



Second Sunday of Easter, 12th April 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

After each Mass this weekend, anyone is welcome to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

JESUS BREATHES ON THE APOSTLES

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Lord breathes on the Apostles and gives them the authority to forgive sins, the origin of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The gift of the forgiveness of sins comes from the risen Lord and reminds us of our need to reflect on this wonderful sacrament and to use it often and well.

It can be easy to fall out of the habit of going to Confession, perhaps thinking we have no sin, that we do not need to confess, or that it is not an important part of our spiritual lives. We may also neglect taking time to examine our conscience and prepare well for this sacrament. Yet the peace of the risen Lord comes through receiving the forgiveness of our sins. In a sense, without confessing our sins, we cannot fully receive that peace.

Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy

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 are also on the way and will be provided shortly. We apologise for the delay.

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

Applications close, **26 April 2026**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL meeting April 16th at 10am. All women and friends invited to hear of our history and aims to our present time. Please bring an item for our Mission raffle and coin for our raffle.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

We are currently seeking donations of frozen meals for members of our parish community who may be going through a difficult time. If you are able to prepare an extra meal, it would be greatly appreciated. The freezer is through the Church side door behind the Sacristy. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society sincerely thanks our parish community for your generous food donations. Through your kindness and spirit of charity, families in our community are receiving practical support and the reassurance that they are not alone. Your generosity is a beautiful reflection of the Gospel call to care for one another. Thank you for living the spirit of Lent through your generosity.

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

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 to RSVP.

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

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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St Thomas More Catholic School, Mt Maunganui 07 574 6782

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, Papamoa 07 777 0438

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

Masses for this coming week: Tues, 14th April to Sun, 19th April 2026

St Thomas More Catholic Church

9 am Tuesday

9 am Wednesday

9 am Thursday John Wise RIP

9 am Friday

9 am Saturday

10 am and 5 pm Sunday

Sunday readings: Second Sunday of Easter, 19th April 2026

Acts 2:14,22-23, Psalm 15:1-12.5.7-1, 1st 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 (2nd Sun of month) & Liturgy (3rd 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.