



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 8th February 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Ash Wednesday – 18 February Mass Times:

9.00 am – St Thomas More

11.00 am – St Patrick's, Te Puke

7.00 pm – St Thomas More

Palms for Burning

Please bring your palms from last year to the Parish so they can be burned to prepare the ashes for this year.

Sacramental Programme

This week the Sacramental Programme begins. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin this important journey of faith in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

*Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy*

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School

You are invited to our 5th Anniversary and the opening and blessing of the Pompallier Centre this Thursday

12 FEBRUARY 2026 11.15AM: Followed by light refreshments

Please **RSVP** to Maria by **12PM MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

office@suzanneaubert.school.nz

SAVE THE DATE: Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship (JCMF) 40-year celebration in August 2026

JCMF celebrate our 40-year anniversary this year and will do so on 14-16 August in Rotorua, with 15 August 1986 being the date of our original gathering. The venue in Rotorua and the keynote speaker is booked and we are busy with planning and preparing the event. More to come in 2026.

40 Days for Life



This Lent, become a 40 Days for Life Prayer Partner and spiritually unite with the global 40 Days for Life movement to pray for an end to abortion and to bear witness to the dignity of every human person from conception - right where God has placed you.

From Ash Wednesday (18 February) to Palm Sunday (29 March).

Use the QR code to find the sign-up page

The Family Pilgrim Walk

A little more than two weeks to go. Walk for a Cause and Valentine's Day Vigil Mass with the Archbishop will be held on Saturday, 14 February from 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm at the close of World Marriage Week in the month of the Holy Family. On the occasion of the Jubilee Year of St Francis.

Register at: www.familypilgramwalk.co.nz

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com

Church Code of Conduct Survey

The Church Code of Conduct is an essential document used throughout the motu to support employees and volunteers in understanding expectations for their behaviour. It guides how we work, serve, and care for one another.

We are extending the timeframe on this survey to ask everyone in the Church - what in our Code of Conduct works well, and what could be strengthened?

Please share your perspectives via our brief online survey whether you are familiar with the Code or not. We also encourage you to share this invitation with others.

You can read the existing document and complete the simple survey on the NOPS Reviews page: safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews

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Please Note: Our parish login is now **Parish: St Thomas Aquinas**

Cards 500 group

All are welcome to join in on an afternoon of cards playing 500. Wednesdays from 12.45pm-4pm weekly. Contact Barbara Jansen

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting 19th February, Pacifica Garden Centre on Tara Road Papamoa at 10am. CWL also asks that any cash donations for the **Seminarian Appeal** be brought along to this meeting, Thank you.

St Patricks Family Group

Meeting Friday 13 February 12 noon at Pacific Coast Village Restaurant. Any queries ring Merrilyn 5754148

Men's Prayer Group

Is held every Tuesday at 6am in the Parish Lounge. All men are welcome.

AA: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol? Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the STM Parish Lounge every **Sunday** 6.30–7.30pm. All welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Just got engaged? Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/marriage> for helpful information, available marriage preparation course dates and to register your interest.

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

The latest **Diocesan News** at: www.cdh.org.nz/diocesan-bulletin
Including:

- Gather & Grow together in prayer this Lent with Compassio
- LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH
- Pilgrimage of Mercy women's retreat with Sr Kat Stone MGL
- Te Kupenga exciting series of webinars in 2026
- March for Life 2026

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Donations to: R.C. Bishop of Hamilton – Mt Maunganui Parish 02-0342-0050016-001

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 is Wednesday & Saturday 9.30am (after the 9am Mass).

READINGS 6th Week Ordinary Time, 15th February 2026

1st Esuc 15:15-20 2nd 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, Feb 10 to Sun, 15 Feb 2026

STM Church

9am Tues

9am Wed

9am Thurs

9am Fri

9am Sat

10am & 5pm Sun

St Patrick's Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil (Reconciliation at 4.30pm before the 5pm Mass)

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am **Maketū** (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.