**BOP DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN:** "Become aware of your daily blessings". Speakers: Thea Glubb and Nancy James will share the Lords blessings in their lives. **Tues, 12 March** at Aquinas College Chapel, Pyes Pa at 7pm. All ladies most welcome to come and check us out. No membership or commitment is required.

**JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** will be meeting this **Tue,12 March** at St Thomas More Church in the Foyer, next to the library, at 7:30pm.

MARTIN SOCIAL GROUP: Wednesday 20 March – 10.15AM at the palatial mansion of the Martin dynasty, 670 Kaitemako Rd, Welcome Bay. Come and hear group member Gary Stewart play the Bagpipes as they were meant to be played in the Highlands. Please bring a plate to share. New members are very welcome. More details John and Denise on 542-1642

**CARITAS AOTEAROA: LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS** are available in the foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2019 will be sent receipts for the 2018/19 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after 1 April will be sent receipts for the 2019/2020 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

# CARITAS: Love in Action, Living our Lives with Love

Caritas is the NZ Bishops approved fund raiser for relief work and development around the world. **Think and Act Global and Local** is the theme. You are invited to donate to the Bishops' Lent Appeal and also to a food bank drive during March (non-perishable food items please). There are boxes in the church foyer for all donations. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **PARISH APP**

This is able to be downloaded from you phone App store. Search for allsaintsbythesea and upload the app and be connected for latest alerts, newsletters etc.

# READINGS FOR 2nd week in Lent, (Year C)

17 March 2019: Genesis 15:5-12 2. Philippians 3:17-4:1

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36** 

**NEW WEBSITE:** www.allsaintsbythesea.nz

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# 1st Sunday of Lent, 10 March 2019

We as a faith community have begun our Lenten journey, having been signed with ash cross on our foreheads on Wednesday. The Church leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. However, Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and other people we come in contact with, especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to give any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses which are part of our society.

#### **PARISH ROOF**

We seem to be permanently finding maintenance issues and none seem to be minor. The roof, which is only 15 years old, is starting to have areas of significant rust developing and if we do not address this with spot priming and repainting we will face an even more significant problem.

We have had quotes for the work which amount to \$25,000 plus gst, we do not have any reserves for this job so I need to make an appeal for donations towards this project. If anyone is keen to lead a fundraising project please feel free to discuss your ideas with me. I am grateful to one parishioner who has kindly made a \$5000 donation towards the project.

Until we have these funds in hand or at least the majority we are unable to let the contract, if you can assist in anyway please do so. Regrettably it is not a project for a working bee as it requires safety equipment, scaffolding etc. and then licenced operators to work at that height.

**FORMED:** It is good to see that a reasonable number of parishioners have already created a Formed.org account, however its very disappointing that hardly anyone is actually using the vast amount of material available. The site has three very good Lenten reflections which are short and easy to use to enhance your Lenten journey, try these as a means of getting familiar with the material available. Information forms are still available in the foyer. The Diocesan team will be here the evening of **Thurs**, **14 March 4pm** - **5:30pm. Theme: Beloved Disciples.** Open to all parishioners

ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA PARISH CATHOLIC COAST & COUNTRYSIDE MAGAZINE – EASTER 2019 ISSUE: Contributions should be emailed to the editor, Peter Archer at p.archer@xtra.co.nz. Please note that the final date for acceptance of items will be Mon, 11 March, 2019.

# HOSPITALITY CAFÉ: Next Sun, 17 Mar. Theme: Muffins.

If you are able to provide a plate of muffins, please indicate sweet or savoury on the sheet in the STM Church foyer. Everyone most welcome.

PARISH PICNIC: Next Sun 17 Mar - After Hospitality Café, in STM school grounds Bring along your own prepared picnic to enjoy. There will be a BBQ available if you would prefer to cook your meal fresh. We will organise games for the children to keep them busy. Bring along blankets and camp chairs for your seating. There will be shade available.

We want as many of the Parishioners to attend as possible. We have a clip-board in the foyer, one to write your name on if you NEED transport, one to write your name on if you can PROVIDE transport.

**Theme:** It's St Patrick's day so some green attire!

#### YOUTH GROUP at STM Church:

The **Year 7 – 9** group will run on **Friday 8th March at 6.30pm-8pm.** No youth group on Fri 22nd March. Details for 29th March to follow.

The **Year 10+** runs on **Sunday's** straight **after 5pm Mass**. We look forward to seeing you! The youth team, Sam Harris, Kirsty Muir. youthgroup@allsaintsbythesea.nz

**LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE:** This Lent, join us in prayer, fasting and reparation, especially for the 36 pre-born babies who lose their lives through abortion every day of the year in New Zealand. To find out more take a flyer or view the poster in the church porch. For all enquiries call 09 629 4361 or email <a href="life@fli.org.nz">life@fli.org.nz</a> Register your prayer commitment soon at <a href="fli.org.nz">fli.org.nz</a>/ lentenprayerforlife

OFFERTORY/BRINGING UP GIFTS AT MASS: Next Sunday 17 March, 9.30am: Jack & Harry Little; 5pm: Filipino Mass

# CAN YOU HELP? MEALS FOR THE FREEZER ARE NEEDED:

The freezer is almost empty—f you are able and would like to contribute a meal/s to the Giving Back program, please take a plastic container in the STM church foyer, label the contents, date it and return the meal to the parish freezer. Thank you for your support.

**MEDITATION:** Held every Wednesday in the Church Complex; 7.30 – 8.30pm. It consists of a short reading followed by 25mins of silent meditation. Contact Dolores 0272928617. As Jesus said "Pray continuously and if necessary use words." **COMMUNITY DAY:** Sat 30 March in Waihi. THEME: Trappist Fr Thomas Keating. See notice board for further details or contact Dolores.

# For Diocesan information check out www.newsletter.cdh.nz

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

# From 6pm Fri, 29 March to 7am Sat, 30 March

To get an indication of numbers, a clipboard is in the foyer of STM Church for you to commit to an hour or more with the Lord during the night. Please put your name, the time slot you prefer and a contact phone number on the sheet. There will be Mass at 6pm on Friday, 29 March and Mass at 7.30am on Saturday, 30 March, to be followed by breakfast at 8am for those who have committed to spending time with the Lord.

### R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please keep in your prayers the Catechumens and Candidates from our parish and St Thomas Aquinas who will be attending the Rite of Election with Bishop Steve TODAY at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Mass in Hamilton. May our Lord bless them as He leads them in preparation to become full members of the Catholic Church.

**RETREAT CENTRE PROGRAMME:** We the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny are delighted to advise that our 2019 Retreat Programme has now been finalised and uploaded to our Cluny website. Details can be viewed online at <a href="https://www.clunysisters.org.nz">www.clunysisters.org.nz</a> Brochures in Church foyer.

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** If you wish to make a donation, there is a Eftpos machine in the STM Church foyer. If you wish to use envelopes or bank automatic direct debit, please contact the office to arrange. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE**: The office will be open from 9am to 12pm until Fri, 22 Mar. Note: The office will be closed on Wed, 13 Mar & Mon, 25 Mar.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Mon Myrtle

Tues Ethyl & Eric Shaw RIP

Wed Brian Wanden
Thurs Clare Stewart
Fri Liz Mullooly

Sat & Sun All Saints by the Sea Parish

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mt Maunganui 9.30am & 5pm

# Te Puke At Anglican Church Saturday Vigil 5pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9am Mt

Tuesday 9am Mt

#### Wednesday 9am Mt & Benediction

Thursday 9am Mt & 9am TP

> Friday 9am Mt

#### **ROSARY**

After 9am Mass at Mt Mon to Fri

#### Saturday 9am Rosary Mt

# SACRAMENT ANOINTING

4 Apr, 8 Aug, 12 Dec . 11am

#### RECONCILIATION

Wed to Friday (Mt) 8.30am to 8.45am. Sat (TePuke) 4:30pm

#### Maketu

Maori Mass 2nd Sunday 11.30am 3rd Sunday Liturgy service 11.30am