



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.

13th October 2024 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The Young Man Missed 'One Thing' Terribly!

In today's Gospel, a wealthy young man of excellent character loved God, but still he missed 'one thing' terribly! Jesus indeed appreciated his efforts but pointed out the 'one thing' that was missing in him. He missed sharing his wealth with others.

The rich man was unwilling to accept Jesus' idea that *'the wealth is not something to be owned but rather something to be shared with others'*, and to put the whole Jewish value system upside down. The Jewish belief was that the material wealth and prosperity were signs of God's blessings. So, the young man in the Gospel went away sad.

There were great leaders in the history who had stumbled upon the 'one thing.' They were otherwise perfect but had failure in life due to 'one thing' or the other.

Today Jesus is asking us to reflect upon that 'one thing' that is preventing us from inheriting eternal life. This 'one thing' could be different in the life of person to person. For some, it may be hunger for name and fame, for others, it may be desire for success, and yet for others it may be greed for wealth and possessions etc. It is important to discern this 'one thing' that prevents us from attaining eternal life.

Let's pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to find out the 'one thing' that is preventing us from inheriting eternal life, and "Follow Jesus *on his terms* and **not**, on our terms"



- Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2024, 13th October 2024



This Sunday, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Support Life Sunday. Inspired by the recent Vatican document, Dignitas Infinita, the theme for 2024 is the nature of human dignity. The document reaffirms the Church's central belief that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an infinite dignity. Read more and access Support Life Sunday resources at: <https://bit.ly/SupportLife2024>

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 8:50 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

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday, 13th October 2024 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Masses Offered this week:

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they have eternal rest.



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 to register your interest to take part in the discussion. So far **33 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 12th October: Location: Villa Maria College Hall

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

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

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP

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

Register by email to Clodagh Ward at cward@cdoc.nz

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

Last Workshops for 2024

GRANDPARENTS PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting is on **Saturday, 19th October @ 3 pm**. Venue: The Marian Room, St Anne's Church, Woolston. We are an intercessory prayer force for our kids and grandkids under the patronage of St Joachim & St Anne, grandparents of Jesus. Anyone and everyone are welcome! Contact: Liz on 022 030 6628 or Sandy on 021 180 4445

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.

EMBRACING GRIEF WITH HOPE RETREAT

The JP2 Centre for Life is holding a one-day consoling retreat for parents who have lost a child pre/post nataly. **19 October, 10am-2pm**. Fourviere Retreat Centre, Leithfield. This is a free event, but registration is required by **16 October**. Email: director@jp2.org.nz or phone 022 503 9249. BYO lunch.

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.

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.

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



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