



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.

19th May 2024 — Pentecost Sunday, Year B

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

In the gospel today, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth who will lead all believers to the complete truth. He comes from the Father as a witness who does not speak from himself but only what he has learnt. Jesus says, "all he tells you will be taken from what is mine." The complete truth may be the truth of the Holy Trinity. In this passage of the gospel, we see the presence of the Trinity. The Spirit is from the Father whom Jesus will send. There is unity, collaboration, or networking among them. This unity, collaboration and universality that exists in the Godhead and the Holy Spirit will lead us to this complete truth.

The first reading presents the experience at Pentecost where the effect of the Holy Spirit is evident. At the reception of the Holy Spirit, the receivers started speaking a language that all people from every nation who were present in Jerusalem could understand. From this experience, the Holy Spirit points to the fact that the Church is universal, it is for everyone, and all are equal.

The second reading stresses the Trinity as the source of unity in the Church. There is a variety of gifts and diversified services given to different people in the Church but all for a good purpose and from the same God. Hence, there is no need for divisions and factions in the Church but unity in diversity.

Fr Benjamin Asare SVD



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:

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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"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness."

Come into his presence singing." (Psalm 100)

Next Sunday, 26th May, 9:30am—10:15am

Masses Offered this week:

Mass offered by Evelyn Sweeney for the death anniversary of Colin Sweeney.

Thanksgiving mass offered by Imelda Bout.

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



PARISH NOTICES:

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>.

Pentecost Weekend and Prayers of the faithful

This weekend being the Pentecost Sunday, each prayer in the prayers of the faithful will be said in different languages by different people.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Transfer of priests: Thank you Fr Benjamin Asare

Bishop has told me this week that Fr Benjamin Asare will be moving to the St Mary's Pro-Cathedral as the residing priest and Fr Tang Phan, the Assistant Priest from St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, will be moving to Stella Maris Parish after the weekend of **25/26th May 2024**. I thank Fr Benjamin Asare for the wholehearted support he gave to me and for the service he rendered to the Parish. There will be a **farewell cuppa** with finger food for Fr Benjamin next Sunday 26th May after the 10.30am Mass at St Anne's Hall. I encourage everyone to bring finger food and participate in this farewell. (Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil)

THE UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 26 May: The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday 2nd June: The Solemnity-Corpus Christi
(The celebration of First Holy Communion)

Sunday 9th June: 10th Sunday in OT Year B

4TH SUNDAY LUNCH – ST MARY'S CHURCH

On all 4th Sunday of the month the parishioners gather at Urban Café, Bower Hotel, 447 New Brighton Road, corner of Bower Avenue for lunch at 12pm after 10.30am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to join.

OCIA / OCIC—BECOMING A CATHOLIC

The current OCIA program was completed with the Neophytes Mass last Sunday.

The enquiry for the next OCIA program begins now. If you know someone who has shown interest to be a Catholic, please help them to complete the enquiry form. The Enquiry Forms for OCIA (Order Christian Initiation of Adults) and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children) are available in all our Church Foyers. For more Information, please contact Janette ph:384 1600, email janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz

THE CATHOLIC SHOP

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373 Manchester St, Christchurch next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Monday to Friday 9.30am till 4.30pm

Saturday 10am till 1pm

Shop online at www.thecatholicshop.nz anytime.

Call 3662853 or email us catholicshop@cdoc.nz

STELLA MARIS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN:



Our Stella Maris Parish Prayer Chain assists anyone seeking spiritual support. To request prayers (in confidence), phone Maria Ilalio on 337 2994 or 027 551 8070.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - SOUP KITCHEN

As we did last year through the cooler months of the year, Catholic Social Services will be offering much-needed kai through a series of Soup Kitchens starting on Thursday the **23rd May** at Shand Crescent Reserve, Riccarton.

TEILHARD VISIONARY SCIENTIST

The NZ Premier showing of the movie: Teilhard Visionary Scientist is confirmed for 4pm on 31st May at Lumiere Cinemas. Followed by a celebration in the Bijou Bar afterwards (drinks to purchase some food platters provided). The Link for Information and bookings is: <https://lumierecinemas.co.nz/movie/teilhard-visionaryscientist>

THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. On this Vocations Sunday are you being called to Shepherd others as a Priest or Religious? "Hearing that divine call", Pope Francis writes, is the "surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness". Contact the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao on petercaochitien@yahoo.com or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz if you want to talk more information or to talk about a possible vocation.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (Christchurch North) is presenting a series of talks to give you knowledge and experience in praying and using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is a 3 week series and will be held on Thursday **6th, 13th, 20th June** from 7pm - 8.30pm at the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road. Registration will be available on the Christchurch North Parish website or by contacting Judith on 027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED

Marriage Unplugged is a workshop for all married couples of any age or stage. Led by Tim and Jenn Goulding the workshop will help you reconnect with your spouse and grow deeper in your relationship together.

25th May - 9-4:30pm, Ashburton Catholic Parish Centre. \$50 per couple (morning tea and lunch provided). Register online at www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-enrichment/

A DAY WITH MARY

Join us for a Day with Mary on Saturday **25th May** at Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer Street, Addington. Starting with Mass at 9am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and the Rosary.

There will be a shared lunch at 12pm, followed by a talk on our Lady, Invocations to St Joseph, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. For more information call Ron 022 097 0627

THE JOY OF HOPE – Heavenly Revelation from John on the Holy Island of Patmos

An inspirational course filmed on location on the beautiful Greek Holy Island of Patmos, where Scripture tells us the Book of Revelation was written. Each of the four sessions is presented at key places around the island by David Payne.

Uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven.

Each session includes an engaging mix of teaching, scripture meditation and prayerful response with group discussion.

Starting **21st May at 7.30 pm**. Register at www.fdm.org.nz/joy

SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Life is busy - time for a retreat?

Taking time for a retreat at Sister Eveleen offers a precious opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what truly matters in the most beautiful and serene setting of Scarborough Hill.

In the midst of life's busyness, a retreat creates a breathing space for you to deepen your relationship with God, gain clarity amidst the noise, and just simply rest.

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

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

Faith and Hope in Midlife - A day for all interested to explore, reflect and celebrate the significant transitions in life and faith.- facilitator: Dr. Anne Shave.

Date **Sat 8th June 2024, 9:30 am - 4 pm**

Our Pilgrims Soul - A Weekend Retreat - "A pilgrim is a person who prays with the feet" - facilitator: Elinor Gabraith

Date: **Fri 14th – Sun 16th June**

PARISH NOTICES:

Sunday, 19th May 2024 — Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Gen 11:1-9

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

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

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT PARISH WEBSITE

To apply for a preference certificate for catholic schools, register for baptisms, join the parish and planned giving, making enquiries, all you need to do is just focus on the QR code on your smartphone camera, click on the link, complete the form and submit. It saves your time and saves the time of the admin staff.

Preference Application



Parish Enrolment



Planned Giving



Contact office



THE LEGION OF MARY invites you to

A special celebration in honour of Our Blessed Mother

At St Anne's: Saturday 25th May.

Celebration begins with **Mass at 9.30am followed by a reflection, Morning Tea:** Join us in the hall for morning tea, **short play** performed by our Junior Legion about Our Lady of Guadalupe and **shared Lunch.** Please bring a plate of food to share if you can. If you can't bring a plate, just bring yourself.

Details are there on the notice board.

REFINED – Youth and Family Pentecost Gathering

*For our God is a consuming fire
Hebrews 12:29*

Join the young people of our parish and their families as they come together to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost over our Parish, Diocese and City.

**Friday 17th June 2024 in St Anne's Hall
from 4pm-6pm**

Prayer, Worship, Scripture Reflection, Fellowship

ALPHA

Alpha is the best tool to make our parish growing and missionary. Many of the parishes in our diocese are regularly running this program few times a year. Your 'Stella Maris Parish' is desperately in need of volunteers to run this program. Parish is planning to arrange another information day and training programme to the volunteers to run the program in our parish. Could you please let me know if you would like to join this information day? Email Fr Job: frjobs@gmail.com



TAX RECEIPT FOR THE PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipt for the year 2023-2024 are kept in the foyer of the three Mass centres this weekend in the alphabetical order of your surname. Please feel to contact the parish office if you can't find them, or if you want to receive it by email or if you find any mistake. Parish is so grateful to your generosity and commitment.

Parish encourages parishioners joining Planned giving, forms are available in the **foyer** and on the **web-site.** Either you please complete the form online or the hard copy which is kept in the foyer and drop it either in the box kept in the foyer at St Anne's or in the Sunday collection basket.

STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 739 Ferry Road, Woolston

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm

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