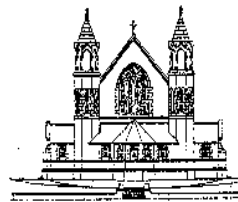
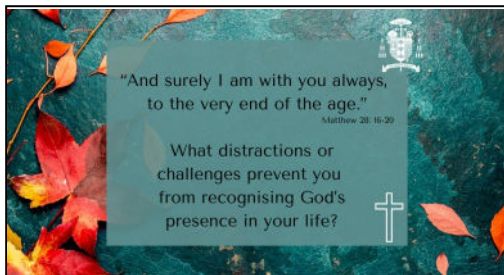




DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
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MAY 17TH 2026: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
17-24 May 2026

Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one (Jn 17:21), and so Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity. Praying, walking, and working together is highlighted each year as Christians around the world celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU).

The theme for this year is:
“One Body, One Spirit, One Hope”
Ephesians 4:4

Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church’s calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity.

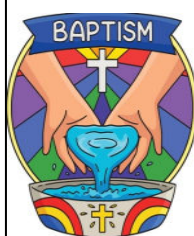
For this year, the prayers and reflections have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic, and Evangelical Churches.

Prayer cards and prayer leaflets are available at church door.

24th May - 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.



A warm welcome to Grace Mae Egenes and Millicent Annabelle Appleton who will be baptised today. Congratulations to them and their families as they are the newest members of our Parish family.

Only one verse of the entire New Testament makes chronological reference to the ascension. In Acts 1:3, Luke states that Jesus continued to appear to the disciples for forty days after the resurrection. He goes on to present his account of Jesus being taken up into heaven.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 May

The Spirit of Life

Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak.

Psalm 104: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

Ministries	<u>Sat 15 May</u>	<u>Sun 16 May</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce Blom	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Kath Petrie Nicky Whitham Blackwell	Kate Kearins Sarah Sparks
Communion	Kitt Isidro	Monica Duot Vimi Chandra Francisca Knottenbelt
Ministries	<u>Sat 23 May</u>	<u>Sun 24 May</u>
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Marty Willetts
Readers	Riaan Blom Kath Petrie	Vanessa Baldey Mary Lyttleton
Communion	Janet Monga Denise Ross	Pauline Baker Maryanne Offner Kate Casey

KIDS' KORNER:

[CELEBRATING THE ASCENSION](#)

ADULT PONDERING:

[The ACSENSION and our CHRISTIAN VOCATION](#)

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 17:** Carol Wynne 1908, Maurice Richards 2022
- May 18:** Thomas Robinson 1907, Doreen Yalland 2009
- May 19:** Myrtle Temple 1990, Margaret (Margot) Atkins 2007
- May 20:** Cecilia Ure 1991, Gloria Rollin 2004
- May 21:** Kathleen Hennelly 1938, William Kearney 1986
- May 22:** Michael Tierney 1983, Raymond Sandford 2004
- May 23:** George Wynne 1959, Laura Mayo-Gaskill 1994

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

Mass of The Neophytes - Bishop Steve invites all those who will be initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on **Sunday 24 May 2026 at 4.30pm**. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226–2026) Franciscan Friars Vocation dinner - Wednesday 27 May 6pm (Mass and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland). This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for single men aged 18–40 to learn more about Franciscan religious life and to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment.
RSVP / Enquiries: Br Philip Jeffares OFM +64 210 414 642 Br Yornes Panggur OFM +64 225 259 93 Email: vocations@franciscans.org.au

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

You are warmly invited to join the last reflection 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 21st May 7pm: Jesus appears to the disciples

For more info, contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or saolefologiesapau@gmail.com

A humble Appeal for a family in need

“My family are parishioners of Hibiscus Coast Parish. Our sister has been unwell and is on the Kidney Transplant List. If you’re interested in finding out about donating a kidney to our sister you can ring Donor Nurse on 0800 5483 36667 or Tricia on 021 178 5847 Many Thanks”

From St Leo

Matariki Celebration: Whānau Kai & Culture

It's time to come together as a community to celebrate **Matariki (Māori New Year)**! We invite all our St Leo's whānau and Parishioners for an evening of kai, culture, and connection as we look to the stars and honor the year ahead.

Event Details

When: Friday, 19th June

Where: St Leo's School Hall

Time: Starting at 5:00 PM

Pre-Order Your Hāngī!

We are excited to offer delicious Hāngī prepared by our St Leo's whānau Please note that hāngī is available via pre-sales only to ensure no one misses out.

Cost: \$12 per plate

How to Book: Email the St Leo's Office at office@stleos.school.nz

Payment: Once you email, you will be provided with an account number for payment.

Koha is greatly appreciated.

MATARIKI Celebration
- WHĀNAU KAI -

Join us as we celebrate **Matariki (Māori New Year)** with kai, culture, and community.
KAHA HAKA PERFORMANCE BY ST LEO'S GROUP

WHEN: Friday 19 June
WHERE: St Leo's School Hall
TIME: Start 5:00 PM

PRE-SALES HĀNGĪ
\$12 PER PLATE

BOOKINGS (PRE-SALES ONLY)
To secure your hāngī, please email:
"St Leo's Office" office@stleos.school.nz

You will be provided with the account number for payment.

Koha is appreciated KAIMAHINA: Terehia & Ngaimi Walter

Feast Days in the Fifth Week of Easter

- **Mon 18 May: St John I, pope and martyr.** Born in Tuscany, elected as 53rd pope in 523. Sent by king Theodoric to Constantinople to persuade the emperor, Justin I, to desist from persecution of the Arians. He was welcomed with great honour, but refused to obey wishes of the king, so upon return to Rome was exiled to Ravenna where he died in 526.
- **Wed 20 May: St Bernadine of Siena, priest.** Born 1380 near Siena, he entered the Friars Minor and was ordained. Journeyed throughout Italy preaching God's mercy. Encouraged devotion to the holy name of Jesus. d 1444.
- **Thurs 21 May: St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, martyrs.** Joined in martyrdom by 21 priests and three laymen, all members of the Cristeros Movement, who rebelled against the anti-Catholic govt. of Mexico in the 1920's. Having erected a Seminary at Tatatiche, he secretly spread the Gospel and ministered to people.
- **Fri 22 May: St Rita of Cascia, religious.** Born at Spoleto, Italy, 1381. Wanted to enter a convent, but was forced into an arranged marriage, which was unhappy as her husband was violent. Rita was always faithful though, and after the death of her husband, and then her two sons, she was admitted to the convent of the Augustinian nuns at Cascia in Umbria. Died in 1457.

Safeguarding Workshop - The upcoming online Safeguarding workshop will be held on **Thursday 21st May at 7pm**. Please email Lisa May to register at lisam@cda.org.nz



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**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

17/05 Alix & Bill Hooper

24/05 Gabriel Sagripanti

Hospitality

17/05 Kate Casey & Phil

24/05 Mia & Gerard

Altar Servers

17/05 Levente Ven, Zenti Ven
& Declan Takuira

24/05 Rosemary Dobbs &
Grace Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

17/05 Catherine Gillies &
Claire Gillies

24/05 Julia Cairney & Alice
Gillies