



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.

9th March 2025 — 1st Sunday of Lent

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel (Luke 4:1-13) presents Jesus' time in the wilderness, where He fasts for forty days and faces temptation from the devil. It highlights the reality of temptation and the strength we need to resist it. Jesus is tempted in three ways, each representing struggles we face in our own lives:

The first temptation: to turn stones into bread, representing our desire for immediate gratification.

The second temptation: the devil offers Jesus authority over all kingdoms, symbolizing the lure of power, ambition and personal gain.

The third temptation: the devil urges Jesus to test God's protection. This warns us against manipulating our faith for selfish purposes.

Though physically weak, Jesus does not give in to the devil's offers of comfort, power, and control. Instead, He responds with the Word of God, showing us that Scripture is a powerful weapon against temptation, and our strength in times of trial. Temptation is a reality for all of us, but through faith and trust in God, we can overcome it.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations in our own lives. How often are we tempted to seek comfort in material things rather than in God? Do we desire power, recognition, or control instead of embracing humility and service? Are we guilty of testing God, expecting Him to act on our terms?

May this Lenten Season be a time of spiritual growth. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we learn to overcome temptation, turn away from life's distractions, and renew our commitment to God, walking more closely with Christ on the path to goodness and holiness.

Fr Tang Phan.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Season of Lent, Stations of the Cross—every Friday 7:00pm at St Anne's Church. All are welcome to join in.

DURING LENT

We are asked to undertake some penitential practices.

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 (ENGLISH):

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: 2nd 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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Masses Offered this week:

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



DIOCESAN NOTICES:

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH

Building Character to Shape our Future
We are thrilled to announce that Peter de Keratry will be our guest speaker at the first Catholic Business Network lunch of 2024 on **Thursday, April 3rd** at Rydges Latimer.

Peter has led significant church projects in the US and Australia and will share his powerful story of leadership in church initiatives, offering insights into how personal growth can positively influence people and communities around them.

For more information or to register, please visit cbn@cdoc.nz

VACANCY – DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

The diocese is seeking a part time Archivist (5 hours per week) to join our team. The Archivist is responsible for managing and preserving the diocese's archival collection, ensuring the accurate inventory, maintenance, and accessibility of materials that document the history, mission, and activities of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. This role supports the Church's mission by safeguarding its heritage and enabling effective communication of its values and history. Please refer to the diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/va...> for the full job description. Please send any enquiries or applications to the Manager-Finance & Support Services – Janice Rennell at jrennell@cdoc.nz

EVENING WITH FR CHRIS ALAR

Fr Chris Alar will visit Christchurch on May 27 at 7pm for a one-off talk at St Bedes' College Chapel. He will be accompanied by international singer Anna Nuzzo. Donations accepted. Contact Pat for more information on 03 359 2087

LAUDATO SI RETREAT - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

29 March from 10am - 4pm, at Te Mānawa Atawhai - Catherine McAuley Centre, 21 Peer St. Pray and reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. To register contact roho@xtra.co.nz or call 03 3791298. Tea & Coffee provided. Bring own lunch, Cost - koha according to means

HOW TO FOSTER VOCATIONS IN THE PARISH COMMUNITY

A half day conference for interested parishioners is being held to learn about the role of the parish community in fostering vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life. This will be held Saturday March 15th from 10am-1pm at the Lamb of God Centre. For more details and to register please contact the Diocesan Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our next diocesan women's event is a retreat day. It will be a special day of faith, reflection, and renewal as we come together to celebrate this year of Hope

Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Marian College

Registration details still to come.

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HEALTH CARE WORKERS MASS

Bishop Michael warmly welcomes you to Mass on Sunday 6th April, 6pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, followed by hospitality in the Assisi Lounge afterwards. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz, phone 027 539 8542

PARISH NOTICES:

STELLA MARIS YOUTH GROUP REMINDER!

Youth Group runs every Friday at St. Anne's:

- **Years 5-6:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (St. Anne's School Mission Centre)
 - **Years 7-8:** 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (St. Anne's School Mission Centre)
 - Years 9-13:** 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (St. Anne's Church Hall)
- All are Welcome! For more information contact janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz

REMINDER: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSON:

A reminder that our first First Holy Communion lesson is this **Sunday at 9:30 AM** in the **St. Anne's School Mission Centre**. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMISSIONING MASS – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Thank you to those who have attended the workshops and the training last year. After completing the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training workshop last year, the names of those who attended, were submitted to Bishop Michael. The Bishop has now given permission to commission them for three years with a certificate to be given to them at the Commissioning Mass. After three years, it has to be renewed. Join us on the **first weekend of April** as we commission those called to serve in this sacred ministry. Let us pray for them as they share Christ's presence with our community.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVDP is in need of kitchen items, linen and furniture to meet the demand from families who move into accommodation but do not have anything. If you have small items that you can deliver to the SVDP at 265 Stanmore Road that would be greatly appreciated. If you have larger items and need these to be collected contact SVDP on 389 7484



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.



REMINDER: 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
- Then you have access to a whole range of fabulous resources



REMINDER:

Catholic Parish of Christchurch East—Parish App:

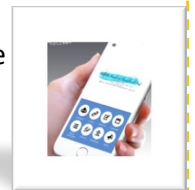
How to set up the app

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



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Why can't we be smart?

Most of us are on smartphones and email. 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



PARISH NOTICES:

Sunday, 2 March 2025 — 8th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION RITE II

Wednesday 26th March at 7.00pm at St Annes' Church, Woolston.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Friday 4th April at 12.00pm at St Annes Church, Woolston.

NEW SET OF ENVELOPES FOR PLANNED GIVERS:

New sets of envelopes for the year 2025-2026 are available in the narthex in all four Mass centres in alphabetical order by **surname**.

PLANNED GIVERS PLEASE TAKE YOUR ENVELOPES.

THIS FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025 IS COMING TO AN END.:

There are a few members in the planned giving list who have overlooked to contribute any amount after they have signed up. Please consider contributing money into the parish account before the end of the financial year. I encourage everyone in the parish to join the Planned Giving. Those who wish to join, can join at any time of the year.

PLANNED GIVING ANNUAL RENEWAL PROGRAM

2025: The Finance committee is looking forward to running the 'Planned Giving Annual Renewal Program' on the last two weekends 22/23 and 29/30 of this month. I humbly request you all to pray for the success of this program.

ATTENDANCE DUES AND SPECIAL CHARACTER

CONTRIBUTIONS: Until now, the attendance dues were collected by the parish and were forwarded to the diocese. Starting from 2025, the collection of attendance dues are managed directly by the Diocese rather than through parishes. This is a significant change.

RITE OF ELECTION – THIS SUNDAY

Join us this Sunday at **St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral** as our **16 catechumens and 2 candidates** take the next step in their journey of faith at the **Rite of Election**. All are welcome to attend and support them with your presence and prayers as they prepare for Easter!

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU ALL AT ALPHA: Alpha is a space where people can explore life's big questions, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and connect with others in a warm and welcoming environment.

We need volunteers to make it happen. As a **volunteer**, you'll play a vital role in creating that space.

Ways You Can Help:

- Hosts & Helpers – Lead small group discussions and create a friendly atmosphere.
- Hospitality Team – Help set up, serve food, and make guests feel at home.
- Prayer Team – Support participants through intercessory prayer.
- Tech & Setup Crew – Assist with audiovisual needs and room setup.



Whether you love meeting new people, praying for others, or working behind the scenes, there's a place for you at Alpha.

Please consider becoming a volunteer and contact Janette Bradbrook email: janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz

STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 739 Ferry Road, Woolston

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS:

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

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Sumner—Our Lady Star of the Sea

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