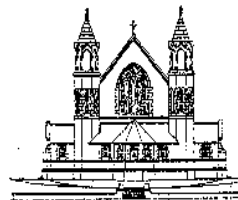




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



APRIL 5TH 2026: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



*Glory to God for Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Oh Lord,

You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Please help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

St Francis Prayer tree

Please contact Maria Flemming if you would like prayers said for a relative or friend in ill health or in need.

Email: prayerpartners@xtra.co.nz

Formation Sessions for Liturgical Ministers

Welcome and Communion

- ◆ Sunday 12th April, 4.00pm

Readers

- ◆ Sunday 19th April, 4.00pm

These sessions are for current ministers as well as anyone who may be interested in joining the team. Would you consider volunteering for one of these roles? If you're thinking about it or interested, you're welcome to attend either of these sessions.

This Month's Intention from Pope Leo

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. Copy of prayer can be found at back of church or link below:

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday. Pamphlets are available at back of church. Please help yourselves.

Special Collection - Easter Offering



The Second Collection on Easter Sunday benefits the welfare needs of the priests of the Auckland diocese.

‘We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song’. Christ is risen indeed! We dare new visions and affirm life in all its fantastic opportunities. Our joy is ineffable and can only be expressed as love in action — our natural response

EASTER SUNDAY *Alleluia!! Resurrection of the Lord*

Acts 10:34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalm 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

Col. 3:1-4 You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

John 20:1-9 He must rise from the dead.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 April *Our Easter Joy* — Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47 The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Psalm 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

1Peter 1:3-9 In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

Ministries

Welcome

Readers

Communion

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Sat 4 April

Kath Petrie

Nicky Witham Blackwell

Damian Wallis

Denise Ross

Kitt Isidro

Sat 11 April

Sarah Menzies

Damian Wallis

Riaan Blom

Kevin Isidro

Kasey Isidro

Sun 5 April

Anne Gibson

Nevil Gibson

Yem Braid

Monica Duot

Iain Gillies

Francisca Knottenbelt

Sun 12 April

Marty Willetts

Kate Kearins

Denise O’Shaughnessy

Vimi Chandra

Flo Sapa’u

Pauline Baker

KIDS’ CORNER

[CELEBRATING-SUNDAYof-the-RESSURRECTION.pdf](#)



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:

Apr 06: Mary Lee-Richards 1999, Nunzio Arabito 1999, Val Wheldale 2012

Apr 07: Ellen Croll 1921, Edith Glover 1954, Margaret Casey 2010

Apr 08: Pavo Kulas 1998, Winifred Cassidy 2009

Apr 09: Eileen Cossar 2004, Muriel Laloli 1998

Apr 10: Teresa Gilfedder 1911, Val Kearney 2015

Apr 11: James Baker 1936, George Graham 1952

Apr 12: Mary Bernie 1939, Antony Martin 2014

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

NZ Catholic - The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter NZ Catholic is now available on our website [NZ-Catholic-Issue-12.pdf](#)

Divine Mercy Feast

Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, 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. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark.

Mission Hub

The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission: We are excited to welcome Bishop John Adams from the Diocese of Palmerston North as our first guest speaker at Mission Hub this April. In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on "The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission," inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Together, we will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit's movement in our own lives and be renewed in our call to share the Gospel. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by others seeking to follow Christ. **Mon 13 April 7-8.30pm.** Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Prayer Retreat for Woman

Prayer and the Interior Life' **Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm** with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: [Home - St Francis Retreat Centre](#)

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

FROM ST LEO'S SCHOOL



St Clare students reverently brought the journey of Jesus to life through their reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. With thoughtful reflection and respect, tamariki portrayed each station, helping our

school community to remember the significance of this sacred time in the lead up to Easter. Their participation demonstrated a deep understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and love, while also providing a meaningful opportunity for prayer and reflection. We are proud of the way our students honoured this important tradition with such care and reverence.



17 - 24 May 2026
**Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity**
There is
ONE BODY
and
ONE SPIRIT
Just as you were
CALLED to
ONE HOPE - Ephs 4:4
**JOIN US AT THE
ECUMENICAL
PRAYER SERVICE**
Friday 29th May 2026 7:00PM
At St John Presbyterian Church
422 Mount Albert Road, Mount Roskill

Feast Days in the Octave of Easter

- Easter Week, or the **Octave of Easter**, is regarded as one Feast. Every day during this week is a celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord for which we say Alleluia! Praise the Lord for his goodness to us!



DONATION TAX RECEIPTS - These will be emailed on 15th April 2026 to the email addresses on the Parish database. If your receipt doesn't appear in your inbox, please check your spam folder. **Thank you for your kind and generous contributions to our Parish.** Any queries about donation receipt, please email Bernadette or call the office.

NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP 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

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 laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz

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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: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday at 12pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

05/4 Gabriel Sagripanti &
Phil Lawrence
12/04

Hospitality

05/4 As available

Altar Servers

05/04 As available
12/04 As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

05/04 School holidays, no
Children's Liturgy
12/04 School holidays, no
Children's Liturgy

More volunteers welcome

Please contact parish secretary