



# 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.

## 21 June 2026 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

### DO NOT BE AFRAID: A MESSAGE FOR EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

Among the most repeated commands in the Bible is God's simple yet powerful invitation: **"Do not be afraid."** In Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus speaks these words to His disciples as He sends them into a challenging world. While the immediate context concerns witnessing to the Gospel, the message reaches far beyond the mission field. It speaks to every fear that troubles the human heart.

Many people today are not afraid of persecution; they are afraid of the future. Parents worry about their children. Young people fear failure and uncertainty. The elderly fear loneliness and declining health. Families struggle with financial pressures. Some fear other human beings or animals. Others carry the burden of grief, illness, broken relationships, or unanswered questions. Fear has many faces, but Christ offers the same assurance to all.

Jesus reminds us that we are never forgotten by God. He points to the sparrows—small and seemingly insignificant creatures—and declares that not one falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. Then He adds, "You are worth more than many sparrows." In other words, if God cares for the smallest details of creation, He certainly cares for the details of our lives.

The command "Do not be afraid" is not a denial of life's difficulties. Jesus does not promise a life free from suffering. Rather, He promises that we do not face our struggles alone. God's providence accompanies us in moments of uncertainty, and His grace sustains us when our strength fails.

Faith does not remove every storm, but it gives us confidence that Christ is in the boat with us. Whatever challenges lie ahead, His words remain a source of hope: **"Do not be afraid; you are precious in God's sight."**

**Fr. Vincent Barboza**  
Assistant Priest



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

**Next Sunday, 28th June 2026, 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

#### 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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Jeremiah 20:10-13

Romans 5:12-15

Mathew 10:26-33

Psalm Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**CATHOLICISM4CATHOLICS**  
**IS SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE?**

Does the Bible teach that faith alone is sufficient for salvation, or is there more to God's plan? Join us as we examine Scripture and Christian teaching on faith, grace, works, and salvation.

**Date: Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June Time: 7:00 PM**

**Venue: St. Anne's School 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.

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

**Scan to Watch Live**



**STAFF UPDATE: PARISH PASTORAL WORKER**

Jay has stepped down from her role as Parish Pastoral Worker for Parish Events and Parish Evangelization. We thank Jay for her dedicated service and contributions during her brief period with us at the Parish of Stella Maris. We are especially grateful for her recent efforts in organizing the Men and Women connect groups and her hard work on our Pentecost Sunday celebrations. We wish her the very best and God's blessings in her next chapters.

**ENCOUNTERING GOD**

**Faith Beyond Knowledge: Experiencing the Living Christ**

Join Fr. Dominic Sultana for three inspiring evenings designed for those who desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a renewed sense of purpose in their faith journey.

**Night 1: Encountering God—Wednesday July 8th 6pm**

Experience a deeper relationship with the living Christ.

**Night 2: Your True Identity— Wednesday July 15th 6pm**

Discover who you are in God's eyes and receive healing prayer.

**Night 3: Made for More— Wednesday July 22nd 6pm**

**Venue: St Anne's Hall**

Move from spectator to disciple-maker and learn how to live your faith with purpose.

**All are welcome.**

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

Creating safe and welcoming environments is an important part of our mission as a faith community. To support this commitment, all parish volunteers are required to complete a Safeguarding Workshop every three years.

If you are new to volunteering in Stella Maris Parish, or if your safeguarding training is due for renewal, please attend one of the following workshops facilitated by **Clodagh Ward, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:**

**Monday 22 June**

St Mary's New Brighton Parish Centre  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

**\*Please note the change of location for tomorrow's workshop, this will now be held at our St Mary's New Brighton Parish centre.**

**Wednesday 24 June**

St Mary's New Brighton Parish Centre  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Sunday 5 July**

St Anne's Hall  
2:00pm – 3:30pm

**No registration is required.** Simply attend the session that best suits you and sign in on arrival. A record of attendance will be maintained by the parish.

Thank you for your commitment to helping Stella Maris Parish remain a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community for all.

**FRIENDLY AFTERNOON:**

St Anne's, Woolston—Friday, 26th June after 12:00 noon Mass. Come along for an afternoon of friendship and FUN. Bring your own lunch, and a few \$\$\$ for raffles. All welcome.

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

**Masses Offered this week:**

We pray for the soul of Jane Andrea Boyo and Rosela Salazar 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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