



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.

9 August 2026 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Yr A

MEN OF LITTLE FAITH

The nineteenth Sunday of Year A is all about **FAITH**. Had Elijah not first endured a mighty wind, an earthquake, and fire, he may not have recognised the presence of God in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:10-13). The prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters God.

In the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, St. Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his followers of Jesus refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

In the four Gospels, Jesus often taught His apostles about faith, and the amazing things that could happen when it was strong. In today's Gospel from Matthew, we hear about a time when Peter discovered that even he could walk on the water if he kept looking to Jesus. Peter often let Jesus down because his faith was weak, but Jesus always reached out to save him, just as He does with us many times when we call out to Him for help.

In times of difficulty and problems, we find it is natural to turn to God. But as we are Catholic Christians, we must learn to remember to turn to God at all times, especially at times when we think we don't need God.

When our prayer is the same as Peter's: "**Lord, save me,**" we should remember that the hand that rescued Peter was the hand of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters who have lost their faith, so that they may come back to God.

May God bless us all in this winter season.

Fr Paulo Filoalii

Assistant Priest



NEO CATECHUMENAL WAY- CELEBRATION OF MASS

Every Saturday at 7.30pm at St Anne's Hall.
This is one of our weekend Masses in our parish
and anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST

Please be advised that the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has transferred the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to **Sunday, 16 August, this year.**



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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1 Kings 19: 9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Mathew 14:22-33
Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

AUGUST MASS COUNT will be taken at all masses on the weekends of August. The count includes all individual—adults and children attending weekend masses. The numbers are compiled by the diocese at the end of the month. The data is used to understand Mass attendance patterns, identify areas of growth or decline, and inform pastoral planning.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR- Resignation

Joseph Arackal has stepped down from his role as Office Administrator at the Parish of Stella Maris. His last working day with us will be on Aug 14th. We sincerely thank Joseph for his dedicated service, commitment, and valuable contributions during his time with Stella Maris. We wish Joseph every success in his future endeavours and pray that God continues to bless and guide him in the next chapter of his journey. Recruitment for the office administrator will be published asap in the Newsletter.



SVDP Can Drive - PLEASE BRING A CAN OR TWO ALONG TO WEEKEND MASSES

There is always an increase in requests for food during the winter months when power bills are higher and families find themselves short of money for food. Over the next 2 weekends 15/16 and 22/23 August there will be an additional basket in the foyers at St Anne's and OLSOS.

A huge thank you to EcoBay in Ferrymead who provide us with fruit and vegetables 3 times a week. Their generosity enables us to provide healthy food parcels to the families we support.

STELLA MARIS YOUTH

Youth Group runs every Friday during the school term, from 3:15pm-4:15pm for all year 5-6 students and from 4:30pm - 6pm for all Year 7-13 students in St Anne's Hall. All are welcome! For more information contact janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz

ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE RACE NIGHT 2026

Join 200+ people from across the Diocese for a lively night at the trots — harness racing, a 2-course dinner, and our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition. Every ticket goes toward our work of helping marriages and families to flourish across the Christchurch Diocese. **Fri, 28 August**, Addington Raceway. jp2.org.nz/racenight
We have booked 3 tables for Stellamaris. Individual Tickets – \$75. For registration email kathi@stellamarisparish.org.nz

THE GRANDPARENT PRAYER MEETING for August is on **Saturday, 15th at 3 pm at St Mary's New Brighton Community Centre**. Please join us to pray for our children and grandchildren. Come early for a 'cuppa' before we start. Contact: Sandy on 021 180 4445 for details.

REMINDER: Our Parish is subscribed to FORMED:

All of our parishioners have access to this amazing resource.

It's very easy - to log on and sign up

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Search for Catholic Parish of Christchurch East
- Enter your name, and email address
- Then you have access to a whole range of fabulous resources.



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:

Thanksgiving mass: Imelda Vissia Bout



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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