



Stella Maris Parish

Catholic Parish of Christchurch Diocese, New Zealand
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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.

4th February — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

THE PRAYING JESUS

Prayer, in simple terms, is a communication between human beings and God. There are different forms and ways to pray. However, our focus here is not on these forms and ways of prayer but Jesus praying. In the gospel today (Mark 1:29-39), we find Jesus after a long and busy day of teaching, and healing many people, the next day, before dawn got up and went to a lonely place to pray. From there he told his disciples "Let us go elsewhere ... so that I can preach there too".

In this passage of the gospel, we see a connection between work and prayer; Jesus' total dependence on God to refill him for another mission or work. After Jesus has exhausted all his energy doing the Father's work for which he came, he turned to the Father in prayer to be reenergized for his next mission.

There are many times and instances that Jesus prayed. He prayed at his baptism (Lk 3:21); in the wilderness, he prayed and fasted for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2); before choosing his 12 disciples (Luke 16:12); at the transfiguration (Luke 9:28); in his agony on the cross before his death (27:46) and many more. Prayer was the life-wire for Jesus and the secret of the success of his mission. If Jesus saw the need to pray, then what about us, mere humans, and his followers? We cannot but to be prayerful, pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) in all we do.

- Fr Benjamin Asare SVD



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

Tongan Mass Time:

Woolston: 1st Sunday 3:30pm

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 Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Woolston: Friday 11:15am-11:45am
Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
New Brighton: After Sunday Mass
Sumner: After Thursday Mass

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ASH WEDNESDAY: 14TH FEBRUARY- MASS & BLESSING OF ASHES

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Day of fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday

St Annes: 9.15am and 7.00pm

St Anne's school will join at 9.15am

St Mary's: 11.15am and 7.00pm

St Mary's school will join at 11.15am

Our Lady Star of the Sea: 9.15am- School will join

St James School: 9.30am



Masses Offered this week:

David Olley (Death Anniversary) and Enriquita F. Moleno (death anniversary)

Please keep in your prayers those whose death anniversaries occur at this time. May they have eternal rest.



PARISH NOTICES:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme!

Online registration is now available at <https://forms.gle/cUkwAHbB5ou1asLw6> or just scan the QR CODE

First Holy Communion Registration Form



Programme start dates.

For children that have received the Sacrament of Baptism that are 8 years old and above

Programme introduction Parent meeting 26th February 2024

First Child Lesson: 3rd March 2024

First Parent Catechesis: 3rd March 2024

STELLA MARIS YOUTH MINISTRY NOTICES:

Youth Group start dates:

Gen 1:1 For all Year 5-6 students, **Every second Friday** from 3:15pm-4:30pm in St Anne's Hall

Starting back on the 9th of February 2024

Crowns For all Year 7-8 students, **Every Friday**, from 4:30pm-6:30pm in St Anne's Hall

Starting back on the 9th of February 2024

STAY For all Year 9-13 students, **Every Sunday**, from 3pm-4:30pm in St Anne's Hall

Starting back on the 11th of February 2024

Please complete online registration form for 2024 here - <https://forms.gle/G7uJddgitS6uSeqS8>

or speak with one of our leaders if you do not have internet access.

LENTEN REFLECTION:

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS WILL START AT THAT TIME

PLEASE FILL YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS IN THE SHEETS IN THE CHURCH FOYER TODAY

After this weekend we will be in a position to see what days and times suit people and will arrange groups accordingly.

If the Filipino and/or Samoan/Tongan groups want to have separate Reflection Groups, please let Alicia or Mary Lynch know and we will arrange to get the booklets to you.

God bless, Mary Lynch

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



Please Mark Your Calendar

Station of the Cross

During the Season of Lent, Stations of the Cross every Friday 7:00pm at St Anne's Church. All are welcome to join in and participate.

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday 24th February by Fr John O'Connor 10am to 3.00pm at St Mary's Church, New Brighton.

STAY CONNECTED:

Please note the new URL for our website

<https://stellamarisparish.org.nz/>

Basic information, Mass times, Mass centres, schools, preference enrolment application and Sacrament of Baptism forms

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Need volunteers for helping with properties, cleaning the church and counting Sunday collection, organist/pianist. Please visit or call the Parish office at 384-1600. Or email Fr Job at frjobts@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD TRAINING SEMINAR - Christchurch Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 April:

Natural Fertility Management

This seminar will benefit Health Professionals and Natural Health practitioners interested in women's health and fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, and those using or considering using the Billings Method. The seminar will also interest those involved in pre-marriage counselling and those wishing to promote the Method within their community.

The Billings Method teaches accurate, evidence-based, scientific self-knowledge about human fertility. The "Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Training Seminar" activity has been endorsed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and has been approved for up to 11.15 CME credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. It is also supported by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.

For further information and to register go to: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

Since 1968 the Catholic Development Fund has helped the Bishop of Christchurch provide for the educational and pastoral needs of our diocese.



To help them make the fund's offering the best it can be in 2024, please take their anonymous **five-minute survey**: <https://cdf.org.nz/tell-us-what-you-think-take-the-cdf-survey/>

FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL

Bishop Michael encourages you to share feedback via the online survey form available on the website. For a paper copy, please contact your Parish office. Feedback is open until the end of March 2024. To access the survey and information please scan the QR code or visit: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>

HEALTH CARE MASS:

Bishop Michael warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury to a Mass for all health care workers to be held on Sunday 11th February, 6pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Please stay for refreshments and enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, email averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, email mstopforth@cdoc.nz, phone 027 539 8542

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - Tuesday 13 February:

Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day. Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

Fr MICHAEL PUI appointed National Director of MissionZ

Congratulations and ka pai Fr Michael Pui. Fr Michael has most recently been the Parish Priest of Good Shepherd Parish Hurunui in North Canterbury. He will remain based in the Diocese of Christchurch. Details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/missionz/>



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Adorers urgently required for Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Currently we have a number of gaps in the chapel roster. Would you be able to join 200 other people in committing for 1 hour per week? The gaps are Monday's at 9am and 2pm, Wednesdays at 5pm and Thursdays at 12am. If you are able to help, please contact Matt on 027536 9407 or chchadoration@gmail.com

HOW CAN WE BE A SYNODAL CHURCH IN MISSION?

The worldwide Synod 2021-2024, initiated by Pope Francis, continues this year inviting all the baptised to participate.

'After a month of work, in October 2023, the Lord is now calling us to return to our Churches to hand over to all of you the fruits of our work and to continue the journey together. Here in Rome, we were not many, but the purpose of the Synod path called by the Holy Father is to involve all the baptised.' Rome Synthesis report

A NEW PHASE BEGINS:

As we continue this journey together to grow as a synodal Church, a new phase begins for all of the baptised to listen and share in a synodal way concrete ways we can be a synodal church in Mission. In February and March this year opportunities will be available for you to participate: dates and times will be in next week's bulletin

From the Synodal Assembly, a Synthesis Report was produced and this can be found on the Synod website www.synod.va

PARISH NOTICES:

Sunday, 4th February 2024 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Paul 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Waitangi Day & Stella Maris Parish Picnic

When: Tuesday 6th February 2024

Mass at 11.00 am at St Annes' Church, Woolston.

Lunch and Picnic at the School ground.

WAITANGI DAY is our national day commemorating the first signings of the Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in 1840. We would love to have you and your whanau join us for our Stella Maris Parish Mass and picnic, to be held at St Anne's this year. Come celebrate our country and our community, share in fellowship with each other, and join together to give thanks for the safety and blessings we take for granted as New Zealanders. Bring a picnic or a plate to share. (Vanessa Shearer is the coordinator)



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT PARISH WEBSITE.

Why can't we be smart?

Most of us are on smartphone and email.

To apply for a preference certificate for catholic schools, register for baptisms, join the parish and planned giving, making enquiries, all you need to do is just focus on the QR code on your smartphone camera, click on the link, complete the form and submit. It saves your time and saves the time of the admin staff.

Preference Application



Parish Enrolment



Planned Giving



Contact office



LITURGY WORKSHOP: THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

Our Parish Leadership Team has been discussing about forming a liturgy team for the whole parish over the last few months and it has been decided in our last meeting, prior to forming a new Liturgy group, to conduct a Liturgy workshop for those who are interested to know about Catholic Liturgy. Alex Chia from the diocese is conducting this workshop for our parish on Thursday 29th February at 7.00pm. Please register your name by email if you wish to be a part of this process: frjobs@gmail.com

STELLA MARIS PARISH OFFICE: 739 Ferry Road, Woolston

PARISH OFFICE OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm

Stella Maris Parish Schools

Aranui—St James

New Brighton—New Brighton Catholic

Sumner—Our Lady Star of the Sea

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