

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who gave Christmas presents. There were three car loads full. There will be many grateful children this year. Thanks again God bless, Giving Tree

**THANK YOU** also to those who gave food and cash to the Foodbank.

### **2021 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:**

Preparation for children receiving the Sacraments will commence earlier in 2021 beginning in the new school term in **February**.

A **parents/caregivers only** meeting will be on **Thurs, 4 Feb** at 7.00pm. The children from this year that still need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will also be included at the Confirmation Mass which will take place on **23 May** with the Bishop. These children will be followed up with a refresher class in preparation.

Please register your child(ren) early through the website using the on-line submission form in the Sacraments section.

Criteria is children year 4 upwards, 9 years plus, (a child under 9 may be eligible, it will depend on their level of faith commitment).

### **REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE 31 JANUARY 2021**

For further information contact the office at All Saints by the Sea between the hours of 9am and noon, Mon to Fri, or email [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz), it is preferable that you use the online form.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Franchesca Baluyan to the Catholic faith who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE NZ GOVERNMENT**

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has asked through the NZCBC communications office, to send the link:

[Make Summer Unstoppable campaign](#) to all parishes and schools as a reminder for everyone to Beware of Covid-19 this holy and festive season. Make Summer Unstoppable - E te whānau, tautokohia te kaupapa - **reminds all New Zealanders about doing the right thing to keep each other safe.**

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.allsaintsbythesea.nz](http://www.allsaintsbythesea.nz)

Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young; EM [pp@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pp@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

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## **4th Sunday of Advent 20 December 2020**

**No 9am Masses at STM on MONDAY or SATURDAY.**

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY TODAY:** You are all welcome to stay after the 9.30am Mass and have a cuppa and chat with some Christmas goodies!

**As Advent** draws to a close we hear those well known words spoken to Mary, **'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'**

Let us review the four Sunday readings of Advent. The first Sunday we were evoked to stay awake. The second we were invited to think differently... without knowing – at that very moment - what that difference could mean. But the last two Sundays we are announced that God's history is not a history of fear, but a history of grace. 'Rejoice...!' From far we hear already the sound of the Christmas carols.

I am grateful to those generous parishioners who have supported the funding of a fence for Suzanne Aubert school to keep the children safe. We have managed to raise 50% of the funds needed, it would be great if we can dig deep and fund the entire \$50,000 required, if you are able to assist please contact the parish office or talk to Fr Stuart.

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

#### **24 December:**

##### **4.30pm family Mass**

POWERPOINT OPERATORS, COLLECTORS—6 required

##### **11.30pm Mass**

POWERPOINT OPERATORS, HEALTH & SAFETY, COLLECTORS - 4 more required

#### **25 December:**

##### **9am Christmas Day Mass.**

POWER POINT OPERATORS, 4 COLLECTORS.

**Please fill in the clipboard in STM church foyer if you can assist or advise parish office. Thank you.**

**Note:** There is no Mass on **26 December**.

## Suzanne Aubert Catholic School—INVITATION

The Establishment Board of Trustees is pleased to invite parishioners to the Blessing and Official opening of Suzanne Aubert Catholic School by Bishop Steve Lowe.

**When:** Wednesday, 3 February 2021

**Where:** Suzanne Aubert Catholic School,  
Montiicola Drive, Papamoa

**Details:** Commencing at 9.30am. Light refreshments to follow

**RSVP:** By 11 January 2021 to: [admin@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:admin@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

**Please note you are required to RSVP.** For parishioners please do so to the parish office email address. This will be for most the only opportunity to view the interior of the school. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated weekly at the school from mid February on a Saturday at 5.15pm (more details in the new year).

Fr Stuart

## CHRISTMAS MASSES at All Saints by the Sea Parish

### Christmas Eve, 24 December

**Family Mass: Mass at STM 4.30pm; Carols at 4.00pm;** Children are encouraged to come dressed as part of the nativity scene.

**Mass at Te Puke 5.00pm (held at Anglican Church)**

**Mass at STM 11.30pm; Carols at 11.00pm;**

### Christmas Day: 25 December

**Mass at STM at 9.00am Please note TIME (not 9.30am)**

**No Masses on 26 December**

### **HAMILTON DIOCESE Christmas Mass Times 2020**

Please visit [cdh.org.nz/christmas-mass-times-2020](http://cdh.org.nz/christmas-mass-times-2020) for all Christmas Mass times across the diocese. Invite your family and friends to come and celebrate the birth of Christ.

**PARISH OFFICE & STAFF:** The office will be closed on **Thurs, 24 Dec** & re-open on **18 Jan 2021**. Emails and telephone messages will be monitored.

**GIVING BACK PROGRAM:** If you require a meal, or know someone who needs a meal or two, they are available to those in need. If you know of anyone that needs a meal due to ill health or new baby please come to the office or see Fr Stuart or Deacon Henk.

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** If you wish to make a donation, there is an Eftpos machine in the STM Church foyer. Or contact parish office for envelopes or to make donations by automatic bank authority.

### **READINGS for CHRISTMAS:**

**Vigil:** 1. Isaiah 62:1-5 2. Acts 13:16-17.22-25

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

**Midnight:** 1. Isaiah 9:1-7, 2. Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

**Day:** 1. Isaiah 52:7-10 2. Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

### **READINGS for 27 Dec Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:**

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 2. Colossians 3:12-21

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:22-40

**STM WEEKDAY MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR READERS OF THE WORD: THIS WEEK Tues, 22 Dec WEEK 2 (4th Tues of month).**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you wish to have a Mass offered, please complete the card in the STM Church foyer or alternatively email the office to arrange. Mass offering envelopes are available in the foyer also. Please hand the envelope and card into the parish office. contacted if the date is not available.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:**

Mon	
Tues	Tom Uden (senior) RIP
Wed	Colleen & Allan Rook RIP
Thurs	
Fri	
Sun	All Saints by the Sea Parish

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

**Mt Maunganui**  
9.30am & 5pm

**Te Puke**  
Saturday Vigil 5pm  
at Anglican Church

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES at Mt Maunganui (subject to change)**

**Monday**  
No Services

**Tuesday**  
9am

**Wednesday**  
9am  
& Benediction

**Thursday**  
9am

**Friday**  
9am

**ROSARY**  
After 9am Mass  
at Mt Maunganui  
Tues to Sat

**RECONCILIATION**  
Wed to Friday (Mt)  
8.30am to 8.45am.

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