



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.

13 September 2026 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Yr A

OUR FORGIVING FATHER

Forgiveness is one of the most beautiful qualities of God. Jesus reveals to us a Father who is rich in mercy, patient with our weaknesses, and always ready to welcome us back. In today's gospel of Matthew 18:21–35, Jesus challenges us to understand forgiveness not merely as an occasional act, but as a way of life.

We often find forgiveness difficult because we remember the hurt long after the event has passed. A painful word, betrayal, injustice, or disappointment can remain in our hearts for years. We may say, "I can forgive, but I cannot forget." Yet Christian forgiveness is not about denying the pain. It is about refusing to allow that pain to control our hearts.

God's forgiveness is much greater than anything we can offer. Every day we stand in need of His mercy. We have failed, made mistakes, hurt others, and fallen short of what God asks of us. Yet the Father continues to reach out to us with compassion. His mercy gives us another opportunity to begin again.

Jesus therefore connects receiving forgiveness with giving forgiveness. When we experience God's mercy, we are called to become instruments of that same mercy in the lives of others. The real question is not simply, "How many times must I forgive?" but "How deeply have I understood the forgiveness I have received from God?"

Let us ask God for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us, just as we continually depend upon His mercy. **Our forgiving Father teaches us that mercy received must become mercy shared.**

Fr. Vincent Barboza
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.

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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Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Romans 14:7-9

Mathew 18: 21-35

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful:
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

PARISH DAY: NEXT SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

We celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint
"STELLA MARIS - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA"
next Sunday.

At Haeata Community Campus: 10.00 am to 2.30pm

240 Breezes Road, Aranui, Christchurch.

Mass at 10.00 am Sharp

Hymns are led by the School Students,
Samoan, Pilipino, and Indian choirs.

Enjoy performances and singing by the students from our
schools and the exciting free 'Mentalism Show' followed by
Mass.

The parish has coordinated the Samoan, Filipino,
Bangladesh, Italian, Kiwi and the Indian communities to
organise and share the food after the performances. There
will be a free sausage sizzle. Still the parish kindly
encourages everyone to bring some finger food to share.

After lunch, face painting and a bouncy castle.
Let us come together as one family in one place.

"Our Lady Star of the Sea (Stella Maris) Pray for us"

Our usual Sunday Mass at Sumner, St Annes and St Marys
are cancelled.

Except Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm at St Annes



STELLA MARIS PARISH
FAITH | FAMILY | COMMUNITY
All are Welcome!

MASS [AT] 10:00AM
FOLLOWED BY A DAY OF
COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND FUN

PARISH DAY
SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM
HAEATA COMMUNITY CAMPUS
240 BREEZES ROAD, ARANUI

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE | **FACE PAINTING** | **BOUNCY CASTLE** | **SHARED KAI**

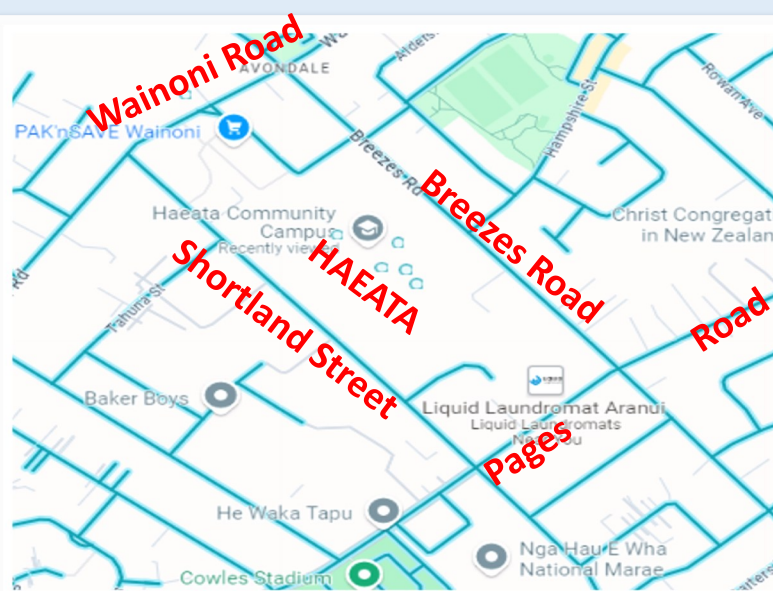
ENTERTAINMENT | COMMUNITY | FAMILY FUN | FAITH | CULTURE
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY OUR 4 PARISH SCHOOLS

STELLA MARIS PARISH DAY PRESENTS LIVE MENTALISM SHOW
IT'S NOT MAGIC. IT'S THE MIND.
REAL. RAW. UNBELIEVABLE.
20 SEPTEMBER 2026 | HAEATA COMMUNITY CAMPUS WAINONI, CHRISTCHURCH | 11:30 AM

THE HIDDEN
A MENTALISM SHOW
MENTALIST SHAMNATH
YOUR MIND HOLDS SECRETS.
LET'S UNCOVER THEM TOGETHER.

ST ANNE'S | ST JAMES | ST MARY'S | ST ANNE'S

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE: 03 384 1600



Masses Offered this week:

Thanksgiving Mass offered for
Imelda Vissia Bout.

We pray for the repose of the souls of
Jane Andrea Boyo and Felimon Boyo .
May their souls rest in peace.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

The Diocesan Notices are on the notice board and are
emailed with the newsletter.

STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Wednesday to Friday 9:am to 3.00pm
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