Stella Maris Parish

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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.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King: Called to Be One Family

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that Jesus is not a king who rules through power, authority or wealth, but a King who leads through love, humility, service and sacrifice. His throne is the Cross, His crown is made of thorns, and His kingdom is built on love.

This feast invites us to ask an important question: **If Christ is our King, are we truly living as one family in His Kingdom?**

Our parish is a beautiful multicultural community, bringing together people from six distinct geographical areas, with different cultures, languages, traditions and backgrounds. This diversity is a wonderful gift from God. Yet, our strength as a parish does not lie simply in having different communities under one parish name, but in bringing these communities together as one family of faith.

We must move beyond the boundaries of our individual communities, reach out to one another, build friendships, share our gifts and work together for the good of the whole parish. No one in our parish community should feel left out, forgotten or disconnected. Every person, every family and every community have a valuable place in the life of our parish.

Christ calls us not to remain separate, but to complement one another; not to build separate kingdoms, but to build His Kingdom together.

As we celebrate this feast, let us renew our commitment to unity, participation and collaboration. Let us become a parish where everyone belongs, everyone contributes and everyone feels loved. Many cultures, one parish, one faith and one family in Christ!

May Christ reign in our hearts, unite our communities and lead us to become one family, serving together and building His Kingdom of love!



Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil -The Parish 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.

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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

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Samoan Mass Times:
Woolston: 1st Sunday 12:30pm
New Brighton: 2nd Sunday 12:30pm

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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

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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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Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Mathew 25:31-46

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th,16th and 23rd December. 7:00 pm at St Anne's hall. We will use the material from Formed **"How to Advent"**. A gentle time to set aside to remind us of the importance of Advent in the midst of the craziness that sometimes surrounds Christmas. Come along, bring a friend. From the Parish Leadership Team: River and Anna Clare.

TABLETOP MORNING

Join us in St Anne's hall after Mass on Wednesdays.
Starting Wednesday 25th November at 10am have a cuppa, catch up with other, play a board game. All welcome. From the Parish Leadership Team: River and Anna Clare.

STELLA MARIS PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sone Nafoi, Abraham Atherton, Anna Clare, River Rain, and I are the present members of the Parish Leadership Team. We gather fortnightly for an hour, committing ourselves to pray and discern the various needs of the parish. I am so grateful to these members for their FACT qualities: faithfulness, availability, contagious enthusiasm, and teachability. Our current leadership team initiatives include the Men's Group, Conversations in the Spirit, Tabletop Mornings on Wednesdays, and Advent reflections during the Advent season.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AFTERNOON: Next Sunday 29th November at St Anne's Hall from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm The parish invites all volunteers from all our Mass centres to a 'Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon. Please make yourself available to come and join us!

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.

FRIENDLY AFTERNOON: St Anne's, Woolston—Friday, 27th November 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.

PREFERENCE CERTIFICATES – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As the Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays, no Preference Certificates will be signed from mid-December until the end of January. Please arrange to have your certificates signed before mid-December.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS INFORMATION NIGHT

In September 2028, Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC). The congress consists of a week of activities, talks, events, and processions culminating in a final Mass attended by hundreds of thousands of people, celebrated by Pope Leo XIV. This is a great opportunity for Eucharistic Renewal, and the organizing team are keen to involve New Zealand as much as possible. There will be an information night on Wednesday November 25th beginning at 6pm at St Anne's Hall, Woolston. Matt O'Connell, who is the NZ Bishop's national delegate, will present all the info about this congress, including how individuals and parishes can get involved. For more information and to RSVP please contact the parish office.

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.

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES are on the notice board and are emailed with the newsletter. News & Events - Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

Masses Offered This Week

Please keep in your prayers Jane Andrea Boyo, may the soul rest in peace.



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

Stella Maris Parish Schools

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