



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21 September 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Visit from Cardinal Dew

On **Sunday, 5 October**, Cardinal John Dew will give a talk at **3.00pm** in the Parish Lounge, sharing his experiences of being part of the election of Pope Leo XIV. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Alpha Programme

Please keep in your prayers our next Alpha Programme, which begins on **Wed, 8 October**. Let us pray for God's blessing upon all who take part, and for those who are leading and helping in practical ways, such as with the cooking.

Kind regards

Fr Eamon Kennedy

FAREWELL: Dear parishioners, after 28 years of being in the Parish office, I have decided to enter the next phase of life's journey and retire. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve both the clergy and you, faithful parishioners. I thank you most sincerely for supporting me. With love and blessings, Jan

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE: Share a packet or can, bless a family—support the St Vincent de Paul Food Drive this September Paper bags are available otherwise please place your gifts in the baskets at the back of the church.

FAMILY WEEKEND registration is now open, **10-12 Oct** in Rotorua.

[Link here](https://cdh.org.nz/events) Or see cdh.org.nz/events Our annual family camp weekend is set to kick off **Fri, 10 Oct** early evening. Accommodation is being offered at Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park with most of our sessions being held onsite at St Marys, Seddon Street, Rotorua. Price includes - planned activities; lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea on Saturday, morning tea and lunch on Sunday; Mothers wine and cheese night and Dads breakfast.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026: Are available from the parish office. \$15

BISHOPS APPEAL: Thank you all for the trust and generosity you showed in last year's appeal. Together, we supported people and places where the love of Christ is needed most — from chaplaincy and Catholic education, to family outreach and faith formation.

This year, our campaign is titled **'Planted in Christ, Reaching in Love.'** It is a call to remain firmly grounded in our relationship with Jesus and, from that place of strength, extend ourselves to others with care, mercy, and hope.

Your gift will help carry out this mission through:

- Supporting clergy and lay formation
- Enriching Catholic identity in our schools and parishes
- Providing chaplaincy and outreach to the sick, the struggling, and the seeking

In every parish, in every home, in every heart, we're called to grow deeper and reach further. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal.

Every gift — no matter the size — helps build a Church that is alive in Christ and present in love.

Envelopes with further information including details on how to donate are available in the Church foyer.



ALPHA begins here on **Wed, 8 Oct at 6.30pm**. At Alpha we create a space to ask questions, discuss and discover faith. You gain perspective and learn, have fun and eat food!

COME & SEE: If you would love to experience Alpha for the first time as a guest then pick up a form for you and a friend from the church foyer or contact Heidi at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

**Have you invited someone to Alpha yet?
Who will you invite?**

ALPHA HELPERS STILL NEEDED: If you would like to help with hospitality for a season of Alpha, we would love to have you join the team. We need people to help in the kitchen for serving/cleaning up afterwards by way of a roster.

We also need a few more people to help prepare simple meals from week to week (rostered) for our guests attending. If you would like to be involved in cooking a meal or part thereof please contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or email:

pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group and Edge Family Group meeting **Fri, 10 Oct** in Parish rooms for shared finger food lunch **11.30am**. Paul Traynor NZ Coordinator for Family Groups will be attending. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CATHOLIC VALUES:

Each year, the Common Good Foundation provides targeted funding to support Catholic parishes and community organisations across the Diocese of Hamilton. These grants enable impactful work in areas such as youth ministry, food security, and pastoral support. Applications for the 2025 funding round are open from 1–30 Sept. Visit commongood.org.nz/grants for eligibility guidelines and application instructions.

ARCHBISHOP NOVATUS: The bishops have received with sadness the news that Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa passed away Wednesday morning, NZ time. Archbishop Novatus, a native of Tanzania, was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to NZ and the Pacific in March 2019. He suffered a significant stroke in October 2023 and moved to Rome in March 2024 to continue his recovery. Bishops Conference president Bishop Steve Lowe said Archbishop Novatus was a man of deep faith and of prayer who served the Church in New Zealand and the Pacific with warmth and generosity. Bishop Steve said it was a source of joy to see a recent photo of Archbishop Novatus meeting Pope Leo. Sadly, his health deteriorated in the weeks since and he has now returned to the House of the Father. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen

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

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run from 22 Sept 22 – 21 Nov. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol.”

PIANO – FREE TO A GOOD HOME: If you are interested in a piano, please contact Jan C. on 027 276 9618. The piano is in good condition, but may need to be tuned. Jan is moving to a retirement village and the piano is no longer needed.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: I am a Catholic GP looking for a one-bedroom flat, studio apartment or similar to rent in Mount Maunganui. If you know of anything available, I'd be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Brendon Fraser-Jones on brendon2@hotmail.com

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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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 Sept 2025 1. Amos 6:1.4-7 2. 1 Timothy 6:11-16 **Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 23 Sept to Sun, 28 Sept 2025

STM Church

9am Tues

Mr & Mrs Joe Rogers RIP

9am Wed

Herbert Donald Lawrence RIP

9am Thurs

Mr & Mrs Thomas Scott & family RIP

9am Fri

Sr Mary McKernan (HOC)

9am Sat

Deceased members of D'Mello family

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.