COVID 19 TRACER APP: We encourage the use of the Covid tracer app.

Please scan your phone at the entrance to the Church every time. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TO OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS:

We would like to give each person a small gift of homemade shortbread to those who receive Holy Communion at home or those who are housebound. If you are able to match a batch of shortbread please contact parish office.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING:

Presents needed for those less fortunate than others. Presents will be given to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to those families that are in need. Please leave in the library area—place in box. If presents are wrapped please leave a note as to whether for boy or girl and age. Presents collected until **NEXT Sun, 5 Dec.** Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK:

The Foodbank is struggling to meet demand to assist families & this time of Covid and in the spirit of Christmas giving we are urging parishioners to support the Foodbank. If you are able, please contribute a food item/s to support those in need or alternatively, a cash donation can be left in the

collection basket marked Foodbank or left in the office.

Donations of non-perishable food items are needed. There is a cane basket in the church fover for food donations.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Just got engaged? Visit https://www.cdh.org.nz/marriage for info on marriage preparation course dates and to register your interest.

NEW WEBSITE: www.allsaintsbythesea.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young; EM pp@allsaintsbythesea.nz

17 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui 3116. Ph 07 575 4807 (Parish office Ex 2) EM: admin@allsaintsbythesea.nz Office hours: 9am to 12 noon Mon to Fri



1st Sunday of Advent 29 November 2020

No 9am Masses at STM on MONDAY or SATURDAY.

There will be NO Mass on Friday 4th December, there will be a liturgy of the word, Fr Stuart will be down in Dunedin.

ADVENT:

This week we commence the 4 weeks of Advent, often we are so focused on Christmas that we let Advent just whiz by. This year how about using the Formed resource we have available. If you have previously logged on you should be able to access the resources easily, if not log on to allsaintsbythesea.formed.org and you should be asked for a parish code which is GNQDK3

I hope you find this material a rewarding part of your journey to Christmas. Fr Stuart

RITE I RECONCILATION:

This Wednesday 2nd December at 2:30pm.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Preparation for children receiving the Sacraments will commence earlier in 2021 beginning in the new school term in **February**.

A parents/caregivers only meeting will be on Thursday 4th February at 7.00pm. The children from this year that still need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will also be included at the Confirmation Mass which will take place on 23 May with the Bishop. These children will be followed up with a refresher class in preparation.

Please register your child(ren) <u>early</u> through the website using the on-line submission form in the Sacraments section.

Criteria is children 9 years plus, (a child under 9 may be eligible, it will depend on their level of faith commitment).

REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE 31ST JANUARY

For further information contact the office at All Saints by the Sea between the hours of 9am and noon, Mon to Fri, or email pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz, it is preferable that you use the online form.

PASTIONIST FAMILY GROUP - "On the Edge".

The Family Group pre-Christmas lunch will be held at Heather & Peter Archer's place at 23A Jasmine Place Mt. Maunganui on Sunday 6th December from 11.30 am. Please bring a small salad. Contact Bev Roach.

MARTIN SOCIAL GROUP:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the groups Christmas dinner which was to be held on 1 December has now been cancelled. The group will meet again in the new year.

ADVANCE NOTICE: HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Sun, 20 Dec: Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share after the 9.30am Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be selling their Christ in Christmas Cards in the foyer this weekend. Packs of 5 cards for \$3.00.

GIVING BACK PROGRAM: If you require a meal, or know someone who needs a meal or two, they are available to those in need. If you know of anyone that needs a meal due to ill health or new baby please come to the office or see Fr Stuart or Deacon Henk.

SUPPORT OF THE PARISH: There will be collection baskets in the foyer, AFTER MASS for you to place your donation. No collection will be taken in the church. Thank you. We welcome your continued financial support of the parish.

COLLECTION: Please note the collection bags will be circulated at Mass from the 6th December, it would be helpful if some parishioners would offer at each Mass to assist with the collection, if you are shoulder tapped to assist please willingly assist. (after each Mass the bag handles will be sanitised)

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: If you wish to make a donation, there is an Eftpos machine in the STM Church foyer. Donations of \$5, \$10 or \$15 or you can nominate an amount. If you wish to use envelopes or bank automatic direct debit, please contact the office to arrange.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve, 24 December:

Family Mass: Mass at STM 4.30pm; Carols at

4.00pm Children are encouraged to come dressed as part of the nativity scene.

Mass at Te Puke 5.00pm

Mass at STM 11.30pm; Carols at 11.00pm;

Christmas Day: 25 December:

Mass at STM at <u>9.00am Please note TIME (not</u>

9.30am)

No Masses at 26 December

ARE YOU BEING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? If you are admitted to Tauranga Hospital and would 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.

READINGS for 6 Dec, 2nd Sunday of Advent

1. Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 **2.** 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

STM WEEKDAY MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR READERS OF THE

WORD: THIS WEEK — Tues, 1 Dec WEEK ONE (1st Tues of the month).

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have a Mass offered, please complete the card in the STM Church foyer or alternatively email the office to arrange. Mass offering envelopes are available in the foyer also. Please drop the envelope and card into the parish office. You will be contacted if the date is not available.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Mon

Tues Shona Young RIP Wed Maurice Hatton RIP

Thurs Olive & Arnold Kilmister RIP

Fri

Sun All Saints by the Sea Parish

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mt Maunganui 9.30am & 5pm

Te Puke Saturday Vigil 5pm at Anglican Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES at Mt Maunganui (subject to change)

Monday

No Services

Tuesday 9am

Wednesday

9am & Benediction

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

ROSARY

After 9am Mass at Mt Maunganui Tues to Sat

RECONCILIATION

Wed to Friday (Mt) 8.30am to 8.45am.

<u>Maketu</u>

Maori Mass 2nd Sunday 11.30am 3rd Sunday Liturgy service 11.30am