



Stella Maris Parish

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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.

27th April 2025 — Second Sunday of Easter Yr C

Thomas Syndrome

As the world is full of doubters and unbelievers, today we are reminded that we all have Thomas Syndrome. This term originates from the biblical account of Thomas, one of Jesus' apostles, who doubted Jesus' resurrection until he saw and touched His wounds. This term is often used to describe individuals who require empirical evidence or personal experience before accepting a belief.

Is it a weakness to have doubts about God or faith? At one point or another in our life, we all go through the Thomas Syndrome. Thomas Merton says, "The man of faith who has never experienced doubt is a not a man of faith". A doubt can be a growing point, stepping stone to a deeper understanding. Thomas doubted in order to become sure and believe.

When we doubt God's love, ask for signs and confirmation, He will not abandon us. When crisis come, like when we lose our dear ones, we have terrible illness, our marriage is on the edge of a breakup, we lose job or get into an accident, we enter a period of doubt and tend to blame God. Instead of hiding our doubts, we must do what Thomas did- bring those doubts to the Lord. The Lord will transform our doubts into belief.

Divine Mercy Sunday.

The second Sunday of Easter is called as Divine Mercy Sunday. This Sunday has its roots in the visions of St Faustina, a Polish nun. In 1930s St Faustine reported receiving visions from Jesus, who asked her to spread the message of His mercy. God is merciful to the sinners and saints alike. In 1931, Jesus revealed to St Faustina the image of the Divine Mercy. After the World War II, the devotion spread rapidly. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonised St Faustina and established Divine Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of Easter. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated worldwide, emphasizing God's mercy, forgiveness, and love. "Jesus, I trust in You"

Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"

This Sunday, 27th April 2025, at St Anne's Church, 9:30am—10:15am
Come early for Mass and join us.

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

Samoan 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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PARISH NOTICES:

Sunday, 27 March 2025 — Second Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 5:12-16

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20: 19-31

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY CATECHESIS

The Neocatechumenal Way is a Catholic movement that focuses on spiritual renewal and evangelization. It is a charism within the Catholic Church dedicated to Christian formation.

Starting on Sunday the 4th of May 2025, Fr Moises, David & Fiona, and James, a missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way will be running a series of catechesis in St Anne's Parish Hall. This is the first time this catechesis, and the richness of this experience, are offered in New Zealand.

Fr Moises and team invite you to come and listen on Sundays and Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Starting on Sunday the 4th of May in St Anne's Parish Hall, 739 Ferry Rd, Woolston. Childminding by experienced babysitters will be provided in the room adjacent to the hall for those with little ones. If you have any questions or you need help with transport do not hesitate to contact David or Fiona Piccolo via email at David.piccolo79@gmail.com or call 021 239 7074.

Fr Moises, David and Fiona will make a small announcement at the end of the Mass in all mass centres this weekend and will distribute invitations for the catechesis.

TAX RECEIPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST

MARCH 2025 is made available on the narthex in alphabetical order of your surname.

NEW SET OF ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

are kept on the narthex in the alphabetical order of your surname. Please take your envelopes. Thank you to those who joined planned giving program.

WORKSHOP FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION: A workshop is arranged Church for those who didn't attend the last workshop and for those who are desiring to join this special ministry on 18th May at 3.00pm at St Mary's. If anyone wants to join this ministry, please contact Fr Job.

THANK YOU

We had a great celebration of Holy Week last week. I was very happy to see church full of people in all celebrations starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Many volunteers were involved in these celebrations through various ministries. Many thanks to all the volunteers who were involved in our four Mass centres. May the Easter time help us to experience his presence with us and transform us as He transformed his disciples to preach Gospel everywhere.

ANZAC DAY: 25TH APRIL

Since the Public holiday falls on Friday, the Mass will be at 9.15am at Annes.



We welcome and congratulate who were received and baptised in to the Catholic faith on Easter Vigil.

STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 739 Ferry Road, Woolston

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm

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Woolston—St Anne's

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