



# 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.

## 12th April 2026—2nd Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy-Yr A

### DOUBTING THOMAS

Have you ever had friends tell you something you really wanted to believe, but you suspected they might be tricking you? At times, we want to see things for ourselves before we allow ourselves to believe they are true.

When Jesus first appeared to the disciples after His death, Thomas was not there. In all three cycles of the lectionary, the Gospel account of Thomas's doubt and disbelief is proclaimed within the full context of this story on the Second Sunday of Easter.

Each of us shares something in common with Thomas, because at times we too struggle with doubt. Some people think that if you have enough faith, life will be smooth and trouble-free. But that is not the case. The ability to swim does not prevent us from being tossed about by the waves. In the same way, faith does not shield us from the hardships and challenges of life and death.

So, what does faith do? Faith gives us direction and helps us remain steady. It enables us to live in a confusing and uncertain world without losing our way or falling into despair. For us today, faith means believing that Jesus has risen, even without seeing or touching Him, as Thomas once desired.

Thomas rejoined the community of his fellow disciples and encountered the risen Jesus. It was there that he rediscovered his faith. To be a believer—or even a spiritual person—in today's world, we need support. This is where community becomes essential. A community of believers helps us face our doubts and strengthens us in faith.

We are called to live as members of such communities, where our shared faith uplifts and strengthens each individual.

Therefore, let us bring all our doubts to the Lord this Divine Mercy Sunday. May His blessings be upon each one of us, our families, our parish of Stella Maris, and the whole world.

**Fr Paulo Filoialii**



### HOLY WEEK- THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who were involved in conducting the Stations of the cross and in the various ministries for the during Holy Week liturgy.

It was such a joy to see church full of people for all liturgies of the Holy Week and I pray that the Risen Lord be with you this time with His peace.

### 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

#### 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

#### PARISH CONTACTS:

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## PARISH NOTICES:

**12th April 2026—2nd Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy-Yr A**

**Acts 2:42-47      1 Peter 1:3-9    John 20:19-31**

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

### SABBATICAL LEAVE

Fr Job will be away for two months Sabbatical leave and one-month annual holidays from May 4th to August 6th, 2026. Fr Dan and Fr Moises will be assisting the parish in his absence.

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT ST ANNES

St Annes church needs volunteers: Greeters, Overhead projector operators and Sacristans for the 10.30am Mass. If you can help with one of the Sundays of each month, please contact Kathi Ryder who organises the rosters: [kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz](mailto:kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz)

### NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For the year 2026-2027 are in the foyer in all three Mass centres in alphabetical order of surnames. If you are in the Planned giving program, please collect your envelopes from the church foyer and start using them now. If you are not in the planned giving program, the parish encourages you to join either by automatic payment or by envelopes. Please contact the parish office: [kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz](mailto:kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz)

### NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome is offered to the new parishioners. If you have moved into our parish area or have started attending Mass in any our Mass centres in stella Maris Parish, please make yourself known to one of our priests, fill out the parish form kept in the foyer and place it in the collection basket.

### PREFERENCE FORM FOR THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

Those who are seeking for the preference form may request for it through the parish website or scanning the QR code displayed either in the church foyer or at school. Office staff will be in touch with you once we receive the request and one of our priests will contact you to make the appointment with the parents.

Preference Application



### NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS - MAY 2026

Online on Wed, May 13 at 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Face to Face - Special Workshop for Ministry of Holy Communion to the Sick on Thurs, May 28 at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. All are welcome. For more information please visit [www.codocsafeguarding.nz](http://www.codocsafeguarding.nz)

### THE PARISH OFFICE AT ST MARY'S

Will be closed on Wednesday 15th April 2026 for staff professional development.

### BREAKFAST FOR MEN WITH BISHOP MICHAEL:

Saturday April 18. Stella Maris Parish is hosting this 'breakfast for men with Bishop Micheal' with the support from the diocesan team. It is on Saturday 18th April at Catholic Cathedral College, 62 Ferry Road. There will be adoration in the college hall from 6.30am with breakfast at 7.30am. Suggested koha of \$5 to cover the cost of a cooked breakfast. Come and be with other men of the diocese for food and encouragement. Register now by visiting [www.cathmen.nz](http://www.cathmen.nz) or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 5398 542. Fr Vincent and Sone are the coordinators from our parish. We need 12 men to support this event. Please contact Sone Nafoi or Fr Vincent

Email: [Fr Vincent@stellamarisparish.org.nz](mailto:Fr Vincent@stellamarisparish.org.nz)

### ST MARY'S AND ST ANNE'S HALL BOOKINGS

Will be administered by Kathi Ryder, who is a member of the Finance Committee and an Administration Support Volunteer. Kathi can be contacted by ...

Email: [kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz](mailto:kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz)

Kathi will arrange a meeting of those who have already arranged bookings and explain the expectations of hall use. Including availability, cleanliness, tidiness and disposal of rubbish. Parish programs will have priority over any bookings taken. There will be a Koha for bookings, if the bookings are not for parish activities.

### 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

**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**

### Stella Maris Parish Schools

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