



Stella Maris Parish

The Catholic Parish of Christchurch East (2020)

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1 November 2026 | All Saints Day | 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.

WE TOO CAN BECOME SAINTS

Today is November 1st and we celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

Who are the saints? They were people like us, who lived good and holy lives, and now enjoy the rewards of eternal happiness in the presence of God and in the company of the angels, and all the saints in heaven.

How many Saints are there in the list of Catholic church? There are more than 10,000 saints, but there is no exact officially confirmed total number of canonised saints. This is because many saints from the early centuries of Christianity were recognised and honoured before the formal canonisation process was established. Some were also canonised as groups of martyrs.

When are the saints honoured or remembered in the church? They have a specific day assigned in the liturgical calendar of the church. This day is known as their feast day. This date is usually the anniversary of their death, which the church considers their 'birthday' into eternal life in heaven.

What are the ways in which they are honoured in the church? The saints are honoured through several deeply rooted traditions such as: Celebration of feast day; Patronage - choosing them as patrons over specific countries, professions, illness, individual persons, or life situations; Relics- preserving and venerating physical objects associated with a saint; Art and Imagery- as a reminder of their faithfulness to God and of their heroic life; Litanies and Novenas- formal prayers asking a specific saint to interceded for a particular need.

What is purpose of celebrating the 'All Saints Day'? Two reasons. First, honour all official saints: It unites us in seeking the intercession of thousands of canonised saints, most of whom are unknown to us; Second, it honours the countless un-canonised, everyday people—the "saints next door" from our own families and communities—whose quiet holiness is known to God alone.

Is it within our reach to become a saint? Yes, it is. Do little things with much love and be close to God being faithful to the teachings of Jesus. Our baptism reminds that we are called to become a saint and belong to the communion of saints.

May our Patroness Stella Maris and All Saints of God, pray for us.

Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil
The Parish Priest



All Souls Day

Monday 2nd November 2026

**Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm
at St Annes Church**

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

Rest in Peace.

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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Apocalypse 7: 2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Mathew 5: 1-12
Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS & CANDLE LIGHTING
REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER | 7:00 PM |
ST ANNE'S CHURCH

As November arrives, we pause to remember and pray for all those who have gone before us. This holy day reminds us that our loved ones continue to live in God's presence as we look forward to the day we are reunited in eternal life.

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE DECEASED
(PAST 12 MONTHS)

We pray especially for all those who have passed away over the last twelve months from our parish. The list of names is given below, and a candle will be lit as each name is called out; *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, Neil Small and Angela Mary Harwood.*

BRING A CANDLE FOR YOUR FAMILY

Everyone in the parish is warmly encouraged to join us for this special liturgy. Please bring a candle to represent the deceased members of your family; we will light them together at the beginning of the Mass as a beautiful symbol of our shared prayers and their enduring memory.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

ALL SOULS BOX

You are welcome to write the names of the deceased and put it in the box which is kept in the Sanctuary to pray for them during the month of November. Please don't put cash in this box. **Visiting cemetery and praying for the dead are recommended during this month.**

MASS OFFERING-GREATEST ACT OF CHARITY

Offering Mass for the Faithful Departed is one of greatest acts of charity we do. If you are intending to offer Mass, please take a Mass intention envelop from the foyer and place the completed envelopes in the Sunday collection basket or give it directly to the office or priests.

ST ANNS ADVENT RETREAT:
CELEBRATING CHRIST - THE GREATEST GIFT

Enter the advent story through Ignatian contemplation. Saturday 28th November 9.30am coffee/tea. 10am to 3pm: Ignatian Retreat. Bring your imagination, a bible, a journal, an open heart and your lunch. We will be working with chapter 1 and 2 from Luke's Gospel. Read it 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 Marys Pro-Cathedral. Please mark your calendar.

DIOCESAN SYNODAL COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR PARISHES: Our parish is holding a "Conversation in the Spirit" gathering on this Wednesday 4th November at 6.00pm. At present there are about 16 parishioners to attend. This gathering will be supported by the trained facilitators from the Diocese.

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.

PROCLAIM SUMMER CAMP 2027 – REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Stella Maris Parish Youth Ministry invites young people to three days of faith, fellowship and fun, growing closer to Jesus.

When: 15–17 January 2027

Where: Woodend Christian Camp

Who: Students entering Years 8–13 in 2027

Spaces are limited! Register early using the QR code or link: <https://stellamaris.elvanto.com.au/form/cdc11025-e864-499d-8bef-dc2431db1cf4>



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 Christ-church East
- Enter your name, and email address
- Then you have access to a whole range of fabulous resources.



Masses Offered This Week

Please keep in your prayers Jane Andrea Boyo and Felimon Boyo, May their souls rest in peace.
Thanksgiving mass offered by Luz Olley and Renato Navarro Jr.



STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 116 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton.

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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Sumner—Our Lady Star of the Sea
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ST ANNE'S PERFORMING AT TE RANGAIHI KAPA HAKA COMPETITION THIS WEEKEND!

This Saturday 31 October is the Te Rangaihi Kapa Haka regional competition! We have close on 40 students performing on Saturday. If we qualify, we will head to the North Island next year for Nationals. This is the first time a Catholic school has ever been invited to enter this competition in Christchurch, so we look forward to showing off our skills and faith. We have 100 prioritised seats for the immediate family of performers, but if you are interested in supporting, there are plenty of other seats there and we would love it if you came in support. See if it is something for your child in future years, or just to support those involved, as a family of the school, a board member, community member or as a parishioner. Come and cheer loudly for us.

Come for just us (don't be late) or stay the whole time.

Venue: Parakiore

Opening/Whakatau: 8.30am

St Anne's estimated performance time: 11.10am-11.35pm

Prize giving: 5pm

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Ōtira 'ua, nā tō'ou tika ai,

Dallas Wichman

Tumuaki / Principal / Pū `Āpi`i Ma`ata