



Dedication of St John Lateran, Sunday 9 November 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

St John Lateran Basilica

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This is the Pope's Church, where he has his seat (cathedra). Every bishop has his own church with a special seat representing his teaching authority. This feast reminds us that the Church is both physical and spiritual. The physical Church is a sacred building where we gather to pray and worship God, and where Jesus is present in the tabernacle. The spiritual aspect is that we ourselves are God's building, temples of the Holy Spirit, where God dwells, making each of us sacred.

Enrolment for the Sacramental Programme 2026

There will be an opportunity for parents to enrol their children who are 8 years old (or older) by 11 February 2026. The enrolment evenings will be held on **Tues, 2 December** and **Tues, 9 December**, both at **7pm**.

Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026:

The Sacramental Programme will begin in (Term1) February 2026 for children that are Baptised Catholic in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

Enrolment meetings are in the Parish Lounge at St Thomas More Church (parents need only attend one meeting).

NB: Please bring along a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the enrolment meeting).

If you require further information please contact: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

ST JOSEPH'S TE PUNA 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Fundraising Gala being on held **Sun, 23 Nov 2025** beginning with a Jubilee Mass at **9am**. Join us for a day of fun, food (with a hāngī at 1pm), whānau and help keep our historic church open for generations to come. Day finishes at 2.30pm.

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.

NOSTRA AETATE CELEBRATION: 60th anniversary celebration of Vatican II document Nostra Aetate on Catholic relations to other faiths.

Come and join Monsignor Trevor Murray and members of the NZ Catholic Bishop's Committee for Interfaith Relations to explore further how we as a Synodal Church can prepare to encounter and engage with other faiths.

This Sun, 9 Nov 2025 at 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by refreshments. This is a diocesan event and everyone is most welcome to attend.

100-YEAR CENTENARY: St Patrick's Catholic Church, Putāruru.

Sun, 30 Nov 2025 beginning with mass at **9.30am**. Being held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 66 Tirau Street, Putāruru (entry to carpark from Kensington Street). All Welcome. For any further enquiries or information, please contact the parish office: stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com

SAINT NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S TRUST: Silent March for Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation. **Sat, 15 Nov.** Meet at Commons Ave / Marine Parade, Mt Maunganui. Registration **9.45am**. Easy 10 minute walk to the Beach Hut Café to meet with the St Nicholas Children's Trust team for coffee and a slice of cake. To register or for further info, please email events@snctrust.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Christmas Lunch on **Thur, 20th Nov 2025 at 12 noon** in the Parish Lounge. Please bring a plate and money for a raffle. Feel free to invite a friend.

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.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group are meeting **Sat, 15 Nov** at **12 noon** at Bayswater Village Cafe. Any queries ring Merrillyn 5754148.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting **Sat, 15 Nov** at **7am** for fellowship. Starting with breakfast, a short reflection on St Vincent De Paul, prayer and mass.

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

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 7pm** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235.

[WCCM | The World Community for Christian Meditation](#)

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

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.

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16 November 2025

1. Malachi 3:19-20 **2.** 2Thessalonians 3:7-12 **Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 11 Nov to Sun, 16 Nov 2025

STM Church

9am Tues

Mr & Mrs Frank Pook RIP & Family

9am Wed

Flynn Fernandes RIP

9am Thurs

Andrew Poole RIP

9am Fri

Edward Fernandes RIP

9am Sat

Josephine Fernandes 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.