



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.

6th July 2025—14th Sunday in Ordinary - Yr C

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

In Saint Luke's Gospel (10:1-9), Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples ahead of Him, giving them a clear mission: to prepare hearts, bring peace and healing, and proclaim that *"the Kingdom of God is near."* This passage highlights the heart of Christian discipleship: we are not only followers of Christ but also messengers of His mission.

Discipleship means being sent. Along with the Twelve, Jesus chose many other ordinary people and entrusted them with an extraordinary purpose. This reminds us that the mission of the Gospel is for everyone — not just for priests or religious, but for every baptized believer. We follow Christ, it means we are called to be missionary disciples.

Jesus gave them simple instructions: go in pairs, take nothing extra. He wanted them to rely on the hospitality of others, to trust in God's providence, and to focus on relationships and on the mission, not on material things. Their task was to bring peace and healing — to be a living presence of Christ for others.

Jesus says: *"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few."* This reflects the urgency and abundance of God's work in the world. The "harvest" represents countless hearts longing for hope, truth, healing, and love — waiting for someone to bring them Christ. Yet few are willing to go. Today, we are invited to be those labourers in the Lord's vineyard: in our families, parish, schools, and communities.

In today's world, many people are spiritually hungry, burdened by fear, loneliness, or doubt. Like those first disciples, we are sent into this world, often to those closest to us — our neighbours, friends, or fellow parishioners — to be living signs of hope and love.

Let us carry Christ's peace, speak His truth, and bring His love to those we meet, knowing that the Kingdom of God draws near through us. Through our loving hearts, kind words, patient listening, helping hands, and faithful witness, we proclaim the message: *the Kingdom of God is very near to us.*

Fr Tang Phan
Assistant Priest



NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE

Join us for this rare opportunity to hear Cardinal John share his personal reflections and insights into one of the most sacred and secretive gatherings in the world — the Papal Conclave. Whether you are curious about Church tradition, intrigued by the theology and history, or simply seeking inspiration, this evening promises to touch the heart and mind.

Fri, Aug 1 at 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre -Town Hall - Christchurch.

BOOKINGS OPEN - Get your ticket [here](#).

Any questions? Email events@cdoc.nz

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

Diamond Harbour: After Sunday Mass

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PARISH NOTICES:

Sunday, 6 July 2025 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary - Yr C

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Psalm Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with Joy

ALPHA HAS BEGUN – PLEASE PRAY

Our Alpha Programme has officially started and runs every Sunday from 5pm-6pm at St Anne's Hall.

We invite you to pray for all participants, volunteers, and leaders—that they may experience God's love in a new and powerful way as they journey through Alpha.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Janette at (03) 384 1600 or email her at Janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz.



URGENT PLEA: St Anne's Church needs Pianists/organists/keyboards to play the music on Saturdays for 6.00pm Mass and on 2nd Sunday for 10.30am Mass. The Parish would appreciate it if you can help.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PRAYER CONFERENCE -2nd AUGUST, TEMUKA : In connection with the Jubilee year the diocese has organised a one-day conference in Temuka on Saturday 2nd August. Full details are in the diocesan newsletter. Those who wish to attend please register online [here](#) or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz Those who have done their registration, please contact Fr Tang so that he may help to attend as a group. frtang@stellamarisparish.org.nz

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



PARISH DAY:

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

At Haeata Community Campus

Please mark your calendar



CONGRATULATIONS FR PAULO FILOIALII

On the 35th Anniversary of your Priestly Ordination (7th July 1990, in Rome)

“At that time Jesus said – Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth.

I thank you, because you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise and learned”.

Yes, Father, this was how you wanted it to happen.

(Mathew 11:25-26)

Masses Offered this week:

Please keep in your prayers Subash Alford Palma, whose death Anniversary occurs this month. May he have eternal rest.



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

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