



Some of our greatest insight's come from discussing 'Life' with friends. Alpha is open to everyone, but especially suited to those who want to investigate

Christianity, who may not attend a church, who are not Christian or just plain curious! Alpha is a great way to introduce people to faith.

Who will you invite to Alpha?

Alpha begins on **12 Feb 2019** @ 7.00pm with a 'Wine & Cheese' evening. For more information or to register your interest. Contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or EM: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz You can also register on the parish website under EVENTS.

CALLING HELPERS FOR ALPHA 2019: If you would like to assist on a roster basis during the weeks of Alpha then I would love to hear from you. Alpha begins in 2019 on a **Tuesday** evening on **12 Feb – 30 Apr**. Two people are required each week to help with serving, clear tables, dishes etc. If you feel you would like to serve in this very rewarding ministry then please let me know. You are welcome to help just one week or more if you are able to. Volunteers in the past have found this a great way to get to meet fellow parishioners that they wouldn't otherwise get to know.

If someone would also like to give of their service to weekly laundering of tablecloths during these weeks this would also be greatly appreciated. Many thanks in advance.

Please see clipboard on bench in STM foyer during Dec/Jan or phone Heidi 5754807 ext 6 and leave a message or EM pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:

Martin Family Group: Wed, 19 Dec at 10am. Cuppa and chat and further talk on ideas for next year. Our first meeting for 2019 will be **16 Jan** at 10am at the Church Complex. Fr Stuart will talk to us on his vision for the future and we can propose ways we can be part of that vision. Further information can be had from Stan Ph 544 7955.

St Patrick's Family Group: Meet today, **Sun, 16 Dec** 12.30pm for shared finger food lunch at 28 Hiria Cres, Papamoa. Any queries ph Marilyn 575 4148.

LOVERS FOR LIFE –Engaged couples weekend: Please enrol as soon as you can for your pre-marriage course in Hamilton Weekend Course **16-17 Feb, 2019**. Contact Joe Hogan, Marriage and Family Life Animator - joeh@cdh.org.nz - 027 742 4466.



3rd Sunday of Advent, 16 December 2018

ADVENT is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season.

Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near." We call this Sunday Gaudete Sunday as a moment of joy during our spiritual period of penance in Advent. After two of our three Masses this weekend we will celebrate, St Patrick's with a dinner and St Thomas More with a Christmas delights morning tea. Let us remember in our joy that we should reflect on the year and seek to be also spiritually renewed in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. *Fr Stuart*

LETTER FROM BISHOP S LOWE re Pastoral Care to Maori communities dated 12 December 2018 is available on parish website and on the noticeboards at STM and St Patrick's Churches.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WITH CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRIES: If you are available for the STM Church Masses over Christmas, [please complete the sheets on the bench in the Church foyers.](#)

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY IS TODAY at STM Church after 9.30am Mass —come and share some Christmas delights from the plates provided. Children are asked to play outside and will be offered ice blocks.

TE PUKE MASS ATTENDEES—PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Thursday Masses in Te Puke on **27 Dec & 3 Jan**, Masses will recommence on **10 Jan 2019** at 9am.

PARISH PICNIC: Note this date in your diaries ... **St Patrick's Day, 17 March 2019**. There will be Mass at 11.30am at St Patrick's Church, Te Puke followed by a parish picnic and games. More details to follow at a later date.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: From **23 Dec** there will be two children's liturgy groups from the age of 3 until Holy Communion/Confirmation age.

For Diocesan information check out www.newsletter.cdh.nz

NEW STM CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER available on bench in foyer from 17 Dec 2018 to 18 March 2019.

STM WEEKEND MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER from 6 Jan 2019 to 5 May 2019 available on bench in foyer. **Please note:** There are two separate rosters – 9.30am and 5.00pm. Also available on the website.

ST PATRICK'S MINISTRIES ROSTER available (from 24 Dec 2018 to 26 Jan 2019) on Parish website.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

At the Christmas Masses there is one collection and this is for the priests of the Diocese. When a man is ordained a priest in the Diocese of Hamilton, he is made a promise that his medical, retirement and other needs will be provided for now and in his elder years. The Christmas collection for the Clergy Funds is part of that promise keeping where the parishioners of the Diocese show their love and honour for the priests in their lives. Donations over \$5 are tax deductible and envelopes are available in the church foyer if you wish to donate.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from Margaret Ph 575 7868.

PILGRIMAGES departing in 2019 to The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ. Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: www.pilgrimage.nz or see notice-board for details. Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064.

Please note: Parish office will be closed from **Fri, 21 Dec until Mon 15 Jan 2019.** Heidi, Parish Pastoral Worker and Deacon Henk will also be on holiday during this time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24 December:

4.00pm Music & plays etc at STM;
5.30pm Family Mass at STM;
7.00pm Mass at Te Puke. Carols from 6.30pm.

25 December Christmas Day:

9.30am STM.

NEW WEBSITE: www.allsaintsbythesea.nz

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

Assistant Priest: Fr Prakash Somu; EM ap@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

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS:

Keep access ways clear for emergency vehicles;

- Be aware of pedestrians and surroundings as you enter and leave the grounds;
- Please notify the parish office of any risks/hazards identified in the Church;
- Keep parking spaces closest to the Church available for elderly/infirm;
- As a security precaution please do not leave your handbag unattended in Mass;
- Take care & consideration for others when entering & exiting the church particularly in wet weather conditions;
- Ensure all children are supervised at all times, especially around the votive candles and in the kitchen area.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: If you wish to make a donation, there is a 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. Thank you for your support.

READINGS FOR 4th Sunday in Advent, 23 December

(Year C): 1. Micah 5:1-4 2. Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have a Mass offered, please fill in the card in the Church foyer (in plastic wall stand) and hand into the office. Alternatively, phone the office to arrange. Mass offering envelopes are available also.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Mon	
Tues	
Wed	
Thurs	Colleen Rook RIP
Fri	Tom Uden (snr) RIP
Sat & Sun	All Saints by the Sea Parish

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mt Maunganui
9.30am & 5pm

Te Puke
Saturday Vigil 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday
9am Mt

Tuesday
9am Mt

Wednesday
9am Mt

Thursday
9am Mt &
9am TP

Friday
9am Mt

LITURGIES

Tuesday
9am Te Puke
(Liturgy of Word &
Holy Communion)

Saturday
9am Rosary Mt

Reconciliation
Wed to Friday (Mt)
8.30am to 8.45am.
Sat (TePuke)
4:30pm

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