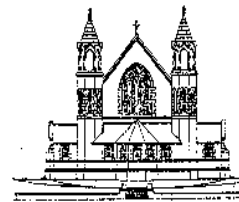




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MAY 24TH 2026: PENTECOST SUNDAY



Property and Finance Committee

The PFC met on 15 May. Parish finances continue to be in good shape. Income from planned giving, collections, and donations in April was slightly higher than last year. So far this year the parish is running at a small operating surplus.

\$ 000	Apr-26	Apr-25
Collections and donations	12	11
Support for clergy	-2	-3.4
Parish expenses	-5	-5
Surplus	5	3

The Hall rentals continue to cover costs. Columbarium niche sales have fully funded construction costs. Surpluses from niche sales will be used to fund a Columbarium maintenance fund and to fund maintenance of the Church and Presbytery.

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Wisdom: To value and seek God first
- Understanding: To grasp God’s truth
- Counsel/Right Judgement: To make wise decisions
- Fortitude/Courage: To strengthen your will
- Knowledge: To enlighten your mind to know God
- Piety /Reverence: To enjoy service of God
- Fear of the Lord: To respect God’s majesty

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

A Prayer for Renewed Faith

O Holy Spirit, breathe new life into my soul.

Where my faith has grown weak, rekindle the fire of Your love.

Help me to see the beauty of your works and the countless ways You have blessed me.

Restore my joy and fill me with confidence in Your promises.

May my faith be strong and unshakable, a light to guide me and a witness to those around me.

I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

The feast of Pentecost brings the season of Easter to a glorious close. We have not spent the past seven weeks waiting for the Spirit. The feast of Pentecost allows us to cry a final full-hearted "Alleluia!" for all the Spirit has accomplished in us and will continue to do. "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 31 May *The God of Love and Peace*

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness & compassion

Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56: Glory and praise for ever!

2Corinthians 13:11-13 The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

John 3:16-18 God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

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
Ministries	<u>Sat 30 May</u>	<u>Sun 31 May</u>
Welcome	Steve Burke	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Damian Wallis Robert Mannion	Denise O'Shaughnessy Ben Upton
Communion	Lisa Mannion Janet Monga	Adrienne Ramskill Flo Sapa'u Pauline Baker

KIDS' KORNER:
[CELEBRATING PENTECOST SUNDAY](#)

ADULT PONDERING:
[https://
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-
content/uploads/2026/04/The-](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/The-)



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

May 24: May Harris 1987, Ramona Chubb 2006, Brendan Meehan 2022

May 26: Catherine Boate 1954, Norman Crombie 1962, Norman Barnett 2009; John James Collins 1966

May 27: James Simmonds 1954, Benjamin Steklin 1994, Jan Corbett 2010

May 28: Frances Woods 1993

May 29: Jerome Beehan 1891, Munro Jones 1990

May 30: Marjorie Orr 2000, Gabrielle Barnett 2020

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.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

Youth Day Launch - On the 7th of June at Holy Family Korean Parish, Flatbush, Begins with mass at 2:30 pm with Bishop Steve Lowe. Priests are welcome to join this mass with their parish's young adult groups, there will be sessions and programmes to follow after Mass.

Job Vacancy - Youth Minister – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, Diocese of Palmerston North. The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is seeking a vibrant and faith filled Youth minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish. For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz. Applications close **30 May**



From Saint Leo Primary School School Cross Country

Last Friday, our school held its annual Cross Country, and what an amazing day it was! The sun was shining, the energy was high, and it was fantastic to see every single student take part and give it their absolute best.



It was a highly successful event, full of great sportsmanship and determination. A huge congratulations to the five talented runners who have been selected to represent our school at the upcoming Peninsula Cross Country! We know you will make us proud.

Also keep in mind our Matariki Whanau Evening on the 19th June at 5 pm. Hangi for sale. See flyer for more details.

JOSHUA

Catholic Men's Fellowship – North Shore

Men of faith are warmly invited to come together for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth.

Topic:

A Journey of Hope - Combating Pornography on the Internet

Presenter:

Fr Robert Steele

priest and author helping people find healing, freedom and hope in Christ

Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2026

St Thomas More Church,
Glenfield, Auckland 0629

- 7:00 PM – Fellowship
- 7:30 PM – Praise & Worship followed by talk

Join us for an inspiring evening of brotherhood, faith, and encouragement.

All men are warmly invited.

Enquiries: Tet-Woo – 021 038 0196
Dominic – 021 100 3694

MATARIKI Celebration
- WHĀNAU KAI -

Join us as we celebrate Matariki (Māori New Year) with kai, culture, and community.
KARA 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 hangi, please email:
"St Leo's Office" office@stleos.school.nz

You will be provided with the account number for payment.

Kaha is appreciated
KAIMAHINA: Terehia & Ngairi Walter

Feast Days in Pentecost

- **Mon 25 May: Mary, Help of Christians.** This feast was instituted by Pope Pius VII. It commemorates the many times Our Lady has helped and interceded on behalf of faithful Christians over the years. The Monday after Pentecost Sunday also honours Mary as **Mother of the Church**.
- **Tues 26 May: St Philip Neri, priest.** Born in Florence 1515, spent most of his life in Rome. A man of the Renaissance, yet truly Christian: he enjoyed discussion; worked for the sick, the poor, prisoners; a man of prayer devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. Ordained in 1551, he formed the Oratory in which services of spiritual reading and singing were held. His Christianity was full of joy and vigour.
- **Wed 27 May: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop.** 605.
- **Fri 29 May: St Paul VI. Pope.**

A 23-day pilgrim's path from Fatima to Vatican
25 September to 17 October 2026
Fatima – Salamanca – Burgos - Lourdes – Paris – Venice - Padua – Assisi - Rome
Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks
Details from Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or 021 390 055



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St Leo's Catholic School: (09) 445-9339 www.stleos.school.nz

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

Masses during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday at 12pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

24/05 Gabriel Sagripanti
31/05 Denise O'Shaughnessy
& Karl Stolberger

Hospitality

24/05 Mia & Gerard
31/05 Maria & Jeremy

Altar Servers

24/05 Rosemary Dobbs &
Grace Rumble
31/05 Levente Ven, Declan &
Reuben Takuira

Children's Liturgy Leaders

24/05 Julia Cairney & Alice
Gillies
31/05 Mary Jane & Millie
Lendich

More volunteers are welcome,
let the Office know. Thank you