophetic Intercession. Please share and encourage your prayer group and community group members, and wider networks to support this event: Auckland Diocese: **11 - 12 May 2026: Training on Prophetic Intercession** by Chevalier Cyril John at Christ the King Church, Owairaka. Please refer to poster for details and registration.

WYD 2027 Webinars In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

Wings.Nga Parirua, the *Catholic Faith Formation Programme*. We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith and to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the **light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer.** **Wings.Nga Parirua** is open to all and could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. Contact: Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz and see poster for details.

Feast Days in the Third Week of Easter

- **Tues 21 Apr: St Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born in Piedmont in 1033, Anselm entered the Benedictine Order at the monastery of Le Bec in France, where he taught theology. He became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, and fought strenuously for the freedom of the Church from the temporal power. A man of great holiness, his writings, particularly on mystical theology, are renowned .
- **Thurs 23 Apr: St George, martyr.** Since the 4th Century St George has been venerated in Lydia in Palestine. Tradition holds that he was a soldier who died for the faith and his cult spread throughout the East and the West. He was adopted as Patron of England during the Crusades.
- **Fri 24 Apr: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr.** Born at Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1578. Was a lawyer, then entered Friars Minor Capuchin at Freiberg. Lived a life of prayer and penance, gained reputation as a preacher. Was sent to preach to the Protestants in Switzerland, where he was put to death by a group of fanatics in 1622 .
- **Sat 25 Apr: ANZAC DAY.**



Scripture Study: 'The Exodus' with Dan Stollenwerk on Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.45am May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 2026 at St Michael's Parish 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera. Followed by midday mass

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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: ANZAC mass 9.30am, Vigil mass 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses during the coming week

12pm Wednesday 22nd April Funeral mass and Friday at 12pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

19/04 Kate Kearins & John Knight
26/04 Maria & Jeremy Fleming

Hospitality

19/04 As available
26/04 Fiona & Mark

Altar Servers

19/04 As available
26/04 Grace Rumble, May Upton

Children's Liturgy Leaders

19/04 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy
26/04 Anna & Will Rumble

More volunteers welcome

Please contact parish secretary