



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.

10th November 2024 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE WITHOUT LOSING

The widow in the first reading responded to Elijah's request with honesty. She was about to prepare the last meal, she and her son would have before they starved to death. Nevertheless, she did as she was asked and shared the last of their food with Elijah. And the three of them live because of God's provision.

In the gospel of Mark today, Jesus drew the disciple's attention to another widow as a way of enabling them to see discipleship in action. He highlighted the innate goodness which leads to generous living of the widow. Sometimes, it is easier to share, we have plenty because of God's provision. Sometimes, it is to share when we have plenty, because we don't miss what we give away. But when we give away, our last, or only thing we have, it can be painful.

Today's gospel, Jesus talks about "sharing and giving". He could see that the rich people were giving out of their abundance, but the widow was giving everything she had that meant that she was totally trusting God to provide for her. Jesus always looks into people's hearts, not just what the rest of us see. This is what is important to God.

The story of the widow is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.

Please be generous to one another, especially open our hearts to the poor and the needy, because we never know, that is Jesus Christ himself we meet that day.

May God bless us all.

- Fr Paulo Filoialii



PARISH CONSULTATION ON PROPERTIES

Wednesday 20th November 7.00PM

AT ST ANNE'S HALL

The parish consultation on properties will be held on **Wednesday 20th November** at **7.00pm** sharp at **St Anne's Hall**, Woolston. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the consultation regarding of our parish properties. If you haven't got a copy of the consultation document, please grab a copy from the church foyer. Please email the parish office parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz to register your interest to take part in the discussion.

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

Samoan 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

PARISH NOTICES:

Year of Prayer and Reflection on the Lord's Prayer

Thy Will be done

"Abba, our Father in heaven... Thy Will be done" reminds us of the third day of creation, when God's will for life first bursts forth. God's deepest desire is to divinise creation, and Scripture often gives us the image of a Bridegroom and Bride to capture this mystery. The highest fruit of that self-giving love is life itself, and it is on the third day of creation that life begins to flower. This wasn't simply a display of divine power—it was a sign of God's will: perfect union with His creation, bringing forth life through love. And as St Thomas Aquinas taught us, love is not a 'sentiment' but an act of will: willing the good of the other, as themselves.

From Eden to the Cross, from the Song of Songs to Revelation's wedding feast, God persistently proposes this cosmic life-giving marriage. Through Christ, creation itself is destined for union with its Creator, to be fully united with and transformed by Divine Love. This divine pattern finds its perfect fulfilment in Mary's fiat, her "yes" that becomes the ultimate fruit of union with God, bringing forth Christ Himself through whom eternal life springs abundant. In her, we see God's will achieved—Creator and creature perfectly united, bringing divine life into the world.

The sacrament of Marriage reflects this same mystery. Just as Mary's fiat allowed for the union of God and humanity, Christian marriage witnesses to this divine intimacy. Each "I do" echoes earth's first response to God's love and Mary's perfect accord of her will with His. In every marriage, Christ's union with His Church is mirrored, and from this union, just as with creation's first flowering, new life may spring forth.

When we pray Thy Will be done, we're saying "yes" to this divine love story, joining our voice with the earth's first song of love and Mary's perfect alignment with God's purpose. God's will has always been union with His creation—a union that bears fruit in new life. This week, consider your own daily fiat. Whether married or single, each small "yes" to God's will becomes part of creation's great song of loving obedience, echoing both earth's first flowering of life and Mary's perfect "let it be".



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN PARISH MINISTRIES?

Many thanks to those who are already in for the various ministries and who attended the training program. There will be a training program for all volunteers every year to update their ministry requirements. Those who wish to join in any of the following ministries: readers, greeters, cleaning, helping with morning tea, sacristans, helping with RCIA and RCIC, please contact parish office parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz

If you wish to join Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact any of the three priests of this parish.



Our Parish is subscribed to FORMED

All of our parishioners have access to this amazing resource. It's very easy to log on and sign up

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Search for Catholic Parish of Christ-church

East, enter your name and email address

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STELLA MARIS ADVENT RETREAT

30th November at St Marys New Brighton

Start time 10am, finish time 3pm

Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch.



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 Applica-



Parish Enrolment



Planned Giving



Contact office



DIOCESAN NOTICES:

GREATER COMPANY OF MARY

GCM Mass—The next Greater Company of Mary Mass will be held on **Saturday 23 November**, 10.30am at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North, St Albans, Christchurch. All welcome. Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, please rsvp by Monday 18 November, to the Little Company of Mary office, ph 372 9224



LAST SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS 2024

Face to Face - Wednesday, Cathedral Parish, **November 20th** at 1pm in the Assisi Lounge or 7pm in Narthex of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.



INFERTILITY SUPPORT

We welcome you to a monthly Support Group if you are struggling with infertility. Join us at St Teresa's Meeting room, Monday, **11th November 7.30pm**, to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. Please contact us to find out more: Ph 021 0814 8834 or email info@jp2.org.nz



NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NZCMA)

The NZCMA is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us.

Retreat and Seminar **15th-16th November 2024**, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Details and registration: [This link](#)
Accommodation: There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref BGRP—21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly.

For updates regarding events, please email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com



FIFTH GOSPEL LIVING

Fr John O'Connor has collated inspiring reflections on experience of God from ninety people across Aotearoa and further afield. These are now shared in an attractive volume entitled FIFTH GOSPEL LIVING - \$35.00. Available from THE Copy Press in Nelson or (to save postage costs and for bulk orders) directly from John john@fff.org.nz.

CBS MUSIC PRESENTS - MESSIAH

Handel's Messiah will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St, Sunday, **1st December 2024**, at 1.30 pm.

The Cathedral Orchestra will be led by Natalia M. Lomeiko and directed by Don Whelan.

Admission is \$30 and \$25, with Eftpos available.

Next year, CBS Music continues its popular Lunch Plus Wednesday At One recital series.

New members are welcome to join the cathedral choir, which rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the CBS Music Centre. Sight reading ability is expected. Those interested should contact the musical director, Don Whelan, ph. 358 5873



RETREAT AT SISTER EVELEEN HOUSE

Day Retreats are held every last Thursday in the month with different themes. Next month: Thur 28 November, 9:30 – 2:30 - facilitator: Antje Duda

Retreats for 2025 are available for booking. Please visit the website.



FLOURISH OP SHOP FUNDRAISING

Looking for some great clothing bargains and a way to give back? Join us for our fundraiser to support Pregnancy Choice

\$5 fill a bag sale

Cash or Eftpos also available

Saturday 23 November at Sacred Heart Church Hall

10 am—2 pm

Bag some great bargains, items for all ages. We will have some bags available but if possible, please bring your own supermarket bag. This is vital work supporting women & whanau facing unexpected pregnancy. Every \$5 helps us to provide essential items for women & families in need. Your support creates lasting change in our community.



Sacred Heart & Redwood College Nelson Past Pupils & Staff Historic Reunion

We warmly invite all past pupils and staff to attend.

Date: 15th, 16th, 17th November 2024

Location: Manuka Street, Nelson

This is the last call for registrations, so please don't miss out! Register now for this historic reunion on our website: www.RedwoodSacredHeart.com

Please note: Registration and attendance are open only to past pupils and staff of Sacred Heart & Redwood College, Nelson.

Contact: Bernadette King-Turner

Email: SHReunion2024@gmail.com

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Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

PARISH NOTICES:



PROCLAIM
Summer Camp

All students in Year 9-13 in 2025 are welcome to register for our very own Parish Summer Camp! Join us for a weekend packed with Fun Games & Activities, Fellowship and JESUS!

17TH - 19TH JAN 2025

WOODEND CHRISTIAN CAMP

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



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A DAY WITH MARY

A day with Mary will be held at St Mary's Church, Lonsdale Street, New Brighton on Saturday, **16th November 2024** commencing at 9:15 am with a procession then a Mass at 9:30am and concluding at 3:00pm. Ron 0220970627

All welcome to join.



NOVEMBER - MONTH OF ALL SOULS

During this month, we are invited to remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our loved ones. The Church encourages us to visit their graves and pray for them. Offering Mass is the highest prayer we can make for them.



During November, a **HOLY SOULS BOX** will be placed at the foot of the altar for people to leave the names of deceased family members. During Mass, our priests will remember these souls, praying for them and offering them to God.



PROCLAIM SUMMER CAMP SPONSORS NEEDED

If you would like to sponsor one or more of our youth to attend our Parish Summer Camp 'Proclaim' or make a donation to help subsidise the camp fees, so more of our parish youth can attend, please contact Janette Bradbrook – Janette@stellamaris.org.nz or please call or pop into the parish office for a chat Tues-Fri from 9am-2:30pm.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for the eternal repose of Patricia Ash who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they have eternal rest.



Catholic Parish of Christchurch East—Parish App

How to set up the app

Step 1: On your phone, go to Google Play or Apple Play

Step 2: Search for ChurchAppsNZ

Step 3: Install ChurchAppsNZ

Step 4: Search and choose the Catholic Parish of Christchurch East



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.

Stella Maris Parish Schools

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Principal: Rose Firth-Scott

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