



Stella Maris Parish

The Catholic Parish of Christchurch East (2020)

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25 October 2026 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Yr A

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.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one but responded by naming two. That is because, for Him, the second followed directly and necessarily from the first.

Jesus simplifies all the laws of Moses and the message of the prophets with two very simple commandments today, both of which centre around "love."

Does this mean that we don't have to worry about the Ten Commandments anymore? No. Jesus shows us how to love God with every bit of being that we have and, after that, love other people too.

When we do these things and put them into practice, all the details take care of themselves. Here, in a nutshell, we have the whole teaching of the Bible.

The only real failure of a Christian is the failure to love.

If we put these two great commandments, love God and love our neighbour, into practice, the Kingdom of God is for us.

So let us reflect for a moment on these two great commandments and offer them in the Holy Mass this weekend.

Fr Paulo Filoialii

Assistant Priest



ALL SAINTS' DAY: 1 NOVEMBER: This year, All Saints' Day falls on the weekend, so the 30th Ordinary Sunday Liturgy is replaced by the solemnity of All Saints. On this day, we remember all those people who lived good and holy lives and now enjoy the reward of eternal happiness in the presence of God. Surely, there will be someone among them from our own families. On this special day, we praise God for them and ask for their intercession.

All Souls' Day

Monday, 2 November 2026

All Souls' Day Masses at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm at St Anne's Church.

We Pray for Those Who Have Passed Away Over the Last Twelve Months:

John Charles Sawyer, Patricia Elizabeth Murphy, John Michael McBarron,

Gwendoline Ann Papps, Yvonne McDonald, Alan Keith Reynolds,

Barbara Annette Buchols, Bronwyn Marie Morgan, Raymond Colin Boland,

Treyann Caroline Williams, Sofia Viliamu, Damien Stott, Patricia Kime, and Neil Small.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

If you know the next-of-kin of any of these deceased, please invite them to attend **7:00 pm Memorial Mass.**



Praise and Worship

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness"*

This Sunday, 25th October 2026

St Anne's Church, Woolston

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: 3rd 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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PARISH NOTICES:

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Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Mathew 22: 34-40
Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF ROSARY:

October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayer of the Rosary, which consists of meditations on the mysteries of Christ's life. The Church encourages us all to recite Holy Rosary at home and in the church.

PROCLAIM SUMMER CAMP 2027

Registrations are open!

Encounter | Belong | Be Sent

Stella Maris Parish Youth Ministry is excited to invite our young people to **Proclaim Summer Camp 2027**! Join us for three unforgettable days of faith, fellowship and fun. As we step away from our usual routines, to deepen our relationship with Jesus!

When: 15–17 January 2027

Where: Woodend Christian Camp

Who: Students entering Years 8–13 in 2027

Registrations are now open, and spaces are limited!

Registrations open. We encourage families to register early to avoid missing out.



Scan the camp QR code or follow the registration link to secure your place.

<https://stellamaris.elvanto.com.au/form/cdc11025-e864-499d-8bef-dc2431db1cf4>

Help Make Camp Possible.

We want to make this faith-filled opportunity accessible to as many young people as possible. If you would like to support our youth ministry by making a donation or sponsoring a young person to attend camp, we would be incredibly grateful. Your generosity can help ease the financial pressure on families and ensure more of our young people have the opportunity to participate, grow in faith and experience the joy of community.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for helping us invest in the faith and future of our young people! **Parish Account:** 03-1592-0207535-020
Name: Catholic Parish East | **Reference:** Youth Camp.

For enquiries, please contact

Janette@stellamarisparish.org.nz

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY MEETING

Every Friday at 5pm - 6pm, at Marian Room, At St Annes Church.

ST ANN'S ADVENT RETREAT

CELEBRATING CHRIST – THE GREATEST GIFT

Enter the Advent story through Ignatian contemplation.

Saturday 28 November

9.30am: Coffee/tea | **10am–3pm:** Ignatian Retreat

Bring your imagination, a Bible, a journal, an open heart and your lunch.

Please mark your calendar.

We will be working with chapters 1 and 2 of Luke's Gospel. Read them through a few times before you come; allow yourself to be immersed in the story.

Led by Colin Renouf, Ignatian Spiritual Director, member of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR BUILDING THE NEW CATHEDRAL:

Bishop Michael has launched the campaign for building the new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. See more information: <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/plans> Bishop Michael is asking for pledges - gifts paid over 5 years that allow you to make a lasting impact without financial strain. If/when you make your donation/pledge use this form:

<https://blessedsacrament.nz/donate/> - and nominate Stella Maris Parish. I encourage every household in our parish be a part of this 5 year pledge.

FRIENDLY AFTERNOON:

St Anne's, Woolston—Friday, 30th October 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.

SVDP NEEDS BLANKETS!

Vinnies would appreciate donations of blankets or duvets as we are unable to keep up with the demand. Furniture would also be appreciated. You can deliver blankets to Stanmore Road or bring to a weekend Mass. Any questions please call Anne Nicholls on 021527741.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2027 is available for sale: \$14.

Please contact the parish office or Pauline Colette at St Anne's or Helen Bamber at Sumner.

ORGANISTS: St Anne's Church is still looking to have someone to play keyboard or piano or organ for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass. We also need an organist to play the organ on the fifth Sunday at 10.30am. Parish would appreciate it if any of you can help at least once a month.

Masses Offered This Week

Please keep in your prayers Jane Andrea Boyo and Roselia Salazar, May their souls rest in peace.



STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Wednesday to Friday 9:am to 3.00pm - St Mary's 116 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton

Stella Maris Parish Schools

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