

All Saints by the Sea Parish Coast and Country Magazine



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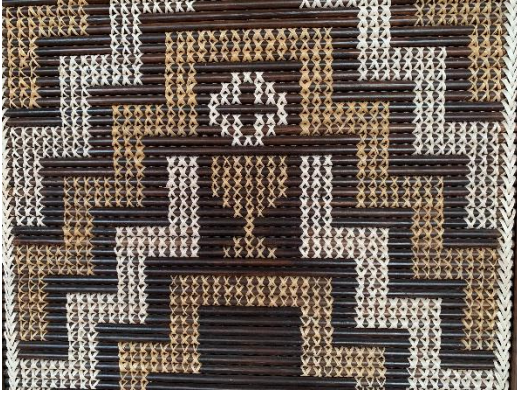
We are one body.

We who come to share this living bread, cup of salvation,

Shared among all nations

Nourishing us now and evermore.

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This week our children experienced their First Reconciliation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Thank you to Lorraine Dobson and Heidi Nield for their time and care preparing our children for the sacraments this year.

COVID 19 presented challenges for families who made the decision to join the sacramental programme because gatherings were illegal and the church was closed for much of the time. Lorraine used an on-line programme to empower parents to be their children's guides, walking alongside and exploring the new learning.

Sometimes on-line learning had challenges however there were many rewards too. Each child had the opportunity to learn at their own pace and also they could ask questions without feeling self-conscious they could contact their teacher directly.

Bishop Steve Lowe will be here to bless our children at Sunday morning Mass on 23rd August.

Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the special gifts of the Holy Spirit and the day they will be able to take a full part in the Mass. It will be a day to remember.

Kade, Maria C, Rocco, Liam F, Rylan, Oliver, Tom, William, Hailey, Maria O, Toby, Jack, Alison, Isaac C, Ben and Isaac, Lucy, Gerran, Alexander, Asha, Jackson, Paige, Grace, Skye, Isaac O, Antonia and Gabriella. Theo, Matthew, Luisa, Samuel, Francesca, Marisha, Sophie, Aiden, Remy.

Wasn't it great to see Bishop Steve at Mass last weekend. He enjoyed being able to mix and mingle again after lockdown, speaking to people and listening to his flock.

Since our last Coast and country edition our parish farewelled Mrs **Robin Hastie** from Bayswater Village whose funeral service was on 4th June at St. Thomas More.

May she rest in peace and may God bless her friends and family with strength and aroha at this sad time.





June 22 is St. Thomas More remembrance day.

On this day we remember the patron saint of our church and school as well as his friend, Bishop John Fisher, who was martyred during the reign of Henry Tudor.

Although Thomas More was

regarded as a friend and adviser to Henry 8th he was caught in the battle between church and state. On one hand Henry wanted more power, more money and a stable sovereignty, Thomas More aligned himself with the church and the Pope. The struggle was defined by a statement attributed to More 'God's servant first, the King's last'.

Our school is the only St.Thomas More School in New Zealand however in the UK there are many schools named after him. At this time we remember Thomas More's dedication to God and the Church. We also reflect on his resolute determination to put what he believed before the threat to his own life.

In our STM school logo we are reminded 'No matter what stay true' and we see the waves breaking over Tirikawa but never toppling our cross. When we put the story of the life of Thomas More and the image of the sea crashing over our North rock we have a strong reminder every day to be resilient and not to give up.



St Thomas More Catholic School

KA NGARO, KA NGARO, KA EA, KA EA, TE TOKA A TIRIKAWA
NO MATTER WHAT, STAY TRUE



Friday 19th June marks the birthday of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

Huri Haritau Suzanne.

Suzanne Aubert was born in Lyons, France in 1835. As a child she was very unwell and she credited her recovery to her faith. She became interested in

medicines and healing however as a woman she wasn't able to study to become a doctor. At the age of 25 she decided to live a missionary life.

Suzanne travelled to New Zealand on board the whaling ship 'General Teste' with Bishop Pompallier and several missionaries including members of the Marist order and the Sisters of Mercy. She landed in Auckland and was expected to begin her work at a school for Maori girls there.

On board ship and during the very long journey Suzanne learned te reo Maori from Pompallier and one of her achievements, looking back now, was a book of conversational Maori which she wrote in later life.

Aubert travelled to many parts of the New Zealand including the Waikato (1863-1865); Northland; Hawkes Bay; Palmerston North and Whanganui, the West Coast, Christchurch, Nelson and Wellington, Dunedin. Travel at this time was by small boats, by foot, on horseback and in small carts. It was tough.

In our last Coast and Country edition we highlighted the Convent at Hiruharama, Jerusalem on the Whanganui River as a great place to visit.

If you are following in the footsteps of Suzanne Aubert another interesting place to stay is the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington which has the Cloister Café, the chapel with an annex where Suzanne's remains are interred and there is a museum which records the life and times of Suzanne and the Daughters of Compassion.