



## 4th Sunday of Easter, 21 April 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday which focuses on prayer for vocations to the Priesthood. We do need to wonder why we have few vocations now in New Zealand. Men are no longer lining up to go to the seminary and I wonder why? Have we become so secular, (worldly) that giving one's life in a Priestly vocation is no longer an attractive option. When I was in the seminary there were eight students for Hamilton Diocese and 6 were ordained and one became a Bishop. Let us pray for our two seminarians, Nhat Long Cao and Hung Van Ha.

As we continue to pray for an increase of Priestly vocations for our diocese and at the same time let us foster vocations within the family and encourage men to consider this vocation (plant the seed). Creating an awareness of all vocations should be an important part of the life of all Christians. Essentially vocations come from the family.

*Kind regards,*

*Fr Eamon Kennedy*

**WANTED – WE NEED: GREETERS/WELCOMERS** at Sunday Masses at 10am & 5pm at STM. We are needing more friendly faces to welcome people as they enter the Church.

**READERS OF THE WORD & CO-ORDINATORS** (i.e. ensure those who are on Ministries are present/read the Welcome before Mass begins & read Prayers of Faithful) at the 5pm Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to assist.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, 21 April 2024.** We have listed our Kete Kōrero article as a blog on the website for easy sharing. It's a helpful way to share the good news of having a seminarian this year, along with the 'why' the seminary appeal is so vitally important. [Kete Kōrero Update on Nhat Long Cao](#) What's of most importance for this Good Shepherd Sunday (and every day!), is being united in prayer for more Vocations to both the priesthood and Religious life.

**DONATION LINK RE SEMINARY APPEAL:**

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/seminary-appeal> **and SEMINARY DONATION**

**ENVELOPES available in foyer.** Also Seminary newsletter on noticeboard.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VOCATION DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

May I place before you my heartfelt invitation to support our seminarians and contribute to our seminary appeal? Your generosity plays a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of priests who will serve our Church and communities with faith, love, and dedication.

As Vocation Director, I am privileged to witness the deep commitment and enthusiasm of our seminarians as they discern God's call in their lives. Each one of them represents a hopeful future for our Church, bringing Christ's light and love to the world.

Your donation to our seminary appeal directly supports the education, formation, and spiritual growth of these young men. It enables them to deepen their relationship with Christ, study theology, develop pastoral skills, and prepare for a life of service in His name.

To the young men who may be reading this, I invite you to prayerfully consider Christ's call in your life. He is inviting you to follow Him, to embrace His mission, and to bring His message of hope to others. Your life has a purpose, and God may be calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious.

Parents and Grandparents, pray for your own young men, that they may answer God's call in their lives. Pray that your own son will become a priest in our Diocese. Through your courageous prayer, the Lord will respond, and the Lord will call up young men to follow Him, it may not be your young man, but the Lord will act.

Thank you for considering this important mission. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and prayers.

*In Christ's service,  
Msgr Joe Stack.*



Lord Jesus, friend and brother,  
the diocese of Hamilton needs  
more good and faithful priests.  
Increase your grace in our  
young men that they may  
respond to your call to follow  
you more nearly. Open their  
hearts so that they may follow  
you as a priest of Hamilton  
Diocese.  
**AMEN.**



## **SAVE THE DATE – Golden Jubilee Celebrations!**

Monsignor Leonard Danvers and Monsignor Joe Stack are both celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year. The **14th of May** will see the priests of the diocese come together for an annual celebration of priesthood.

This Mass will be held at the Cathedral with Bishop Richard presiding. Both Monsignors Leonard and Joe will celebrate their Jubilee at this Mass.

All are welcome to join. There will be light refreshments on site following.

Venue: Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
494 Grey Street, Hamilton, **12.00pm noon.**

ALSO Monsignor Joe Stack is celebrating his Golden Jubilee on **Sat, 11 May** with Mass at St. Patrick's Te Awamutu at 5:00pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish lounge.

Monsignor Leonard Danvers is marking his Jubilee with Mass at 4:00pm on **Sun, 12 May** in St. Peter's Church Cambridge, followed by supper in the Parish hall. People who wish to attend either or both occasions are most welcome.

**PARISH DONATION RECEIPTS:** (for year 1.4.23 to 31.3.24) will be emailed this coming week. For those that do not have an email address or a printer, please contact the parish office & a receipt will be printed for you.

**THANK YOU:** The amount of food that has come in is overwhelming, over 8 full car loads have been collected. The food goes to the support centre to help those in need. Regularly over 50 food boxes are given out each week. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping families in need. God bless

**NZ CATHOLIC** for sale. Price \$4 Ethos'. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Anzac Day, **Thurs, 25 April.**

**STM SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT Thurs, 16 May** at 7pm United Cinemas Bayfair  
Movie: Back to Black. Tickets from School office (after school holidays).

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**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: “Prayer of the Heart”** Tues 7pm-8pm at STM Church, M Maunganui. We welcome all. Experience and develop Christian Meditation in a holistic setting. Ph Kylie 027 964 8969 Paula 027 576 5235

**ROSARY** is held **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.

**READINGS for 5th of Easter, 28 April:**

1. Acts 13:44-52 2. 1 John 3:18-24 **Gospel: John 15:1-8**

**MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 16 April to Sun, 21 April**

STM Church

9am Tues	Ann Moring RIP
9am Wed	Thomas Jolland RIP
9am Thurs	Barbara Beattie RIP
9am Fri	Petra Fontanilla RIP
9am Sat	
10am & 5pm Sun	Missa Pro populo

St Patrick’s Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am Maketu (2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday of month)

*If you wish to have a Mass offered, please contact parish office & if you have a particular date that you would like the Mass offered, please “book” the Mass well in advance.*