



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.

23rd November 2025—Christ the King—Yr C

CHRIST CONQUERS! CHRIST RULES! CHRIST REIGNS!

Today is the Last Sunday of the Liturgical year C. On this last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Next weekend we will begin a New Liturgical Year, starting with Advent- a period of joy waiting for the birth of Jesus into the world.

Today's liturgy presents Jesus as the king of the universe. Christ is the king of the universe actively present among us. His kingship extends to every nation on earth, for He is Lord of Lords, and King of kings.

What kind of a king is He? Humble, gentle, and merciful in judgment....

What kind of kingdom is that (of Jesus)? His kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

What is the goal of his kingship? It is to free the whole world from all types of bondage, enabling them to live peacefully and happily on earth and to inherit eternal life in heaven. It is not to oppress his subjects with his power.

What is his seat and throne? Our heart is his seat, and the cross is his throne.

What is his rule of law? His rule of law is 'The Sermon on the Mount'. His citizens need to obey only one law: *"Love one another as I have loved you."*

How do we build his kingdom? We build his kingdom when we love others sincerely, in simple, practical, everyday ways.

Where does he live today? Jesus lives as king in thousands and thousands of human hearts all over the world.

Let us conclude the Church's year by asking our Lord
'Thy kingdom come'.

Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil
The Parish Priest



Advent Begins Next Weekend Year A



*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness." (Psalm 100)*

**This Sunday, 23rd November 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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2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



NEO CATECHUMENAL WAY- CELEBRATION OF MASS

Every Saturday at 7.30pm
(No Mass this weekend)

ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AKAROA: SATURDAY

29TH NOVEMBER: The Parish has arranged a bus, which will be leaving from St Annes at 9.00am and will return at 5.30pm sharp. We will have Mass, adoration and an opportunity to make your reconciliation. Bring your own lunch. 15 more seats are available. Please contact the office to register your name: phone 03 384 1600 / 022 101 4039 or email: parish@stellamarisparish.org.nz

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.

PARISH GARAGE SALE AND FUNDRAISER: Last day Sunday

23rd November: after 10.30am Mass to 2.00pm. Books, office items, homewares and more!. Our parish youth will be running a Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for Parish Summer Camp. Come along, grab a treat, and support our parish.

VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION: Our Stella Maris Parish is very grateful to all our volunteers who are involved in various activities. As a token of appreciation, the parish invites you to a volunteer's appreciation refreshment, on **Sunday 7th December at St Anne's Hall from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

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 re-



CONSIDER GIVING THE PARISH A CHRISTMAS GIFT:

Every year our parish has a shortfall expense. There was around 30k over expense on the first half of this financial year, due to maintenance. This year there is no Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Please consider giving the parish a Christmas Gift this year to meet costs. This is for us!

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY – UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

- Saturday, 22nd – 6:00pm Mass: St Anne's Church
- Sunday, 23rd – 10:30am Mass: St Anne's Church
- Sunday, 23rd – 9:00am Mass: OLSOS, Sumner
- Sunday, 30th – 10:30am Mass: St Mary's Church.

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.



SVDP HELPING FAMILIES!

Last month the Stella Maris conference delivered over 40 food parcels to families in our area and responded to 14 requests for furniture. December is always a busy month as families prepare for the additional expenses during holidays and over the Christmas period. We rely on donations and food, clothing and furniture contributions to meet this increased demand for support. Thank you, any questions please contact Anne Nicholls, on 021527741.

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



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

Masses Offered this week:

Please keep in your prayers John Charles Sawyer 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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