



## **Third Sunday of Easter, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **THE JOURNEY OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Please note in the newsletter our invitation for adults and children who are not Catholic to begin the journey of becoming a Catholic. The parish runs two programmes at the same time: one for adults, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and another for children aged 9 and over, the Sacraments of Initiation for Children.

We are all called to invite others to join the Church, to support them as they are formed in the faith, and to walk with them both during this journey and after they become part of the Church.

Kind regards,  
Fr Eamon Kennedy

### **FUNERAL FOR ROBIN BLY**

Robin Bly's funeral is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am at St Thomas More.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS**

Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection from the foyer at St Thomas More. If your envelopes are missing, please contact the Parish office by email or phone. If you will be attending Mass this weekend at St Patrick's Te Puke or Suzanne Aubert Catholic School and would like your envelopes brought along, please get in touch with the Parish.

Tax receipts have been emailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the Parish by email.

### **MONSIGNOR FRANK 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday 9 May, 11.00 am. All welcome, please bring a plate of food to share in the Cathedral Hall following Mass. If you are able to please email [jo.eggleton@gmail.com](mailto:jo.eggleton@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **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](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

Applications close, **26 April 2026**.

## **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN**

This programme is for families who are interested in their children becoming members of the Catholic Church. It is designed for children over the age of 9 who have not been baptised as Catholics.

Lessons will begin Sunday June 21st and will run through until after Easter 2027. If you are interested in enrolling your child or learning more about this programme, please contact Heidi at: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

## **RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Have you or someone you know asked about 'Becoming a Catholic'?

Do any of these describe you?

- . Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church?
- . Are you a baptised catholic who has not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- . Are you married to a catholic and attend Mass, but just do not know what the next step may be in becoming Catholic?
- . Would you like to better support your children at a Catholic school?

Four weeks of inquiry begin weekly from **Thursday, 9th April at 7:00pm** in the St Thomas More church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mount Maunganui.

Come and join us. Please express your interest by contacting Heidi Nield (Faith Formation Coordinator) 5754807 Ext 6 or Email: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

## **FRIDAY COFFEE CONNECT**

Please join us for a social morning tea gathering after the 9am St Thomas More School Mass on Friday 24 April. This coffee morning will be held regularly on the 4th Friday of the month, strengthening our Parish and School communities.

## **ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THE JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!**

When : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August

Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad" Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals. To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747

## **DIAMOND JUBILEE - THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WELLINGTON SOUTH**

All former and current parishioners are invited to a celebration of several historical milestones on Sunday, 19 April 2026. The first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17 April 1966, 60 years ago. The weekend of celebration will also acknowledge 100 years since the opening of the St Madeleine Sophie primary school, the forerunner of the current primary school of St Francis de Sales. A special Mass of remembrance and thanks featuring past and present priests will be followed by a lunch at the Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay. Registrations of interest are welcomed by providing contact details at: [office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](mailto:office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

## **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Is held every **Tuesday at 6.00 am** in the Parish Lounge. All men are welcome.

**AA**: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol? Alcoholics Anonymous meet STM Parish Lounge every **Sunday 6.30–7.30pm**. All welcome.

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**ROSARY** is held at 9.00 am on Mondays (no 9.00 am Mass) & Tuesday to Saturday after the 9.00 am Mass at STM Church.

**PUBLIC ROSARY** Every Wednesday at 6.00 pm, 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 9.00 am Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is Wednesday & Saturday 9.30 am (after the 9.00 am Mass)

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**Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, Papamoa** 07 777 0438

Donations to: R.C. Bishop of Hamilton – Mt Maunganui Parish 02-0342-0050016-001  
Or via ChurchApps nz

**Masses for this coming week: Tues, 21<sup>st</sup> April to Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**St Thomas More Catholic Church**

9 am Tuesday

9 am Wednesday

9 am Thursday

9 am Friday

9 am Saturday

10 am and 5 pm Sunday

**Sunday readings: Third Sunday of Easter, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Acts 2:14,22-28, Psalm 16, 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

**St Patrick's Catholic Church Te Puke**

5.00 pm Saturday Vigil

**Suzanne Aubert School, Papamoa**

8.30am Sunday

**St Peter's Catholic Church Maketū**

11.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of month) & Liturgy (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month)

*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.*