



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 July 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The first reading for this Sunday, from Genesis 18:1–10, tells of Abraham's encounter with the Lord, who appears as three men. Abraham offers them hospitality, and in return, they bless him with the promise of a son. Sarah, his wife, laughs at this because of her old age. The child born is named Isaac, which means "God laughs."

This Scripture inspired Andrei Rublev, a Russian iconographer, to paint his renowned icon of the Trinity, depicting the three angelic figures. It is considered one of the most powerful visual expressions of the Holy Trinity. Icons like this are valuable aids to prayer, simply sitting quietly and gazing at them can draw us into the mystery of God. We borrow this form of prayer from the Eastern tradition of the Church. This icon comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition.

*Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy*

THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: The Finance Council is looking for new members to assist with managing parish finances and overseeing the maintenance of our property. We usually meet once a month in the late afternoon. If you have a few spare hours and would like to serve the parish in this way, please let me know.

REQUEST: In an effort to reduce paper copies of the parish newsletter, please **do not take a newsletter if you receive it via email or on the parish App.** If you do not have access to the internet or parish APP then please avail yourself of a printed copy. There is also a printed copy on the noticeboard as well as on the Parish website.

PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEA: All are most welcome to come to the parish lounge after the 10am Sunday Mass to have a cuppa and a chat.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: If you are not planning on redeeming your New World Smeg coupons would you please place in the labelled SVDP box in the foyer. They will be collected and bigger items redeemed for families in need. Thank you for your ongoing Spirit of Generosity.

**“WAITING
IN JOYFUL HOPE”**

St. Thomas More
MT. MAUNGANUI

 AUG 22ND  6.30 PM
PARISH LOUNGE

DAVID WELLS

 **DONATION AT DOOR**
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



“WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE” Talk by David Wells at STM Parish Lounge, on **Fri, 22 August at 6.30pm**. His talk will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. For further info, please contact kirstym@cdh.org.nz

David Wells - Theologian, storyteller and extraordinaire from the UK, renowned international speaker delivering a very strong message of hope and joy through the Gospels. Also speaking on **Mon, 18 Aug**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Light refreshments available afterwards. Register your interest ~ \$25.00pp. All welcome, Online Bank Account Payee: R. C. Bishop of Hamilton, A/c No.02-0342-0050008-003 Particulars: David Wells Code: 0119104501 Reference: (Enter your Surname). For further info email John Coulam johnnc@cdh.org.nz or Dianne Porter diannep@cdh.org.nz
‘David is one of the funniest, charismatic and inspirational keynote presenters.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group meeting **Sat, 26 July** at Great Spice Restaurant, Golden Sands 12 noon. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148.

NEXT SUNDAY - CARING SUNDAY: Appeal for 2025. Giving to the Caring Sunday Appeal means that you are making it possible for groups across our Diocese to serve the most vulnerable. The Common Good Foundation [Catholic Care in Action] gives grants to a range of groups and organisations including groups that offer counselling and social work, serve the homeless and in need at foodbanks, deliver powerful parish-based initiatives, and many more different whānau-centered programmes that enable families to thrive.

HOPE & RENEWAL SUMMIT – Embracing Mission – Inspiring Hope – Transforming Culture on **3-4 Oct 2025** in Palmerston North. Jesus, are you calling me to the Summit? www.hoperenewalsummit.com

“Lord, strengthen our shepherds.”

As we prepare for the Hope and Renewal Summit this October, we ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen and renew the hearts of our priests. Their leadership is vital to the mission of the Church, and our prayers can be a source of deep encouragement and grace. This week, consider offering a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a personal note of encouragement to one of our priests. Let them know we are praying for them and walking with them.



YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR for BOP Parishes - the Diocese is advertising this new position which could either be full time or part time. Younger or older person with a passion for supporting our youth to know and follow Christ. Please email joannak@cdh.org.nz with any questions and for job description.

BAPTISM: We welcome Jade Hunter & Austin Hunter who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

AA: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol? Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the STM Parish Lounge every **Sun 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 for 17th Week in Ordinary Time, 27 July 2025

1. Genesis 18:20-32 **2.** Colossians 2:12-14 **Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 22 July to Sun, 27 July 2025

STM Church

9am Tues May & Michael Erskine-Shaw RIP

9am Wed Arnold & Olive Kilmister RIP

9am Thurs Mr & Mrs Ces Eagle & family RIP

9am Fri Philip Sherry RIP

9am Sat Lou & Patrick Cosgrove 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.