



Stella Maris Parish

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OUR PARISH VISION:

Our Stella Maris Parish will grow an inclusive welcoming faith community which supports one another to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and by our actions and words, encourage others to join our faith journey.

14th April 2024 — 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

Preach Repentance And Forgiveness

Preaching repentance and forgiveness bring liberation. We have been forgiven and set free through the blood of Jesus. God is no longer holding our crimes against us. All that we need to do is to repent and enter the new life opened up in Christ. Jesus commands his disciples to witness to the whole world preaching repentance and forgiveness.

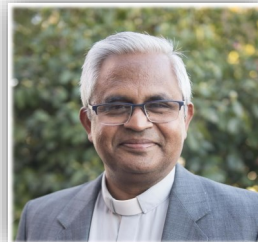
The first reading presents the witness of Peter before the people. He accuses the people of complicity in the murder of Jesus, but he acknowledges that they acted it in ignorance. Peter asks them to repent and enter new life as people liberated from the bondages of sin and evil forces. This is the good news preached to the whole world.

The practical way to live this new life is given in the second reading: live according to God's Commandments. This is the only way to demonstrate that we have passed from the regime of the darkness of sin to the reign of light.

The Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the gathered group of his disciples. Jesus takes time to banish their fears and doubts and finally sends them out as witnesses of repentance and forgiveness in his name. Jesus sends his disciples to announce to all that they are forgiven.

As descendance of the first disciples through faith in Jesus, we all receive the same commission from Jesus: preach repentance and forgiveness to all the nations. This is not of the mission of the priests alone, but of all Christians!

Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil



The Year of Prayer 2024 and the Jubilee Year 2025

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a **Year of Prayer** by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. Please read 'Teach us to Pray' from the Dicastery for Evangelisation at the Vatican. <https://cdoc.nz/what-we-do/mission/year-of-prayer>. This year our parish intend to focus on various prayers: Eucharistic Adoration, Family prayer, Liturgy of Hours, Prayer of intercession.

PARISH INFORMATION:

MASS CENTRES:

Woolston: St Anne's,
739 Ferry Rd.

Sumner: Our Lady Star of the Sea,
42 Dryden St.

New Brighton: St Mary's,
116 Lonsdale St.

Diamond Harbour: St Andrew's,
85 Marine Dr.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES (ENGLISH):

Woolston: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 10:30am

Sumner: Sunday 9:00am

New Brighton: Sunday 10:30am

Diamond Harbour: 1st Sunday 5:30pm

Samoan Mass Times:

Woolston: 1st Sunday 12:30pm

New Brighton: 2nd Sunday 12:30pm

Tongan Mass Time:

Woolston: 1st Sunday 3:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Woolston: Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9:15am

Friday 12:00pm

Sumner: Thursday 9:15am

New Brighton: Thursday 11:15am

A Funeral Mass replaces the week-day Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Woolston: Friday 11:15am-11:45am

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am

New Brighton: After Sunday Mass

Sumner: After Thursday Mass

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Masses Offered this week:

Please pray for the eternal repose of Shiela Mary Sawyer and Greta Mary Arrillaga who died recently; Margaret Ann Stevenson (death anniversary). May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers those who died and whose death anniversaries occur at this time. May they have eternal rest.



PARISH NOTICES:

Sharing Some Of The Points From The Parish Liturgy Workshop

Thank you to all those who have attended the Liturgy workshop on 29th February with Alex Chia from the diocese.

“In celebrating the sacraments, the liturgical books approved by competent authority are to be observed faithfully; accordingly, no one is to add, omit, or alter anything in them on one’s own authority.” **(Canon 846 §1)**

“The Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass.” **(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 24)**

“The regulation of the Sacred Liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, which rests specifically with the Apostolic See and, according to the norms of law, with the Bishop... No other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority.” **(Second Vatican Council’s document on the liturgy, 22)**

“I am saddened by abuses in the celebration of the liturgy on all sides. In common with Benedict XVI, I deplore the fact that “in many places the prescriptions of the new Missal are not observed in celebration, but indeed come to be interpreted as an authorization for or even a requirement of creativity, which leads to almost unbearable distortions... I ask you to be vigilant in ensuring that every liturgy be celebrated with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II, without the eccentricities that can easily degenerate into abuses. Seminarians and new priests should be formed in the faithful observance of the prescriptions of the Missal and liturgical books, in which is reflected the liturgical reform willed by Vatican Council II” **(Pope Francis letter on the reform of the liturgy)**

“It must be lamented that, especially in the years following the post-conciliar liturgical reform, as a result of a misguided sense of creativity and adaptation there have been a number of *abuses* which have been a source of suffering for many. A certain reaction against “formalism” has led some, especially in certain regions, to consider the “forms” chosen by the Church’s great liturgical tradition and her Magisterium as non-binding and to introduce unauthorized innovations which are often completely inappropriate.

I consider it my duty, therefore to appeal urgently that the liturgical norms for the celebration of the Eucharist be observed with great fidelity. These norms are a concrete expression of the authentically ecclesial nature of the Eucharist; this is their deepest meaning. Liturgy is never anyone’s private property, be it of the celebrant or of the community in which the mysteries are celebrated.” **(Pope John Paul II, Encyclical on the Eucharist in its Relationship with the Church, 52)**

The use of the lectionary: “In the liturgical assembly, the word of God must always be read either from the Latin texts prepared by the Holy See or from vernacular translations approved by the conferences of bishops for liturgical use, according to existing norms.” **(Introduction to the Lectionary, 111)**

“Nor is it lawful to replace readings and Responsorial Psalm, which contain the Word of God, with other, non-biblical texts.” **(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 57)**

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – FAMILY RETREAT –

“ETCHED ONTO MY HEART” -19th-21st APRIL 2024

Either book for the whole weekend or just for the Saturday. A wonderful time for the whole family.

Contact: retreats@beatitudes.nz

DIOCESAN OFFICE MOVE

Please be advised that the diocesan offices will be closed on Monday 29th April, whilst we move from Washington Way to our new site on Moorhouse Avenue.

PRISON CHAPLAINCY VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies for prison chaplains within the Canterbury region. Please note, these positions are with Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa (TTPCA) not the Catholic diocese. These are permanent roles which are advertised on the TTPCA website and on Seek.

Applications close **22nd April 2024**.

<https://www.prisonchaplaincy.org.nz/vacancies/>

- Rolleston prison (16 hours per week) :

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74691265>

- Christchurch Men’s and Christchurch Women’s prisons (40 hours per week) : <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74691091>

Please feel free to contact Nikos Palaiologos if you need additional information. nikos.palaiologos@prisonchaplaincy.org.nz

GOLDEN CATHOLICS EVENT - TOWARDS PRIESTHOOD

Hear from Bishop Michael Gielen as he shares his journey towards priesthood and now life as a Bishop. Of the early influencers and experiences that helped to guide his call to priesthood in 1997. Also, hear of his passion for a Diocese that is constantly on Mission, working together so every person encounters Jesus Christ in a life-giving way. **Friday 19th April**, Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru. 11am Mass with presentation and lunch to follow. As numbers are limited please RSVP by 12th April 03 686 2010 or cdf@cdoc.nz

THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT

Father John O’Connor’s Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

CATHOLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

Calling all Catholic Health Professionals to come meet some of the Catholic hospital chaplains, come have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two and a chin-wag with the chaplains and other health professionals from around Christchurch. Bring along any questions you have for them and other health professionals that would like to meet other like minded people working in the health industry. **Saturday 4th May** at the Papanui Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road (Papanui Road end), 2pm - 4pm. To RSVP or for any questions email christchurchcma@gmail.com

SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Please see below a selection of Retreats for April/ May. For more info or to register, please visit our website www.sistereretreat.com

An Introductory Encounter with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola - facilitator: Dr. Mary Allen ofs. A 4 week retreat with weekly sessions **Friday 19th & 26th April, 3rd & 10th May**. (3-4pm)

Attending to the needs of people in midlife- a day with Dr. Anne Shave. A day for clergy, church leaders, teams and pastoral workers.

Wednesday 1st May 2024, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Participating in the Trinity - a 5 or 7 – day silent retreat - facilitators: Donald and Janice Scott

Sunday, 19th May (5pm)– **Thursday, 23rd May** or **Saturday 25th May** (2pm) - 5-day or 7-day Retreat ... your choice.

Seasons of Growth - a 2-day retreat - The process of grief is like healing a broken heart - facilitators: Joanne and Rick Smith

Friday 31st May (9:30am) – **Saturday 1st June** (4pm)

PARISH NOTICES:

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Acts 3:13-15

John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Psalm Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

PLANNED GIVING

New Planned-giving envelopes for the year 2024-2025 are kept in the foyer of the three Mass centres. If you can't find your envelopes, please contact the parish office. If you want to join Planned giving, forms are available in the foyer. Complete the form and drop it either in the box kept in the foyer or in the Sunday collection basket. If you wish to make a one-off donation, you are welcome to do so either by internet payment (Christchurch East Parish: account number- 03-1592-0207535-020 with your cell number as reference or contacting the office.

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROPERTY AND FINANCE

Your parish needs volunteers to support Finance and management committee.

Can you help? Can you please let me know if you know someone who is talented and has got time to help our parish?

WE BEGIN ALPHA SOON

Many of the parishes in our diocese are regularly running this program few times a year. Alpha is the best tool to make our parish growing and missionary. Your 'Stella Maris Parish' is desperately in need of you. We need helpers. Can you



SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

At present there are only three parishioners to count the weekly Sunday collection. I have got two more volunteers. I'm in need of four more volunteers who can be available on Monday morning. If you can help, please let Fr Job know.

MUSIC MINISTRY IN OUR STELLA MARIS PARISH

Your Parish Needs Organists/Pianists/Keyboard players for all of Mass centres.

Since Mary Stott was the only person playing organ in at St Anne's and has stood down, St Anne's needs volunteers to play organ/piano/Keyboard for weekends she was playing. Those who are willing to help with music, please contact Fr Job. Until we get someone, will either sing hymns unaccompanied or go without hymns. CD playing is not liturgical for the Mass and so we won't be playing CD for the Mass. *Relying just on one person is not good for the parish.* We need more people involved in each ministry and a roster. More volunteers make more involvement and less commitment!

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

A small new Liturgy committee will be formed nominating members from those who have attended this workshop at the end of the month of April. Those who wish to join the liturgy group may please to put their expression of interest and know what is involved in joining liturgy group for the parish and Mass centres. Email Fr Job: frjobs@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS FOR ALL MASS CENTERS

Altar serving is an important part of the normal celebration of the Mass. They wear Alb for the dignity of the celebration. Those who have received Holy Communion, whether they are children, youth or adult can become Altar server. Those who wish to be altar server, either contact one of our priests or Janette: janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz



STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 739 Ferry Road, Woolston

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm

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New Brighton—New Brighton Catholic

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