



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.

26th October 2025—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Yr C

Bowing down low is not a modern virtue.

Carl Jung, the famous psychologist, was a man of faith. One day he asked his Rabbi, "Why is it that in biblical times God appeared to many people and many people saw him, but today hardly anyone sees God?" The Rabbi thought for a while and then said, "I think it's because today there is not anyone around who can bow down low enough."

Bowing down low is not a modern virtue. We dedicate ourselves to improving ourselves, to lifting ourselves, to encouraging a positive self-esteem. There is nothing wrong with feeling good about ourselves and about our achievements.

When it comes to our relationship to God, another stance is demanded. God is greater than us. We are good and worthwhile people, but in the presence of God, we must humble ourselves. We must bow down low so that a relationship with God can be formed.

This is what the tax collector does well in today's Gospel. Standing apart, he does not lift his eyes to heaven but simply prays for God's mercy. Jesus says that his prayer is answered, and he goes home justified.

The Pharisee was a good person—a very good person. His fasting and his tithing are all good works. The Pharisee does not understand that none of these achievements can be the basis of a relationship with God. He must take the same stance as that of the tax collector.

Our talents and abilities will not be always with us! A day will come when none of them will matter. In the end, the only thing that matters are humility and our complete dependence on God.

Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil
The Parish Priest



ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE- MARK YOUR CALANDER

Our parish has organised a one-day pilgrimage to Akaroa on **Saturday 29th November**. A bus has been booked and it will leave at 9.00am from St Annes and return by 5.30pm. We encourage parishioners to join this parish pilgrimage. A donation for the bus fare would be appreciated and bring your own lunch. Please register your name with the parish office. More details will fol-



This Sunday, 26th October 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

Diamond Harbour: After Sunday Mass

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Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Psalm Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.



ALL SAINTS DAY falls on Saturday **1st November**. We will celebrate the Mass in honour of all Saints on **Friday 31st at 6.00pm** at St Annes. All welcome.

ALL SOUL'S DAY falls on Sunday **2nd November** and the Mass on the weekend of 1st and 2nd November will be celebrated in honour of all souls.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 is available for sale: \$13. Please contact Pauline Collett at St Annes, Helen Bamber at OLSOS, Sumner and Joseph at NB Parish Office.

PROCLAIM SUMMER CAMP 2026: Registrations are now open. For all students that are Year 9-13 in 2016. Please scan the QR code below or follow this link to register <https://forms.gle/VZ866sTfF7P7NhhB8>

Join our Yr 7-13 youth groups every Friday from 4:30pm-6pm. As they journey through the Alpha Youth Series in term 4. Great videos, Conversations, Food and Fellowship!



STELLA MARIS PARISH GARAGE SALE:

We've moved offices and it's time to clear out! Join us for a garage sale with bargains on books, office items, home wares and more ...

When: 25th October 2025, 10am-1pm

Where: at St Anne's Hall Woolston

Come early for the best finds and bring your friends and family! All proceeds go towards the upkeep of our Parish!

Cash only & BYO Bag

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Every week we deliver food to up to 40 families in our parish communities. Thank you for the food items you donate on a weekly basis.

We also want you to know that EcoBay, a fruit and vegetable shop in Ferrymead, donates free fruit and vegetables to us 3 days a week. Our food parcels always include healthy food items thanks to their generosity. You are encouraged to support this business.



DIOCESAN NOTICES are on the notice board and are emailed with the newsletter.

GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY TOUR 2026

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a two week tour to Italy in May 2026. Please contact Pilgrimage Tours Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.

FRIENDLY AFTERNOON: St Anne's, Woolston—Friday, 31st October after 12:00 noon Mass. Come along for an afternoon of friendship and FUN. Bring your own lunch, and a few \$\$\$ for raffles. All welcome.

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



Catholic Parish of Christchurch East—Parish App:

Please download the parish App where you will find: the Newsletter, weekend readings, Rosters, Mass Centres, Mass timings, Contacts and Events.

How to set up the app

Step 1: 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



ALPHA - YOU'RE INVITED, PULL UP A CHAIR

Come as you are, Alpha is for everyone.

Start a conversation that could change everything.

Every Sunday at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

St Annes Church Hall.

Spread the word

No pressure, No judgment.

Just Alpha.

Supper will be provided.

Register – janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz



Masses Offered this week:

Please keep in your prayers **Robin Williams** who recently passed away.
May his soul rest in peace.



STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 116 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS: Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 8.30am to 4.00pm, Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm, Friday 8:30am to 4.00pm

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