



**Decree Assigning the Name of  
Stella Maris**

**Whereas** by the decree of 2 July 2020, the Catholic Parish of Christchurch East was established through the merger and consolidation of St Mary and St James, Christchurch East 2012 and Stella Maris, Ferrymead; and

**Whereas** the members of the Catholic Parish of Christchurch East and its parish priest, Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil have made known their desire to amend the community's name to reflect its heritage and as an expression of unity with Church; and

**Whereas** the parish priest of the Catholic Parish of Christchurch East, Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil, led a consultation process with the parishioners of said community and whom have had a consultative vote about the community's new name; and

**Having** considered the law and facts; and

**Having** sought and heard the counsel of the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Christchurch on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and in accordance with canons 515 §2 and 535 § 3 and by testimony of this document; and

**Having** determined that the good of the souls require it;

**I HEREBY DECREE** that effective **11 January 2024**, the Catholic Parish of Christchurch East is placed under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stella Maris (Star of the Sea), protector and guiding light, whose son Jesus Christ, accompanied his disciples in their vessels, helped them in their work and calmed the storms. In addition, from this day forward, this Catholic Community is to be known as **Stella Maris Parish**, which is now their canonical title, and I direct that this decree be published on the website of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch, which will be presumed the official notification of this action.

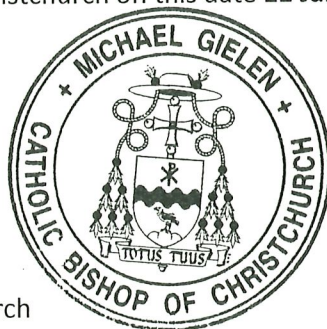
The parish priest is to make suitable provision so that patrons are properly honoured and revered.

This Decree has an effective date of **11 January 2024**, nothing the contrary withstanding. A person objecting to this decree may petition the Bishop of Christchurch for revocation or emendation of same within 10 canonical days from the date of notification of the decree according to canon 1734.

Given at the Diocesan Office of Christchurch on this date **11 January 2024**

Signed by:

+Michael Gielen  
Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch



Signed by:

Reverend Simon Eccleton  
Chancellor, Diocese of Christchurch