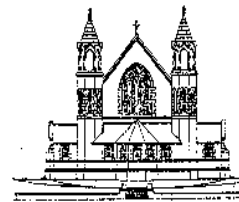




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC  
PARISH**  
**St Francis de Sales & All Souls**  
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 2026: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

*Prayer for Vocations*

Generous God,  
You show us the way that leads to  
everlasting life.  
Through baptism you have called us to  
proclaim the Good News.  
Bless and strengthen those who have  
made a commitment of service  
in the Church.  
Guide and give wisdom to those  
discerning their vocation.  
Enrich our Church with dedicated married  
and single people, with deacons, priests,  
and men and women in consecrated life.  
Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this  
blessing that we, your people,  
may follow Jesus,  
our Good Shepherd,  
now and for always.  
Amen



**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
A Day of Prayer for  
Vocations to Priesthood  
and Religious Life.

**Special Collection today  
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.



**News from Parish Groups :**

**Property and Finance Committee**

The PFC met on 14 April. Parish finances are in good shape. Income from planned giving, collections, and donations continue to cover the cost of maintaining our buildings and keeping the lights on.

Year to March	\$ 000
Collections and donation:	35
Support for clergy	-10
Parish expenses	-20
Surplus	5

The Hall is operating at a small cash surplus thanks to the efforts of the Hall Committee. The PFC welcomed Martin Lowery as a new member. Martin is an experienced builder and project manager.

**Liturgy Committee**

- Reviewed Holy Week liturgies: noted that there was very good attendance throughout the Week, especially at Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday
- Discussed possibility of hosting a series of talks/reflections in the lead up to Pentecost
- The first inurnment of Ashes in the Columbarium has been held; a number of people have volunteered to train as 'Ministers of Inurnment,' to be available as required to facilitate the process of inurnment for families
- Discussed interior refurbishment of the church which will happen over a period of time involving three stages: (i) Children's Room, (ii) Reconciliation Room, (iii) Sanctuary Area

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because every year the gospel reading is on this theme. It is taken from one or another part of Jesus’ discourse in Chapter 10 of John’s gospel. Every image of Jesus offers insight into the inexhaustible mystery of his person.

**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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**      3 May      *Our Royal Priesthood*

**Acts 6:1-7** They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.  
**Psalm 33: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**  
**1Peter 2:4-9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.  
**John 14:1-12** I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

<b>Ministries</b>	<b><u>Sat 25 Apr</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 26 Apr</u></b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Shawn Pearce Blom	Marty Willetts
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Burke Damian Wallis	John Knight Vanessa Baldey
<b>Communion</b>	Janet Monga Lisa Mannion	Iain Gillies Maryanne Offner Kate Casey
<b>Ministries</b>	<b><u>Sat 2 May</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 3 May</u></b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
<b>Readers</b>	Riaan Blom Nicky Witham Blackwell	Ben Upton Mary Lyttleton
<b>Communion</b>	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Adrienne Ramskill Flo Sapa’u Pauline Baker

**KIDS’ KORNER:**  
[CELEBRATING FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER](#)

**ADULT PONDERING:**  
[MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE](#)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 12.30-3.30pm  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May every first Friday, concluding with Divine Mercy chaplet.

**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



## SVdP

St Vincent de Paul has seen the number of people seeking help continue to rise with 25-plus families or individuals receiving regular food deliveries. We are fortunate to have the very generous donations of parishioners each week. We also receive food donations from a number of suppliers around Devonport when they are able. However, with the growing numbers needing help, our food supplies are under constant pressure. We will be reaching out to parishioners again to seek their ongoing support, financial and otherwise. Aside from food deliveries, we have an auxiliary member who visits rest home residents every week to provide companionship and support. From time to time we also provide transport services for the sick or elderly to appointments and other commitments. We have eight members, including two new members who joined at the beginning of the year. Office holders have also changed with a new Secretary, **Anna Mrkusic**, and **Denise O'Shaughnessy** joining **Pauline Baker** as Co-President. **Helen Doyle** remains Treasurer. We ask that you please refer any families or individuals you know who may need our support.

## PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49



You are warmly invited to join this reflection on the Gospel of Jesus following the Resurrection. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7pm: the first of 3 talks on Luke 24 by **Fr Emille Frische MHM**, St Francis de Sales & All Souls Church. For further information please contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or [sa'olelefololesapau@gmail.com](mailto:sa'olelefololesapau@gmail.com)

## NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

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

**Webinar series - Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith.** Tuesdays 5 May 2026 5-6pm via online. Speaker Bishop Michael Gielen Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

## Parish Sacramental Programme

The preparation of children for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion resumes next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with a session at 3.30pm. The celebration of these sacraments will take place at Sunday Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## From St Leo

### Beginning of Term 2

We are excited to share that our playground has been refreshed with new markings, bringing a burst of colour and energy to our outdoor spaces. This term, we will deepen our exploration by connecting turangawaewae concept with sustainability, focusing on caring for our environment and preserving the stories and histories of our local area.

### On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

we will be holding a family photo shoot session with a \$15 sitting fee (usually \$79) that goes straight to the PTFA, plus you



get a free 10 x 13 inch portrait and the opportunity to buy more photos. This is a fantastic way to support St Leo's.

### **Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Easter**

- **Mon 27 Apr: St Louis de Montfort, priest, confessor.** Born 1673 at Montfort in France. A confessor, preacher and author whose books have influenced a number of popes. Fostered devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary. Founded Sisters of Divine Wisdom and the Missionaries of the Company of Mary. Died 1716, canonized in 1947.
- **Tues 28 Apr: St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr.** Born in France in 1803, he did pastoral work there for a few years after ordination, then entered the Marist Society and was sent to Oceania. There was resistance to missionaries at the time, though he did receive a few converts into the faith before being clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in 1841. Patron saint of Oceania.
- **Wed 29 Apr: St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church.** Born at Siena in 1347. Entered the order of St Dominic. Filled with an active love of God and neighbour, she strove to bring peace to the quarrelling factions and cities of Italy, and to restore the rights of the papacy, in exile in Avignon. A contemplative and ascetic, her writings are remarkable for their spirituality and theology.
- **Thurs 30 Apr: for St Pius V, pope.** Born near Alessandria, Italy, 1504. Entered Dominican Order, made Pope in 1566. Put into practice reforming decrees of Council of Trent: in his name the Catechism, Breviary and Missal were promulgated. Encouraged praying of Rosary. d 1572.
- **Fri 1 May: St Joseph the Worker.** The commemoration of St Joseph the Worker on this day was established by Pius XII in 1955. St Joseph is patron of all working people.
- **Sat 2 May: St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church.** Born Alexandria 295. Attended Council of Nicea in 325 - called to rebut heresy of Arius, which denied the divinity of Christ. Became bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was tireless in combating the heresy. Exiled five times for his persistence. He wrote brilliantly, both in defense of doctrine, and on spiritual matters.

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**St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra**

**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**

26/04 Maria & Jeremy

Fleming

3/05 TBC

#### **Hospitality**

26/04 Fiona & Mark

3/05 Pauline

#### **Altar Servers**

26/04 Grace Rumble, May

Upton

3/05 Rosemary Dobbs &

Grace Rumble

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

26/04 Anna & Will Rumble

3/05 Mary Jane & Mille

Lendich