



# 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.

## 28 June 2026 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Yr

### HOSPITALITY

Our three readings this Sunday speak of the challenges and rewards of true discipleship. For example, the woman in the first reading recognises holiness in the Prophet Elisha, and her kindness to him is repaid by the blessing of a child.

The second reading reminds us that baptism in Christ means entering into the death of sin with the resurrection of Christ.

There are two parts of Matthew's Gospel for us today. The first part: Jesus reminds his Apostles that to be followers of him means putting God above any other attachments, even the bonds of family, by embracing challenge and sacrifice. In certain circumstances, they might have to choose between Him and their own families. For example: "Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow him is not worthy of him."

The second part of Matthew's Gospel today also stresses the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to Christ's envoys. To receive a person's envoy is to receive the person himself and accepts us; therefore, we should accept one another.

Jesus tells us today that when we welcome others, it is just as if we are welcoming Jesus. Hospitality is not so much about open doors; it is about open hearts. For example: "An act of kindness and love, like giving a cup of cold water." If we practise that every day, the Kingdom of God is for us.

May God bless all the families in our parish, Stella Maris, in this winter season.

**Fr Paulo Filoialii**

Assistant Priest



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

**This Sunday, 28th June 2026, at St Anne's Church,  
9:30am—10:15am—Come early for Mass and join us.**

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2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Mathew 10:37-42

Psalm Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**CATHOLICM4CATHOLICS - IS THERE A PURGATORY AND WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?**

Have you ever wondered what happens to the soul after death, why we believe in Purgatory and why we offer prayers for those who have passed away? Join us for an enlightening presentation as Fr. Vincent explores the theological foundations, scriptural roots and Church teachings on Purgatory and offers clarity on how our prayers can truly assist our loved ones on their journey to eternal rest.

**Date: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</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>



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**ENCOUNTERING GOD**

*Faith Beyond Knowledge: Experiencing the Living Christ*

**Have you ever felt that God is calling you to something deeper?**

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.

Fr. Dominic is a Catholic priest from Malta, an author, and an international speaker who has led retreats, missions, and evangelisation initiatives throughout Europe, the United States, and Canada for more than 20 years.

**Event Details - \*Please note the change of time.**

**Dates: Wednesday evenings from July 8th, 15th and 22nd**

**Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Venue: St Anne's Hall**

**All are welcome. Whether you are exploring your faith, seeking spiritual renewal, or longing to grow**

**PRIVACY ALERT**

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**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

All parish volunteers are required to complete a Safeguarding Workshop every three years. If you are new to volunteering or your training is due for renewal, please attend the workshop facilitated by Clodagh Ward, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

**Date: Sunday 5 July, Time 2:00pm – 3:30pm,**

**Venue: St Anne's Hall**

No registration required. Please sign in on arrival. Attendance records will be maintained by the parish.

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**Masses Offered this week:**

We pray for the soul of Jane Andrea Boyo and Cristina Alo Jado 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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