



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.

14 June 2026 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM

After the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, today we are back to the Eleventh Sunday of the Ordinary Time. And we start with Jesus who had compassion on the people, who came to him, in their many needs.

There is a clear theme running through all three readings today: God takes the initiative in our regard. God took the initiative in forming a covenant with the Israelites (First Reading). God took the initiative in loving us, because Christ died for us, while we were still sinners (Second Reading).

The Gospel of this Sunday reminds me when I was working in the Justice Department a long time ago. There have been several moments in my life where I've known that I had to respond to the need of other people, and a call to serve other people greater than myself. I believe this sort of experience is at the heart of Jesus' message in today's Gospel. Just as the twelve were called to go out, see the need in the world, and respond to it as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Apostles means one who is sent on a special mission to do a special job. That job is all about compassion and love. So too are we called through baptism to see the need in our world today, which is, perhaps, not so different from the need of people in Jesus' day, and act on it guided by our faith in Christ. This call to love and service is significant and not something to be taken lightly or put off until the "right time"; rather, it is a vocation to be lived every moment of every day through our words, thoughts and actions. Where is Jesus calling you to be today?

Please, we depend on praying for vocations in our Diocese, because the harvest is rich and the labourers are few.

God bless us all.

Fr Paulo Filoialii

Assistant Priest



CATHOLICISM4CATHOLICS – IS THE EUCHARIST REALLY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS?"

Many Christians see the Eucharist as a symbol, while Catholics believe it is truly the Body and Blood of Christ. Join us as we explore the biblical, historical, and scientific evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and discover why this teaching lies at the heart of the Catholic faith

Date: Tuesday, 16th June Time: 7:00 PM Venue: St. Anne's Hall

While the session will be live-streamed for those unable to attend, we encourage you to join us in person for a richer experience, including opportunities for questions, discussion, and fellowship.

<https://www.youtube.com/@fr.vincentbarbozayoutube/live>

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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

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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Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Mathew 9:36-10:8
Psalm Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

WOMEN AT THE WELL WINE & CHEESE GATHERING

Thank you to all the women who joined our **Women at the Well Wine & Cheese Gathering**. It was a wonderful afternoon of faith, friendship, and fellowship, inspired by the Samaritan woman's encounter with Christ. We are grateful to our speaker and to everyone who helped make the event so welcoming and meaningful. May the Lord continue to bless and refresh us as we grow together in faith and friendship.



REVOLUTION CAMP

Revolution Camp for Year 7-9 is now just three weeks away! Registrations are still open with some space for boys and people coming off the girl waitlist every day. Don't miss out on the weekend of a lifetime on the weekend of **3-5 July**. Register at www.cyt.org.nz/revolution Enquiries to mcurrie@cdoc.nz

UPCOMING SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOCUS

16 June - 1.00pm - 2.30pm - Cathedral Parish

23 June - 7.00-8.30pm - Cathedral Parish

ALL VOLUNTEERS

22 June - 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Stella Maris Parish

OCIA & OCIC – Enquiring About the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, or learning more about the Catholic faith? Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children) programmes provide a welcoming opportunity to explore faith, ask questions, and journey towards the sacraments. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Janette Bradbrook at janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION:

Last weekend, 43 children from across Stella Maris Parish joyfully received their **First Holy Communion**, surrounded by family, friends, and parish communities. We give thanks for the children, their parents, catechists, and all who supported them in their preparation, and we pray that they continue to grow in faith and love of Christ.



Masses Offered this week:

We pray for the soul of Jane Andrea Boyo May she Rest In Peace.
Special intention for the speedy recovery of Jun Jun Navarro



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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