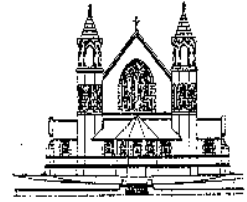




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MAY 10TH 2026: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"If you love me, keep my commands.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give
you another advocate to help you and
be with you forever - the Spirit of truth

John 14: 15-21

*How can I become more attentive
to the presence of the
Holy Spirit each day?*



To prepare for Pentecost - Please pray this novena from 15th to 23rd May

Novena to the Holy Spirit

"Come Holy Spirit! Come, Father of the poor! Come. Giver of gifts!
Come, Light of our hearts! Without Thy Divine help there is no good in
man."



O Holy Spirit, Divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to Thee my understanding , my heart, and my will, my whole being, for time and for eternity. May my understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations and to the teaching of the Catholic Church, of which thou art the Infallible Guide; may my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and my neighbour; may my will be ever conformed to the Divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and Thee, be honour and glory forever. Amen



Happy Mother's day

to all the wonderful mothers in our parish community. Thank you sincerely for your commitment, love, care, guidance, friendship, fellowship and various ministries you are all involved in spreading God's love at home and in our community. May our Blessed Lady, model of all mothers, continue to bless your call of motherhood. Happy Mother's day!

For the past five weeks we, the long baptised and the newly baptised, have been relishing life in the Spirit. The gift of the Spirit is made more explicit today. We hear of an unexpected outpouring of the Spirit as recorded in Acts, and we are reminded of Jesus promising the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to his disciples on the night before he died.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May *The Spirit of Truth*

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 66: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1Peter 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

John 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

17 May *Christ's Eternal Glory*

World Communication Day | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Acts 1:1-11 He was lifted up while they looked on.

Psalm 47: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Ephesians 1:17-23 He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

Matthew 28:16-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Ministries	<u>Sat 9 May</u>	<u>Sun 10 May</u>
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers	Damian Wallace	Nevil Gibson
	Steve Burke	Yem Braid
Communion	Kevin Isidro	Flo Sapa'u
	Casey Isidro	Iaian Gillies
		Kate Casey
Ministries	<u>Sat 15 May</u>	<u>Sun 16 May</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce Blom	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Robert Mannion	Kate Kearins
	Nicky Whitham Blackwell	Sarah Sparks
Communion	Lisa Mannion	Monica Duot
	Kitt Isidro	Vimi Chandra
		Francisca Knottenbelt

KIDS' KORNER:
[CELEBRATING SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER](#)

ADULT PONDERING:
[MAKING JESUS OUR TRUE NORTH](#)

Altar Servers:
 We are looking for more altar servers. If you know of someone who would like to become one. Please let the office know. Thank you

[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:

May 10: Rod Pedersen 2002, Florence Gainsford 2004, Mary McFadden 2022

May 11: Henry Ulberg 1983, Gerald Lorigan 1995

May 12: Miriam Layzell 1944, Edna Callanan 1994

May 13: Edward Stanley-Hunt 1962, Patricia Coverdale 1996, Michael Matthew Dragicevich 2024

May 14: John Kearney 1944, Anthony Gore 2020

May 15: Margaret Taylor 1952, Kenneth Delany 1989

May 16: Margarita Henderson 1946, Michael Gregory 1960

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

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

The Upper Room Wednesday 20th May 6:30pm - Good George Mission Bay - Young adults, you won't want to miss this! Join us for a night of faith and fellowship in this special interview-style event, James Bergin will sit down with Frank Ritchie to explore his remarkable journey. Together they will reflect on the faith, discernment, and courage required to surrender fully to God's call. For more info and tickets go to @AKCYM on Facebook.

Mission Hub - Accompanying Others in Faith - Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising Conversations How do we journey with others as they move closer to Christ? **Carly Mulqueen** will guide us through the "thresholds of conversion" — helping us recognise where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into meaningful, evangelising conversations with sensitivity, courage, and trust in the Holy Spirit. This session is in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre. Monday 18 May - 7:00–8:30pm (NZT) – Online - All are welcome. Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026
Mission Hub is a monthly online space where **people from across Aotearoa gather to be**

From St Leo

Drama in St Francis

Miss Jenkins recently took St Francis on an expressive dance lesson focused on movement. The tamariki were challenged to step outside their comfort zones, using only their bodies to create intricate shapes and fluid motions to represent different movements to show how sea animals moved. It was a lot of fun.



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 these reflections on the Gospel of Jesus following the Resurrection by **Fr Emile Frische MHM**, at St Francis de Sales & All Souls Church, followed by cuppa tea in the meeting room.

Thursday 14th May 7pm: The Road to Emmaus

Thursday 21st May 7pm: Jesus appears to the disciples

For further information please contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or saolelefololesapau@gmail.com

Hall Hire - All bookings must be made by sending an email to the Parish office - office@devonportcatholic.org.nz
Hall hire: \$200 bond \$50/hour

Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Easter

- **Tues 12 May: St Nereus and St Achilleus, martyrs.** Two Roman soldiers at the time of Diocletian, who were put to death probably in 304, for refusing to serve in the army after their conversion to Christianity.
- **Tues 12 May: St Pancras, martyr.** A Roman martyr from the time of the Diocletian persecution.
- **Wed 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima.** The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children — Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta — between 13 May and 13 October, 1917. The apparitions occurred in the small village of Fatima, in Portugal.
- **Thurs 14 May: ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE.** Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas. See Acts 1:15-26.

Pentecost Sunday: On the very first Pentecost Sunday, there were people gathered in Jerusalem from various regions who spoke a variety of languages. They were there for the feast of Pentecost (Shavuot, a Jewish harvest festival, 50 days after Passover which celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt Sinai). We celebrate Pentecost for a different, though redolent, reason: the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, who were immediately empowered to preach the Good News; the people gathered were miraculously able to hear this message in their own native languages. We have people in our parish who come from a variety of places in the world. This is beautiful. The Church is truly universal (the word 'catholic' is from Greek 'katholikos', which means 'universal').

It would be lovely to hear your native language spoken in our church on Pentecost Sunday, as one of the Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful. Would you like to participate in this? Please let us know. Contact Stephen 0210608561, or email stpb@devonportcatholic.org.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

Vigil mass 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Word and Communion during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday at 12pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

10/05 Arthur Whelan &
Frances Downs

17/05 Alix & Bill Hooper

Hospitality

10/05 Monika

17/05 Kate Casey & Phil

Altar Servers

10/05 Rosemary Dobbs &
Grace Rumble

17/05 Levente Ven, Zenti Ven
& Declan Takuira

Children's Liturgy Leaders

10/05 Stephen Albrecht, Isla
Gillies

17/05 Catherine Gillies, Claire
Gillies