



# 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.

24th November 2024 - Feast of Christ the King

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

### Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!

Today is the last Sunday of this liturgical year and it ends with the feast of Christ the King. This feast was introduced by the Pope Pius the XI in 1925 and in 1969 this feast was placed on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year.

The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus throughout the Gospels. The word 'kingdom' appears more than any other word throughout the four Gospels. Jesus begins His public ministry by preaching the kingdom. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel".

Today's liturgy presents Jesus as the King. Jesus Christ is a real king because of what he did. What Jesus proclaims by word, he enacts in his ministry. He gave us everything he had when he died on the cross so that all generation may be saved by his blood. His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional.

Jesus is a unique king with a unique kingdom; There is none other like him in the history of the world. A king without a kingdom; without a throne; without a guard; without self-defense and without support from anyone. Jesus Christ still lives as king, in thousands of human hearts. The human hearts are his kingdom, the cross is his throne, colt is his carriage, angels are his guardians, and the Sermon on the Mount is his rule of law.

On this great feast day, let us surrender our lives to the rule of Christ and resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives and conclude the Church year: by proclaiming

**Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!**  
**Advent begins next weekend**

- Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness."  
Come into his presence singing." (Psalm 100)

This Sunday, 24th November

9:30am—10:15am

### 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

## PARISH NOTICES:

### Year of Prayer and Reflection on the Lord's Prayer

#### And forgive us our trespasses...

"Abba, our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," echoes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and also brings to mind the fifth day of Creation, when God transformed the waters of chaos into fountains of life. This prefigures an even greater transformation - Christ's eternal sacrifice that transforms the cosmic waters of death, brought forth by our Fall, into springs of eternal life. Christ purchased on our behalf the very forgiveness we ask for in the Lord's Prayer. Not in the sense of appeasing a tyrant God, but rather in terms of infinite redress for the infinite separation or "sundering" (sin) brought about by the Fall. This forgiveness isn't freely given because it's cheaply bought - it's freely given because it's been infinitely purchased through Christ's perfect sacrifice, eternally present. In Sacramental Reconciliation, we receive the grace (drawing closer to God) of that forgiveness.

Just as the waters of Creation suddenly teemed with life at God's command, the waters of our sin, when touched by Christ's sacrificial love, burst forth with the abundance of grace. Through the Eucharist, we participate in this cosmic restoration. Here, the fruits of Christ's sacrifice - forgiveness and life - become our daily bread. And through Reconciliation, we enter into this movement from death to life, letting grace multiply where sin once reigned. When we extend forgiveness to others, we're not merely making a choice to be a nice person - we're participating in Christ's cosmic rebalancing of all reality. We're letting the life-giving waters of His grace teem and multiply, lifting us and others from the death of separation toward the fullness of divine life.

This divine pattern echoes through Salvation History: Noah's dove, released over the waters of the flood, returns with an olive branch - a sign of new life and God's forgiveness. The early Christians recognized this profound connection between water, life, and salvation when they chose the fish - ICHTHYS - as their secret symbol. This simple drawing contained their entire confession of faith: Iesous CHristos, THEou Yios, Soter (Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior) - the One whose sacrifice transforms the waters of death into abundant life. - *Dr Bryn Sparks*



#### PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

**27 November 6:00 am - 6:00 pm**

St Mary's Church Martindales Rd

The church will be open and we invite you in to light a candle for victims of conflict, for refugees, for the wounded, for those mourning, for the homeless, for medical personnel, for aid workers and more. For anyone who touches your heart in these devastated areas.

*"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other". Mother Teresa*

We warmly invite you to a special  
**Volunteer Appreciation Morning Tea**

**Date:** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 10am -12pm

**Location:** St Anne's Hall



#### 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



#### 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.



#### STELLA MARIS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Our Stella Maris Parish Prayer Chain assists anyone seeking spiritual support. To request prayers (in confi-

#### 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 Christchurch East, enter your name and email address
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- Enter your name, and email address
- Then you have access to a whole range of fabulous resources



## DIOCESAN NOTICES:

### PRIESTS RETIREMENT VILLAS

Bishop Michael has this weekend launched a campaign to support the development of retirement villas for priests in the Christchurch Diocese. The villas will allow for modest but comfortable accommodation for the men who have served our Diocese faithfully for decades. About 25 per cent of the \$3.5 million fundraising target has already been raised, including through contributions from clergy. Members of the Catholic community are invited to prayerfully consider how they can support this initiative. Find out more at <https://cdoc.nz/>



### FESTIVAL OF THE LIGHTS

**7th December 6pm:** Join Bishops John Adams and Michael Gielen at the Community of the Beatitudes for a Beautiful evening of celebration on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year's Fourvière Festival of the Lights will be extra special as the Community of the Beatitudes is also celebrating 30 years of Foundation in New Zealand and 5 years of the beautiful Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. The evening starts with Mass under the Marquee at 6pm, picnic dinner and sausage sizzle, followed by a procession at dusk, and adoration under the stars. This is an event for the whole family! More information, contact Michael 021 825 955.



### INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY

A Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1st December in time for Christmas celebrations or even summer holiday expenses, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community.

CDF – INVEST IN GOOD : 0800 403 863



### 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.

### HORNBY VINNIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

31 Shands Road, Hornby.

Volunteering at Vinnies means making a real difference, one smile and one helping hand at a time. Whether you're sorting donations or helping in the shop, every moment you give helps change lives. Enquiries to Bronwyn Hatch, Hornby Store Manager: 21 1959327 or email on [bronwyn@svdpcanterbury.nz](mailto:bronwyn@svdpcanterbury.nz)



### RETREAT AT SISTER EVELEEN HOUSE

As our new resident host, Hannah Frauenstein has moved in, we are open to overnight retreats again. Please book via our [website - book a room](#). We would love to welcome you and to enjoy the peace of Sister Eveleen Retreat House. Day Retreats are held every last Thursday in the month with different themes. Next: **Thur 28 November**, 9:30 – 2:30 - facilitator: Antje Duda. To register click [here](#)



### JOB VACANCY

Part-time, Seafarers' chaplaincy assistant, Lyttelton Seafarers Centre, Port of Lyttelton. \$32ph, 20-30 hours a week: weekends and some evenings. Late December start.

Closing Date: **30 November 2024**.

The Lyttelton Seafarers Centre is an ecumenically (Catholic and Anglican) operated centre. We support foreign seafarers (Filipino, Indian, Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian) on their arrival in the port of Lyttelton. Our chaplaincy staff visit ships, talk to the crew, supply information about our services, provide the crew with portable wifi and staff the seafarers centre.

For further information, visit our website or Facebook page: [www.lytteltonseafarerscentre.com/](http://www.lytteltonseafarerscentre.com/) <https://www.facebook.com/LytteltonSeafarersCentre>

For position description and further information, contact Revd John McLister: [jmclister@icloud.com](mailto:jmclister@icloud.com) / 0278900308



### 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](mailto:john@fff.org.nz).



**Sunday, 24th November 2024 - Feast of Christ the King**

Daniel 7:13-14

Apocalypse 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**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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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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



**STELLA MARIS ADVENT RETREAT**

**30<sup>th</sup> November** at St Mary's New Brighton

Start time 10am, finish time 3pm

Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch.

**Report on the Parish Consultation on Properties**

Parish consultation on properties was held last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm at St Anne's Hall. 53 members from the parish attended this consultation. This meeting had representation from all corners of our parish and was facilitated by Michael Wilkes. After much discussion, it was decided that the properties at 18 Winchester Street Lyttelton, 21 Exeter Street Lyttelton, 1 Carisbrooke Street Aranui and 118 Lonsdale Street New Brighton be sold. Parish priest has to take the next steps and go through the process of getting permission from the Bishop. Many thanks to all who attended the consultation meeting and to the members of the finance committee who worked hard on the consultation and presentation documents.

**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](mailto:Janette@stellamaris.org.nz) or please call or pop into the parish office for a chat Tues-Fri from 9am-2:30pm.

**Advent Healing (Anointing) Mass**

At St Mary's on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.15am.

At St Anne's on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.00pm

All welcome to join.

**Advent Reconciliation Rite II**

At St Anne's on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm

**Need A Housekeeper for the Presbytery at St Anne's**

Our priests are looking for a housekeeper. It is a part time job from Tuesday to Friday. If anyone interested in this part time job, please contact Fr Job.

**Annual Retreat of Diocesan Priests**

Most of the priests from our diocese will be on retreat this week from this Sunday to Friday. Fr Tang is attending this retreat this week. Please keep Fr Tang and other priests in your prayers.

**Summer Holidays -No Signing Of Preference Certificate**

With the parish office closed during the Christmas and New Year Holiday, there will be no preference certificate signings between mid-December to the end of January.

**Stella Maris Parish Schools**

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Sumner—Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Woolston—St Anne's

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