



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.

16th November 2025—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Yr C

LIVING WITH HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE

In Saint Luke's Gospel (21:5-19), Jesus responds to the admiration of the temple's beauty by reminding his followers that even the most glorious and impressive structures of this world will one day fall. This shows that nothing on earth is permanent. What truly endures is the love of God and the life he offers to those who remain faithful.

When speaking about the end of time, Jesus does not seek to frighten us but to awaken us to what is truly lasting. Wars, natural disasters, violence, suffering, and divisions are reminders that this world is not our final home. Yet, in the midst of such turmoil and dramatic events, as disciples of Jesus, we should not be frightened or misled. Instead, we are called to stay calm, to trust, and to persevere in faith. Our focus should not be on predicting "when" the end will come, but on "how" we are living today. Our call is clear: to live each day with vigilance, prayer, and integrity of heart.

We prepare for eternal life not through fear, but through faith. Prayer keeps our hearts open to God's guidance, while right living keeps us walking in his light. Being vigilant is not about waiting in anxiety but about living each day with purpose: loving God, doing justice, showing mercy, and remaining faithful. Though life may bring trials and confusion, even when things feel uncertain, we hold fast to the hope that God's plan of love will triumph.

As Jesus assures us: "Your endurance will win you your lives." This is our hope: that beyond the struggles and passing things of this world, eternal life awaits us in God's kingdom. Let us then stay awake, pray daily, and live faithfully. May each moment be a chance to prepare our hearts, purify our intentions, and strengthen our hope in Christ, so that when the Lord comes, he may find us ready and faithful, and welcome us into his kingdom.

Fr Tang Phan
Assistant Priest



ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE: SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER.

The Jubilee year is going to be closed soon. The Church encourages all its members to make a Jubilee year pilgrimage in order to receive the fruits of this Jubilee year. The parish has arranged a bus from St Annes to make a pilgrimage to Akaroa. So far 31 seats are booked. 18 seats are still available.

Please register your name with the parish office

parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz as early as possible.

The Bus will be leaving from St Anne's at 9am and will return at 5.30pm
Bring your own lunch.

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, 16 November 2025 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— Yr C

Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

Psalm Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.



NEO CATECHUMENAL WAY- CELEBRATION OF MASS

Every Saturday at 7.30pm

At Our Lady Star of the Sea, Sumner for the next three weeks. This is one of our weekend Masses in our parish and anyone who wishes to attend is most welcome.

THANK YOU-FR PESAMINO VICTOR: We have been so blessed to have Fr. Pesamino Victor in this parish to help us while Fr Paulo is away for his sabbatical holiday. Fr Pesamino arrived here in Christchurch on 14th October from Samoa. This week will be his last week in this parish and he will return to Samoa. He is working at Moamoa Theological College, a place of Formation for the Archdiocese of Samoa, Apia. Fr Pesamino's main ministry during his Priesthood is the Formation of Future Priests and Catechists, and he is the current Rector of Moamoa Theological College, Samoa. A big thank you to Fr Pesamino for the help he has given us through the support of the diocese. Fr Paulo will return on 26th November.

THE ANNUAL RETREAT OF OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS is held this week from this Sunday to Friday. Fr Tang will be attending this retreat. Most of the priests in our diocese will be attending this retreat. Let us keep all priests in our prayers during this week.

BULLETIN NOTICE – WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

ORGANISTS: St Anne's Church is still looking to have someone to play a keyboard or the organ for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass.

VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION:

Our Stella Maris Parish is very grateful to all volunteers, who do various ministries in our parish. The parish invites all volunteers to a Volunteer's appreciation and refreshments on **Sunday 7th December at St Anne's Hall from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

PARISH GARAGE SALE & FUNDRAISER!

Join us for our **Parish Garage Sale** with great bargains on **books, office items, homewares, and more!**

When: Tues 18th – Fri 21st Nov | 2:30pm–6:00pm, Sun 23rd Nov After 10:30am Mass—2:00pm

On the Sunday our **youth** will also be running a **Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle** to raise funds for our **Parish Summer Camp** — come along, grab a treat, and support our parish!

FILIPINO MASS: Sunday 23rd November at 5.00pm.

Fr Zani will celebrate a special Mass for our Filipino community in our Stella Maris Parish at St Anne's Church on Sunday 23rd November at 5.00pm. I encourage all Filipino parishioners to attend this Mass.

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.

PREFERENCE FORM: If you are seeking a preference form and are new to this parish, please enrol your name in our parish and complete the online preference request form, either by visiting our parish website or scanning the QR code, which is displayed in the church foyer and at the school office. We kindly request you not to wait to the last moment for getting the preference form.

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

Masses Offered this week:

**Please keep in your prayers Jane Andrea Boyo, Basilio Salazar and Allan Hooper
May they 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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