



Fourth Sunday of Easter, 26th April 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to reflect on vocations to the priesthood within our diocese. It is also a special opportunity to support, through prayer and financial assistance, the formation of our seminarians.

You will find a brochure in the foyer titled **Seminary Appeal 2026 – Hope Grows Here**, which explains how you can contribute and why your support is so important. At present, we have four seminarians in formation, and your generosity helps make their journey possible.

I also encourage you to visit our vocations website for more information:
www.cdh.org.nz/vocations

Thank you in advance for your prayerful and financial support in helping to form future priests for our diocese.

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 have been emailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the Parish by email.

GROUP OF PARISHIONERS VISITING RESIDENTS

At Bishop Richard's encouragement in the **Easter Kete Kōrero**, you are invited to consider becoming part of a group of parishioners who visit residents in one of our local care homes.

This is a new initiative, involving approximately two hours a week, or as you are able. Many residents in care homes have few, if any, visitors, and their interactions with staff are often brief and practical. The aim is simply for volunteers to spend time in the lounge, perhaps sharing a cup of coffee and chatting with those who are present in a quiet and respectful way. A listening ear is the only requirement.

If you are interested, please call 027 227 8325 or email dobsoncl@xtra.co.nz to express your interest. Lorraine Dobson.

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**.

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 began 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

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THE JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!

When : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August

Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad" Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals.

To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747

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.

formed.org: A premier, online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, eBooks and talks – and it is FREE for every parishioner. **Please Note**: New Parish Login **Search: Parish of St Thomas Aquinas, Tauranga, New Zealand**

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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APP: Churchappsnz – Allsaintsbythesea

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, 28th April to Sun, 3rd May

St Thomas More Catholic Church

9 am Tuesday

9 am Wednesday

9 am Thursday

9 am Friday Marie Mason (90th birthday)

9 am Saturday Brian Joseph Flynn

10 am and 5 pm Sunday

Sunday readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter, 26th April 2026

Acts 2:14,36-41, Psalm 23, 1st Letter to Peter 1:20--25, John 10:1-10

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.