



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.

31 May 2026 - The Most Holy Trinity - Yr A

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

Today, we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity. What is the meaning of the Holy Trinity? Holy Trinity means something made up of three persons. God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is not so much something to talk about, but something to celebrate, pray and live for in everyday life.

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus breathed his Spirit into his disciples before he returned to his Father, with the promise that he will be with them forever. Although it is very hard to understand, we believe that it is made of three distinct persons: “The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” It is Jesus who sends the Spirit to make us one. In other words: “This is the feast of unity with the Father and the Son, and the Spirit, who are with us always.”

St. Patrick of Ireland explained this feast of the Holy Trinity by showing the people of Ireland a shamrock, like the clover leaf that has three parts of the same leaf.

In the Gospel of John this Sunday, it says: “God has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us by the power of the Holy Spirit. All who believe in him will be saved.” So let us rejoice and be glad in it.

For all of us, we need to remember always that at the time of our baptism, we received God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Wherever we go, we take with us the great gift of the Holy Trinity.

May the Feast of the Holy Trinity bless all families of Stella Maris Parish, especially the sick, the poor and the needy.

Fr Paulo Filoialii

Assistant Priest



CATHOLICISM4CATHOLICS – DOES BIBLE TEACH SCRIPTURE-ALONE (SOLA-SCRIPTURA)

Please note the change in schedule: **From next month onward, our sessions will be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.** Our upcoming talk will address the important question: “Does the Bible Teach Scripture-Alone (Sola Scriptura)?”

Fr. Vincent Barboza will guide us through Scripture and Church teaching to explore whether the Bible supports the idea of *Sola Scriptura*, and what the early Church actually believed.

Date: Tuesday, 2nd June, Time: 7:00 PM, Venue: St. Anne's School Hall

For those who wish to join us online, please use the livestream link

below: **Livestream:** <https://youtube.com/>

[@fr.vincentbarbozayoutube?si=5m1mGjiOfOMSnZez](https://youtube.com/@fr.vincentbarbozayoutube?si=5m1mGjiOfOMSnZez)

Scan to Watch Live:



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

Samoa Mass Times:

Woolston: 1st Sunday 12:30pm

New Brighton: 2nd Sunday 12:30pm

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

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PARISH NOTICES:

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Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18
Psalm Response:
Glory and Praise for ever

WOMEN'S WINE & CHEESE AFTERNOON

All women of the parish are warmly invited to an afternoon of hospitality, connection, and Scripture encounter inspired by John 4.

Enjoy wine & cheese grazing tables, meaningful conversation, and a gentle reflection in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

At St Anne's Parish Hall-Saturday 6 June 2026

3:00pm – 5:00pm FREE EVENT

RSVP: jay@stellamarisparish.org.nz before June 4th
Come as you are. Leave refreshed.

YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMMES

Our parish youth programmes are held every Friday during the school term at St Anne's Hall.

Gen 1:1 for Year 5–6 students run from 3:15pm–4:15pm, Crowns (Year 7–8) and Stay (Year 9–13) run from 4:30pm–6:00pm.

These groups provide a fun, welcoming, and faith-filled space for young people to grow in friendship, discipleship, and relationship with Christ.

New young people are always welcome!

For more information, please contact

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FIRST RECONCILIATION RITE II

On Wednesday evening, over 40 children and their parents gathered for the Rite II Celebration of Reconciliation as part of their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

It was a beautiful evening of prayer, reflection, and God's mercy, as families journeyed together in faith. The children participated with great enthusiasm and openness, supported by their parents, catechists, and parish community.

We thank all those who helped prepare and lead the evening, and we ask our parish family to continue praying for these children as they take this important step in their sacramental journey and prepare to encounter God's forgiveness and love in a special way.

MEN'S CONNECT GROUP – SAVE THE DATE

"Building Faith, Brotherhood, and Purpose"

Save the Date: June 13, 2026 Time: 9:30am

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

THANK YOU – ST VINCENT DE PAUL FERRYMEAD CONFERENCE

A heartfelt thank you Anne Nicholls and her team at St Vincent de Paul for your generosity and support of our junior youth group, Gen 1:1, this term. Your support helps create a welcoming and faith-filled environment where our young people can grow in friendship, discipleship, and relationship with Christ. We are deeply grateful for your encouragement and investment in the young people of our parish community.



SVDP NEW BRIGHTON is facing increased demand from many in our area who are struggling to provide for their families. By bringing along to Mass each week, just one item to be included in our parcels, you would be helping immensely, not only food items but toothpaste/brushes, hand soap and washing powder. Thank you for your support, and especially to those who contribute regularly.

REMINDER—Catholic Parish of Christchurch East—Parish

App:

How to set up the app

Step 1: On your phone, 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:

We pray for the soul of Fernando Salazar and Jane Andrea Boyo. 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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