



2nd Sunday of Lent, Sunday 1st March 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Anointing of the Sick

There will be the Anointing of the Sick after the 9.00am Mass on Wednesday 4th March. Please bring any sick or elderly parishioners who would like to receive this sacrament.

Mass at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School

Mass this weekend at Suzanne Aubert Catholic School will be celebrated in the new Pompallier Centre.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7.00pm during Lent.

Rite II Reconciliation for Lent

Friday 20th March 7.00pm - St Thomas More

Wednesday 25th March 7.00pm - St Mary Immaculate, Tauranga

Kind regards,

Fr Eamon Kennedy

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive

During the season of Lent, if you feel called to undertake an act of charity, please consider supporting our Food Drive. Bags will be available from our conference members after Mass today.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in the basket located under the SVDP flag in the church foyer.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need within our community. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Pilgrimage of Mercy Women's Retreat with Sr Kat Stone MGL (Melbourne Australia) 29th -31st May 2026. St Francis Retreat Centre, Auckland. Bookings: <https://book.venue.life/stfrancis/register/pilgrimage-of-mercy-womens-retreat>

SAVE THE DATE Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship (JCMF) 40-year celebration in August 2026

JCMF celebrate our 40-year anniversary this year and will do so on 14-16 August in Rotorua, with 15 August 1986 being the date of our original gathering. The venue in Rotorua and the keynote speaker is booked, and we are busy with planning and preparing the event. More to come.

Join a group pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 05-18 June 2026

Experience 'Medjugorje In-Depth' with a 10-night stay in the Holy Valley in the company of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Expressions of interest are welcome.

Booking now: www.mirpilgrimages.co.nz

Email: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz

Phone Patricia on 027 35 25 217 for further information.

Join our Bishops and other people of faith to explore the Gospels of Lent

online Parishioners are warmly invited to take part in the Lent Webinar Series 2026, a six-week national online journey with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops. Through prayer, reflection and sharing, Caritas and the Bishops of Aotearoa invite you to join us for a journey through Lent, in the light of the Gospel and the needs of our world. Hear what the Lord is asking of us in our moment of time. Each session includes guided reflection, insights from Catholic social teaching, and moments for quiet contemplation as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

To register, simply scan the QR code on the poster or visit the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Will hold its first webinar of the year in preparation for World Youth Day 2027. Join Dr John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he unpacks the theme of WYD, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) and reflects on how this message speaks to young people and the whole church. This will be on Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026 for more information and to register.

Journey with us this Lent!

Our parish is joining the nationwide Lent Webinar Series 2026 with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops. Each session offers guided reflection, insights from Catholic social teaching, and space for prayer and connection.

 4 March  7:30pm – Online 

Theme: The Transfiguration | Listen to Him with Bishop Michael Dooley. All are welcome—join us as we "Hear the Voice" and "Answer the Call" this Lent.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: CathNews New Zealand shares the big news from the Catholic Church and stories of relevance to Catholics every Tuesday and Friday. Sign up for the free digital newsletter and read the latest stories at cathnewsnz.com



Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary Men's Rosary

Calling all men to gather and pray for the conversion of New Zealand!

Where: Steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When: Saturday, 7 March 2026, 12:00 pm

Recurring: Every first Saturday of the month

Contact: Bruce 021 556 227

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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>

Men's Prayer Group

Is held every Tuesday at 6am in the Parish Lounge. All men are welcome.

AA: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol?

Alcoholics Anonymous

MEETING: STM Parish Lounge every

Sunday 6.30–7.30pm. All welcome.

ARE YOU BEING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? If you are admitted to Tauranga Hospital and would like to be visited by a hospital chaplain and or receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so this can be arranged. Please also ensure you enter on the Hospital Admittance form that you are a Roman Catholic.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Newly engaged? Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/marriage> for helpful information, available marriage preparation course dates and to register your interest.

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

ADORATION & BENEDICTION is held on Wednesday at STM Church after the 9am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is Wednesday & Saturday 9.30am (after the 9am Mass)

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, March 3 to Sun, 8 March 2026

STM Church

9am Tues Barry Nichols-RIP
9am Wed Lionel Orm and Family-RIP
9am Thurs Doug & Paddy Roban-RIP
9am Fri
9am Sat
10am & 5pm Sun

SUNDAY READINGS 3rd Sunday of Lent, 8th March 2026

1st Exodus 17:3-7, Roman 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42

St Patrick's Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil (Reconciliation at 4.30pm before the 5pm Mass)

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am **Maketū** (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.