



Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A gathering after the 10.00 am Mass at St Thomas More

Next **Sunday, 30th November**, the First Sunday of Advent, everyone is invited to a cup of tea and refreshments after the 10.00 am Mass at St Thomas More to gather and celebrate the end of the liturgical year. **Please bring some finger food to share.**

This is also a good opportunity to thank the many parishioners who are involved in the life of the Parish, especially those who assist at Masses with music, readings, the Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion, those who bring Holy Communion to the elderly and the sick, and the sacristans. We also thank those who clean the church, prepare the flowers, and support the Parish in many other unseen ways.

A special word of thanks to Heidi Nield, our Pastoral Worker, and her team of helpers, including those involved in Children's Liturgy, Alpha, and the Sacramental Programmes. We also thank Julie Orsler, who is working in the Parish Office until we employ our new secretary, and the members of the Finance Council. We acknowledge our three deacons as well, Deacon Doug Rewi, Deacon Henk Gielen, and Deacon Vince Shaw and the many other wonderful people who are not named but deserve our gratitude.

Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026:

The Sacramental Programme will begin in (Term1) February 2026 for children that are Baptised Catholic in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

Parent Information and Enrolment meetings are in the Parish Lounge at St Thomas More Church (**parents need only attend one meeting**).

Tuesday, 2nd December at 7pm

Tuesday, 9th December at 7pm

NB: Please bring along a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the enrolment meeting).

If you require further information please contact: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

RITE II RECONCILIATION

St Mary Immaculate, Tauranga: **Thursday, 11 December 7.00 pm**

St Thomas More: **Friday, 12 December 7.00 pm**

MISSIONARY OF MERCY: In the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2016), Pope Francis appointed Missionaries of Mercy for all corners of the earth. Our diocese is fortunate to have Fr Richard Shortall SJ who, with the unanimous support of our clergy, has made himself available to 'be a presence' of mercy and *HOPE* throughout this Jubilee year. You may recall he spent two days here earlier this year, and we are blessed to have him return for another visit. Fr Shortall will be available this **Tue, 25th Nov**. An easel is in the foyer with the times available for our Church. You may of course also visit him at St Therese, Bethlehem on Wednesday and St Mary's, Tauranga on Thursday, however a separate easel will be on location there. Simply place a tick (no names) next to the time you wish to sit with Fr Shortall and ensure you turn up in the allotted time. Further information can be found on the flyer in our foyer, and through this [link](#). [You can also view a youtube video on this mission here](#)

EVANGELII NUNTIANDI WEBINAR: 50 Years of Proclaiming the Gospel: In December 1975 St Paul VI published his landmark apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. It identified evangelisation identified evangelisation as the task of all Christian people, not just clergy and religious, and noted that it required both word and authentic witness. Join Bishop John Adams of Palmerston North, Catholic Enquiry Centre director Carly Mulqueen and Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College director Dr John Evangelista as they share their insights on the wisdom of the document and how it can be lived out in today's context. The event is live at **7pm on Tue, 2nd Dec**. Register at: <https://bit.ly/december2webinar>

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL SURVEY: We are creating a new strategic plan for 2026 – 2028. To help create this vision, we would be grateful for your voice. As members of wider Catholic whānau, your perspective on what we value and our future aspirations is incredibly important. We warmly welcome your thoughts and ideas. You can complete a hardcopy of our survey and pop it in the collection box in the church foyer, bring it over to the school office, or you can access the survey online: [\[Click Here for our Online Survey\]](#). Consultations close **Fri, 19 Dec**. Thank you for your partnership.

ADVENT-uring, A HALF-DAY RETREAT: **Sat, 29th Nov 2025. 9am -12noon.** 222 Matapihi Road, Mt Maunganui. Facilitator: Gabi Daly. Christian Meditation – Centering, Prayer, Teachings, Journalling and Music. For more information and to register please text Gabi on 021 112 6804.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: If you would like to be part of this ministry on Sunday at the 10am mass, please contact pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE FOR CHILDREN:

We extend our sincere gratitude to the many of you who supported our Christmas Toy Drive with gifts and financial contributions. Your compassion and generosity are a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action. Because of you, families and especially children in our wider community will know the joy and hope of Christmas. You truly reflect the heart of our Parish family.

Please place your gifts in the basket in the church foyer during November – bring them to Mass during the week or on the weekend OR take them to the parish office for safe keeping (office hours Tues to Fri 9am to 12.00/noon).

DIVINE WILL meeting will be held on **Thurs**, after the 9am Mass, in the parish lounge (John Fisher room). All welcome.

ST PATRICKS FAMILY GROUP: Meeting **Sat, 6 Dec. 12 noon**. 11b Kairua Rd for shared finger food lunch. Any queries ring Merrilyn 5754148.

INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD: Are you a single man who yearns to follow Him as one of His priests? Come - join Bishop Richard as he, Fr Adam and Fr Isaac lead a retreat to help you discern your vocation. **Fri, 5 Dec – Sun, 7 Dec**, Cluny Retreat Centre. Contact the Vocations team for expressions of interest, questions and registration: vocations@cdh.org.nz

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025:

Christmas Eve

Please note: There will be no 9.00am Mass at St Thomas More on 24 December. Christmas Carols will be sung before each Mass.

St Patrick's, Te Puke: Vigil 5.00pm

St Peter's, Maketu LITURGY: 5.00pm Christmas carols and Christmas story.

St Thomas More, Mt Maunganui: Vigil 6.00pm & 9.00pm

Christmas Day

Suzanne Aubert, Papamoa: 8.30am

St Thomas More, Mt Maunganui: 10.00am

New Year's Day

St Peter's Church, Maketū LITURGY: 9:00am

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.

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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 1st Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2025

1. Isaiah 2:1-5 **2.** Romans 13:11-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 25 Nov to Sun, 30 Nov 2025

STM Church

9am Tues

Family & Friends of Mirchandani Family RIP

9am Wed

Souls in Purgatory

9am Thurs

9am Fri

9am Sat

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.