



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7 September 2025

GREAT NEWS: We are very fortunate to have Cardinal John Dew coming to speak to us at St Thomas More Church. He will be speaking about his experience of the Conclave in Rome where he was one of the Cardinals who voted for a new Pope. You may have seen the movie, or read the book, Conclave. Now you have the opportunity to meet a **real** Cardinal, who went to a **real** Conclave, and voted to elect a **real** Pope. STM Church, **Sun, 5 Oct at 3pm**. A Koha/donation would be appreciated. All welcome.

HELP WANTED: If anyone would be available to kindly assist with serving refreshments after the Cardinal's talk, please contact the office. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE: We invite you to support the St Vincent de Paul Food Drive—every tin or packet donated helps a family in need. Paper bags are available otherwise please place your gifts in the baskets at the back of the church.

"SPRINGTIME JESUS RETREAT" on **Wed, 17 Sept** 9am-12 noon at STM parish centre. Please bring a Journal, two pens, your Bible, and a small koha. To Register or show interest, please contact Gabi Daly
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FAMILY WEEKEND registration is now open, **10-12 Oct** in Rotorua.
[Link here](#) Or see cdh.org.nz/events Our annual family camp weekend is set to kick off **Fri, 10 Oct** early evening. Accommodation is being offered at Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park with most of our sessions being held onsite at St Marys, Seddon Street, Rotorua. Discount codes are available to use thanks to generous donors. FULL will give you 100% off HALF will give you 50% off. Our theme this year explores fostering and discerning vocations and gifts as part of family life - pilgrims of hope for the future! Price includes - planned activities; lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea on Saturday, morning tea and lunch on Sunday; Mothers wine and cheese night and Dads breakfast. Accommodation extra at heavily discounted rates.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Wish to thank all parishioners who bought raffle tickets for our Kiribati Mission. Winners: Denise, Moira, Tonny, Ali, Teresa.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thurs, 18 Sept at 10.00am**. Fr Sojan will be our guest speaker. All parishioners most welcome.

WANTED – HELP WITH WASHING OF PURIFICATORS: We would like to have a couple more ladies wash the purificators (i.e. the cloths that are used for the Chalices) at Masses. Your name would be added to the roster and your turn would come around approximately every 5 weeks. The roster runs for 2 weeks at a time. You are welcome to swap with another person if the date does not suit you. Please contact parish office if you would like to help.

WANTED – HELP WITH WASHING OF PARISH KITCHEN T-TOWELS (parish centre): This has kindly been carried out by a parishioner for many years but she is no longer able to do this. This involves collecting the t-towels once a week, laundering them and returning them to the kitchen. If you can help, please contact the office. We would like at least 2 or 3 people to offer.



ALPHA begins here on **Wed, 8 Oct at 6.30pm**. At Alpha we create a space to ask questions, discuss and discover faith. You gain perspective and learn, have fun and eat food!

COME & SEE: If you would love to experience Alpha for the first time as a guest then pick up a form for you and a friend from the church foyer or contact Heidi at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

GET INVOLVED - * HELP: ALPHA HELPERS STILL NEEDED: If you would like to help with hospitality for a season of Alpha, we would love to have you join the team. We need people to help in the kitchen for serving/cleaning up afterwards by way of a roster.

We also need a few more people to help prepare simple meals from week to week (rostered) for our guests attending. If you would like to be involved in cooking a meal or part thereof please contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or email: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

**We were amazed at the support of over 30 people who helped with the last Alpha in many different ways, so 'Spring' into this next Alpha experience and meet new people.*

DIOCESAN NEWS: [Clearly: from the Hamilton Diocese - August 2025](#)

A SPANISH MASS: Will be held at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School on **Sat, 20 Sept at 1pm**.

BAPTISM: We welcome Levi Francis who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group meeting **Fri, 19 Sept** 12 noon Pacific Coast Village Restaurant. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP: Meet every **Thurs** after the 9am Mass in the STM Parish Centre. All welcome.

MENS PRAYER GROUP: Meet every **Tuesday at 6am** at STM Church. All welcome. For more details, ph Colin 021 815 536.

FR SHENAN J BOQUET RETURNS TO NZ: Fr Boquet, President of Human Life International. Hamilton - St Joseph's Fairfield, Church Hall, **Sun 14 Sept** 1pm to 4pm & Taupo - St Patrick's Catholic Church, **Wed, 17 Sept** - 6pm to 9pm* *The family as the Pillar of Society and God's Plan for Marriage and Conjugal Love.* Hamilton - St Joseph's Fairfield, Church Hall, **Mon, 15 Sept** 6pm to 9pm* & **Thurs, 18 Sept** - 6pm to 9pm* *How to Accompany the Vulnerable, Aged and Dying; The family as the Pillar of Society*
*Mass at 6pm followed by talk and supper

PARISH MINISTRY IN AOTEAROA NZ: Raising a Catholic Family in the Third Millennium, **Wed, 8 Oct 2025** Speakers: Cameron and Cheryl Surrey (Catholic Parents – Cheryl is the Regional Lead for Divine Renovation NZ); Reflections on Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope, **Wed, 26 Nov 2025** Speaker: Fadi Yalda (CTC Biblical Studies Lecturer)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 6.30pm (winter time)** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235.
[WCCM | The World Community for Christian Meditation](#)

HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT: 3 & 4 Oct, Palmerston North
To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit,
visit: hoperenewalsummit.com or email hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz.

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from **2-11 Jan 2026!**
To Register Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

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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 24th Week in Ordinary Time, 14 Sept 2025 Exaltation of the Holy

Cross 1. Numbers 21:4-9 2. Philippians 2:6-11 **Gospel:** John 3:13-17

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 9 Sept to Sun, 14 Sept 2025

STM Church

9am Tues Bernie's special intentions

9am Wed Tien's special intentions

9am Thurs Robin O'Neill RIP

9am Fri John Powell RIP

9am Sat Flynn family

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.