



# Stella Maris Parish

## Catholic Parish of Christchurch Diocese

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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.

6th October 2024 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### THE DIFFERENT VOCATIONS IN LIFE

The Church teaches that there are three vocations in life: single, married and priesthood or religious life.

Firstly, the Catechism of the Church (CCC#1658) says that there are a great number of people who remain single not by their choosing but possibly by life circumstances, so let us be mindful of them, help them and know that they are a part of God's family.

Secondly, marriage is the most popular of these three vocations. It is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership for life, and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring and has been raised by Christ to the dignity of a Sacrament. It is a lifelong commitment of unity and oneness of mind and body that is why Jesus reminds them in today's gospel that what God has united, man must not divide. There are many challenges facing marriage at this modern time so to keep them one all the time praying, following God's plan, and supporting community are absolutely necessary.

Finally, priesthood and religious life is another calling by God to serve Him and the Church through the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC#1547) states, the priest serves the faithful by building up and guiding the Church in the name of Jesus Christ, who is head of the body. A priest makes a lifelong promise of celibacy and obedience to a bishop or religious superior and dedicate his life in the service of God's people. Let us pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life in our Diocese of Christchurch. Whatever state of life we are in right now, let us thank the Lord our God, be faithful and always be open to His will.

This week begins the school holiday. Let us keep in our prayers our children in our four schools that they may be safe and may they enjoy the times with their families.

May God bless all the families in our parish of Stella Maris.

- Fr Paulo Filoialii



### OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

May this month of the Rosary bring many blessings to our parish.

We recite rosary at St Anne's at 9.00 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11.00 am on Friday; 10.00 am on Sunday during the month of October.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### Samoa Mass Times

**Woolston:** 1st Sunday 12:30pm

**New Brighton:** 2nd Sunday 12:30pm

### Tongan Mass Time

**Woolston:** 1st Sunday 3:30pm

### RECONCILIATION

**Woolston:** Friday 11:15am-11:45am  
Saturday 10:30am-11:00am

**New Brighton:** After Sunday Mass

**Sumner:** After Thursday Mass

**Diamond Harbour:** After Sunday Mass

### PARISH CONTACTS

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### PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:30am - 12:30pm

**Sunday, 6th October 2024 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

**Psalm Response:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Masses Offered this week:**

Please pray for the eternal repose of U'una Apetone Fidow, Nela Felolina and Manuel who passed away recently. Please also pray for Noeline MacDougall and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they have eternal rest.



**POPE CALLS FOR OCTOBER 7**

**TO BE DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE**

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war.

**PARISH CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON PROPERTIES**

The date for the parish consultation on properties is not yet set. Sorry for this delay. It would be in the month of November. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the consultation regarding our parish properties. Please grab a copy from the church foyer and email the parish office [parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz](mailto:parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz) to register your interest to take part in the discussion. So far **32 people** have registered to take part in the discussion.

**BUILD A CULTURE OF EVANGELISATION**

A one-day workshop for all those with a heart for evangelisation.

The event is a collaboration of the Diocese and Divine Renovation, this inspirational event will feature guest speaker Cathy Kennedy (Evangelisation Coordinator, St Declan's Parish Sydney)

**Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Location: Villa Maria College Hall**

**Time: 10am - 4pm : Cost: \$20**

To register or find out more, [click here](#).

**20 OCTOBER 2024: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

In October, Catholics unite worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's missionary effort. Special envelopes are in the foyer for you to take and give a donation.

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP**

Online - **Tuesday, 29 October** at 1 pm and 7 pm

Register by email to Clodagh Ward at [cward@cdoc.nz](mailto:cward@cdoc.nz)

Face to Face - **Wednesday** - Cathedral Parish Assisi Lounge—**20 November** at 1 pm & 7 pm

Last Workshops for 2024

**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**



**VILLA MARIA YOUNG VINNIES FUNDRAISER**

Villa Maria College is organising a fashion show event on **25 October, 6:30 pm at 21 Peer St, Upper Riccarton** to help raise funds for St Vincent de Paul to continue the work we do for the community. Our aim is to raise more than \$3,000 to fund St Vincent de Paul projects heading into the Christmas Season that will provide food parcels, clothing and Christmas presents for the people we support in our community.

**LEGION OF MARY RETREAT**

Please join us for a retreat on Saturday, **12 October at St Mary's, New Brighton, 9:00 am-3:30 pm**. There will be shared lunch. Everyone welcome.

Marie Rean is celebrating her 90th birthday, on Sunday **6th October**. Congratulations Marie on such a special occasion.



**Stella Maris Parish Schools**

Aranui—St James

New Brighton—New Brighton Catholic

Summer—Our Lady Star of the Sea

Woolston—St Anne's

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