



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 October 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A big thank you to Jan.

This **Sunday, 19 October**, at the 10.00 am Mass at St Thomas More, we will farewell Jan Baker, our Parish Secretary, after more than 28 years of faithful service to our parish. We give thanks to God for Jan and pray that He may bless her and her family abundantly.

After Mass, there will be an opportunity to celebrate with Jan over a cup of tea and food kindly provided by parishioners. I can only imagine how Jan must be feeling after so many years of dedicated service in the parish office.

We wish you, Jan, every blessing for the future.

Kind regards

Fr Eamon Kennedy

THANK YOU: For all the kind wishes I have received upon my retirement from the parish office. May God bless you all. *Jan*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: The objective of Missionz is to promote awareness of the mission of the Catholic Church – to present the good news of Jesus Christ to all peoples, and to generate spiritual, material and financial support for those working in mission and third world territories.

The Pontifical Mission Societies have the common aim of assisting the Holy Father, in spreading missionary awareness among priests, religious, adults and children; encouraging aid to the poor, and gathering financial support for different projects in third world countries.

The funds collected during the year by the Pontifical Mission Societies are sent directly to mission dioceses in need, as decided at Council in Rome each May.

From the report that I got sent we have very recently funded the building of a parish hall in Cambodia and a number of projects in Papua New Guinea that include new classrooms, a toilet and a shed.

There are special envelopes available in the foyer to make a donation.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026: Are available from the parish office. \$15

BIBLE DIARIES (via Fr Prakash) are available from the parish office. \$20

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

Applications close on **20 October 2025**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE FOR CHILDREN: This November our parish is again supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Drive, helping bring joy to local children whose families are finding times tough. You're invited to share the spirit of giving by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children - books, games, toys, puzzles, art supplies, or sports gear are all welcome.

Please place your gifts in the basket in the church foyer during November – bring them to Mass during the week or on the weekend OR take them to the parish office for safe keeping (office hours Tues to Fri 9am to 12.00/noon).

Your kindness will help St Vincent de Paul deliver hope and happiness to families in need, reminding every child that they are loved and remembered this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and Christmas spirit.

VISIT FROM FR SOJAN: Fr Sojan would like to visit parishioners. If you would like a short visit for prayer, a house blessing, or simply a chat, please contact him at sojancmf@gmail.com or 022 355 2781.

POPE LEO XIV has published the first major teaching document of his pontificate. The document was started by Pope Francis, with Pope Leo carrying forward some of Francis' work and adding his own reflections.

The New Zealand bishops have welcomed the letter as an important reminder of the importance of and need for an authentic love and care for those who are living in poverty of various kinds.

Please find attached a media release from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. It has also been published online [here](#).

You can access Pope Leo's letter here: [Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

DIVINE WILL meeting will be held on **Thurs**, after the 9am Mass, in the parish lounge (John Fisher room). All welcome.

INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD: Are you a single man who yearns to follow Him as one of His priests?
Come - join Bishop Richard as he, Fr Adam and Fr Isaac lead a retreat to help you discern your vocation. Fri, 5 Dec – Sun, 7 Dec, Cluny Retreat Centre.
Contact the Vocations team for expressions of interest, questions and registration:
vocations@cdh.org.nz

Topics that may be discussed:

How can I be sure that God is calling me to be a priest?

Celibacy: is this something that Jesus is asking of me?

What are some of the joys and challenges of life as a priest?

What does daily life as a priest look like?

I don't want to end up lonely, can I have community; brotherhood; affection; and love as a priest?

What does the journey of discerning a vocation to the priesthood involve?

Participants may have their own questions to discuss also.

CARDS/500: A Welcome is extended to anyone who would enjoy a good afternoon of Cards playing 500 – each Wednesday weekly from 12.45pm to 4pm.
Enquiries to Barbara Jansen 07 572 4962

HOLY FAMILY PARISH (Christchurch West) is hiring a Director of Parish Life & Operations: We are seeking a passionate full-time leader to help us lead, equip, and build a joyful, Christ-centred parish. Do you have:

- Strong leadership & operational skills
- A collaborative, coaching style
- Experience in multicultural or faith-based settings
- Deep alignment with Catholic mission & parish life

Enquire or apply with CV + cover letter: apply@holyfamily.nz

Applications close: 24 Oct 2025

STAY INFORMED ON NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING EFFORTS:

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue here: [Newsletter web version](#)

AA: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol?
Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the 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: Wednesday & Saturday 9.30am (after the 9am Mass).

READINGS 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26 Oct 2025

1. Ecc 35:12-14,16-19 2. 2Timothy 4:6-8.16-18 **Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 21 Oct to Sun, 26 Oct 2025

STM Church

9am Tues	Thanksgiving (pp Rosary Group)
9am Wed	Garry Christian RIP
9am Thurs	Ernest Rossiter RIP
9am Fri	Alfred Pulman RIP
9am Sat	Jack Kent RIP

10am & 5pm Sun

St Patrick's Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am Maketu (2nd

Sun of month) & Liturgy (every 3rd Sun of month at 11.30am)

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.