



## **Palm Sunday, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Pastoral Experience**

We welcome Nhat Cao, one of our Vietnamese seminarians, who will be with us for Holy Week as he gains pastoral experience.

### **Easter Vigil**

For the Easter Vigil, please bring your own candle and a suitable holder. Please also remember in your prayers those in our parish and throughout the diocese who will enter the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. May they grow in their Catholic faith and be supported by our community.

### **Secretary Position**

Please see the notice in the newsletter regarding the Parish Secretary position. We also ask that you pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us through this process.

Kind regards,  
Fr Eamon Kennedy

### **SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

We are currently seeking donations of frozen meals for members of our parish community who may be going through a difficult time. If you are able to prepare an extra meal, it would be greatly appreciated. The freezer is through the Church side door behind the Sacristy. Thank you for your kindness and support.

During this Lenten season, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society sincerely thanks our parish community for your generous food donations. Through your kindness and spirit of charity, families in our community are receiving practical support and the reassurance that they are not alone. Your generosity is a beautiful reflection of the Gospel call to care for one another. Thank you for living the spirit of Lent through your generosity.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** These have been ordered and will be placed in the foyer when they arrive.

**BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL:** The New Zealand Bishops are encouraging the Catholic community to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to the annual Lenten Appeal. The appeal supports the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, which through its global network serves some of our world's most vulnerable and needy communities. The Bishops explain that acts of Christian charity can change the lives of those who benefit from that charity, but also can transform those who give with generosity — according to their own circumstances. Find out more at [www.caritas.org.nz/lent](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent)

**GOSPELS OF LENT ONLINE:** Parishioners are warmly invited to take part in the Lent Webinar Series 2026, a six-week national online journey with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops. Through prayer, reflection and sharing, Caritas and the Bishops of Aotearoa invite you to join us for a journey through Lent, in the light of the Gospel and the needs of our world. Hear what the Lord is asking of us in our moment of time. Each session includes guided reflection, insights from Catholic social teaching, and moments for quiet contemplation as we prepare our hearts for Easter. **To register, simply scan the QR code on the poster or visit the Caritas website [www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars)**

### **RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Have you or someone you know asked about 'Becoming a Catholic'?  
Do any of these describe you?

- . Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church?
- . Are you a baptised catholic who has not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- . Are you married to a catholic and attend Mass, but just do not know what the next step may be in becoming Catholic?
- . Would you like to better support your children at a Catholic school?

Four weeks of inquiry begin weekly from **Thur, 9th April at 7:00pm** in the St Thomas More church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mount Maunganui.

Come and join us. Please express your interest by contacting Heidi Nield (Faith Formation Coordinator) 5754807 Ext 6 or Email: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

### **PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE**

All Saints by the Sea, Mount Maunganui, is seeking a welcoming and well-organised Parish Secretary to support the Parish Priests and assist with the smooth running of the parish office. This part-time role (20 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday) involves responsibilities in administration, finance, communications, and serving as a key point of contact for parishioners.

For further details and a full job description, please contact:

Fr Eamon Kennedy – [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

Applications close **Sun, 26 April 2026.**

## **EASTER CEREMONIES**

### **Cathedral of Blessed Virgin Mary - Hamilton**

Christm Mass: Tuesday 31st March 1.00 pm

### **St Thomas More - Mt Maunganui**

Holy Thursday (Last Supper) 2nd April 7.00 pm

Good Friday 3rd April 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil 4th April 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.00 am and 5.00 pm

### **St Patrick's - Te Puke**

Holy Thursday (Last Supper) 2nd April 7.00 pm

Good Friday 3rd April 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil 4th April 7.00 pm

### **Suzanne Catholic School**

Easter Sunday 5th April 8.30 am

## **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Is held every **Tuesday at 6am** in the Parish Lounge. All men are welcome.

**AA:** Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol?

Alcoholics Anonymous meet STM Parish Lounge every **Sunday 6.30–7.30pm**.

All welcome.

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**ROSARY** is held at 9am on Mondays (no 9am Mass) & Tuesday to Saturday after the 9am Mass at STM Church.

**PUBLIC ROSARY** Every Wednesday at 6pm, outside STM Church. For more information, please see <https://public-rosary.org/https://t.me/NZPrays>

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION** is held on Wednesday at STM Church after the 9am Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is Wednesday & Saturday 9.30am (after the 9am Mass)

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**St Thomas More Catholic School, Mt Maunganui** 07 574 6782

**Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, Papamoa** 07 777 0438

Donations to: R.C. Bishop of Hamilton – Mt Maunganui Parish 02-0342-0050016-001  
Or via ChurchApps nz

## **MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, March 31 to Sun, 5 April 2026**

### **STM Church**

9 am Tuesday

Mr & Mrs Ken Marsh- RIP

9 am Wednesday

Paul Cavanagh Alexandre - RIP

7 pm Holy Thursday

3 pm am Good Friday

Easter Vigil 7pm

10am and 5pm Sunday

### **SUNDAY READINGS Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Acts 10:34,37-43 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colossian 3:1-4, Gospel. John 20:1-9

### **St Patrick's Te Puke**

Refer to Easter Timetable

### **Suzanne Aubert School, Papamoa**

8.30am Sunday

### **St Peter's Maketū**

11.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of month) & Liturgy (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month)

*If you wish to have a Mass offered, contact the parish office & if you have a particular date that you would like the Mass offered, please "book" the Mass well in advance.*