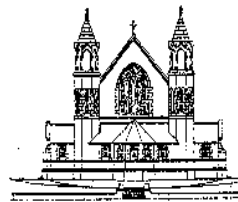




**DEVONPORT CATHOLIC
PARISH**
St Francis de Sales & All Souls
2a Albert Road, Devonport, Auckland, 0624



MAY 3RD 2026: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one
comes to the Father
except through Me.

John 14:6 NKJV



**Prayer Intentions of
Pope Leo XIV - May 2026**

"That everyone have food"

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Lord of creation,
You gave us the fertile earth and, with it,
our daily bread,
as a sign of Your love and providence.

Today we recognize with sorrow
that millions of brothers and sisters continue to
suffer from hunger,
while so many goods are wasted at our tables.

Awaken in us a new awareness:
that we learn to thank for every food,
to consume simply,
to share with joy,
and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from
You,
destined for all, not just a few.

Good Father,
make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish
consumption
into a culture of solidarity.
May our communities promote concrete gestures:
awareness campaigns, food banks,
and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus,
broken bread for the life of the world,
give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty
for fraternity.

May no one be excluded from the common table,
and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread
not as an object of consumption,
but as a sign of communion and care. Amen

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 7th May 7pm:** the
first of 3 talks on Luke 24 by **Fr Emile Frische
MHM**, St Francis de Sales & All Souls
Church. For further information please
contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or
saolelefololesapau@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul - Parish Foodbank

With more local families needing food
parcels, our Saint Vincent de Paul foodbank
stores are often very low. Canned fruit,
tomatoes, peanut butter, cereals and rice and
pasta are great staples to provide. Also money
donations in the box at the back of the church
or in our bank account SOC of ST VINCENT DE
PAUL IN NZ 01-0137-0030606-00 would be
gratefully received.

One way of approaching Easter is to imagine a great tree that thrusts its roots deep into the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upward and outwards. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under the earth and fuel the visible growth of the tree. The gospel readings of the next few Sundays, taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples in the gospel of John invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts.

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.

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.

Ministries	<u>Sat 2 May</u>	<u>Sun 3 May</u>
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Greg Shanahan
Readers	Riaan Blom	Ben Upton
	Nicky Witham Blackwell	Mary Lyttleton
Communion	Denise Ross	Adrienne Ramskill
	Kitt Isidro	Flo Sapa'u
		Pauline Baker
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

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

ADULT PONDERING:
[A SHORT STORY of HOPE](#)

Please pray for Lynnette Sheehan whose funeral was held on Thursday 30th April. May she rest in peace.

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 27: Mona Harkins 1981, Kathleen McGregor 1982, Henrietta Redmond 1996, Peter Kalaugher 2006, David McKellar 2015

Apr 28: Kathleen Marquis 1917

Apr 29: Peter Rattigan 1955, Lillian Quirke 1960

Apr 30: Kevin Wright 2005, Suaesi Passi 2009

May 1: Maria Street 1946, Daniel O'Rourke 1999

May 2: Albert Downing 1957, Sydney Kennings 1962

May 3: William Rogan 1986, Christopher Whelan 2003

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

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

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.

Rise up and Shine Festival Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30th of May, 2026.** Starts at 10am with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend! **Fri pm 14 Aug to Sun midday 16 Aug.** At Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua.

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"
Cost: \$247pp includes accommodation and meals. To Register: contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan 021 437747

From St Leo

St Leo's Choir

We are excited to share that our wonderful school choir, led by Dominic, has begun rehearsals this term! Our talented tamariki have already shown great enthusiasm and commitment as they come together to lift their voices in song. Throughout the term, they will be working hard to develop their skills and confidence as they prepare for a special Mass Singing Day in September.



Parish Hall: There is a bike in parish hall foyer. Would the owner please collect it or it will be disposed of next week? Thank you

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 Fifth Week of Easter

- **Fri 8 May:** First Anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS - These have been emailed on 15th April 2026 to email addresses on the Parish database. If you have not received it, please do let Bernadette in the Office know. **Thank you for your kind and generous contributions to our Parish.**

Silence in Mass

1. **After the homily:** To meditate on the Word of God proclaimed.
2. **After Communion:** For deep and personal thanksgiving.

Silence in mass is crucial for spiritual life. It is an act of humility and adoration. Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the importance of silence in liturgy stating 'Silence is capable of opening in the deepest part of us a space for God'

Fr Neil will be away next Monday 4th to Friday 8th May. There will be liturgy of the word with communion for both Wednesday and Friday at noon.

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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

3/05 Kate Kearins & John Knight

10/05 Arthur Whelan & Frances Downs

Hospitality

3/05 Pauline

10/05 Monika

Altar Servers

3/05 Levente Ven, Zenti Ven & Declan Takuira

10/05 Rosemary Dobbs & Grace Rumble

Children's Liturgy Leaders

3/05 Mary Jane & Millie

Lendich

10/05 Stephen Albrecht, Isla Gillies