



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26 October 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please keep in your prayers

A sincere thank you to Julie Orsler, who is kindly filling in as Parish Secretary while we continue the search for a new secretary. Please keep this appointment in your prayers, as we seek the right person for our Parish. May the Holy Spirit guide our Finance Council as they assist me in this important task.

Mission Sunday

Last Sunday was Mission Sunday. While we continue to pray for the missions, your financial support is also greatly needed. The Mission's BNZ account number for the Diocese of Hamilton is 02-0506-0022477-068. Thank you for supporting the missions.

Many parishes in New Zealand are blessed with priests from overseas, including ourselves. I am deeply grateful to Fr Sojan Abraham for being here with us; his presence makes a world of difference to me and to our parish. I also recognise the great sacrifices these priests make, being far from their families and homelands. Let us ask God to bless all missionaries, especially Fr Sojan and his family.

Kind regards,
Fr Eamon Kennedy

POPE LEO XIV has published the first major teaching document of his pontificate. The document was started by Pope Francis, with Pope Leo carrying forward some of Francis' work and adding his own reflections.

The New Zealand bishops have welcomed the letter as an important reminder of the importance of and need for an authentic love and care for those who are living in poverty of various kinds.

Please find attached a media release from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. It has also been published online [here](#).

You can access Pope Leo's letter here: [Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE FOR CHILDREN: This November our parish is again supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Drive, helping bring joy to local children whose families are finding times tough. You're invited to share the spirit of giving by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children - books, games, toys, puzzles, art supplies, or sports gear are all welcome.

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).

Your kindness will help St Vincent de Paul deliver hope and happiness to families in need, reminding every child that they are loved and remembered this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and Christmas spirit.

NOSTRA AETATE CELEBRATION: 60th anniversary celebration of Vatican II document Nostra Aetate on Catholic relations to other faiths.

Come and join Monsignor Trevor Murray and members of the NZ Catholic Bishop's Committee for Interfaith Relations to explore further how we as a Synodal Church can prepare to encounter and engage with other faiths.

Sun, 9 Nov 2025 at 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by refreshments. This is a diocesan event and everyone is most welcome to attend.

A Nostra Aetate Webinar is also available to view: **Tues, 28 Oct 2025, 7-8pm.**
Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

VISIT FROM FR SOJAN: Fr Sojan would like to visit parishioners. If you would like a short visit for prayer, a house blessing, or simply a chat, please contact him at sojancmf@gmail.com or 022 355 2781.

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

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

BIBLE DIARIES (via Fr Prakash) are available from the parish office. \$20

GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY TOUR 2026:

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a two week tour to Italy in May 2026.

Please contact Pilgrimage Tours Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.

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

Topics that may be discussed:

How can I be sure that God is calling me to be a priest?

Celibacy: is this something that Jesus is asking of me?

What are some of the joys and challenges of life as a priest?

What does daily life as a priest look like?

I don't want to end up lonely, can I have community; brotherhood; affection; and love as a priest?

What does the journey of discerning a vocation to the priesthood involve?

Participants may have their own questions to discuss also.

GIVING BACK PROGRAM: If you require a meal, or know someone who needs a meal or two, please help yourself to a frozen meal. These are available to those in need. The freezer is located in the small foyer area, past the sacristy. If you know of anyone that needs a meal due to ill health or new baby please take some from the freezer.

CARDS/500: A Welcome is extended to anyone who would enjoy a good afternoon of Cards playing 500 – each Wednesday weekly from 12.45pm to 4pm.
Enquiries to Barbara Jansen 07 572 4962

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 7pm** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235.

[WCCM | The World Community for Christian Meditation](#)

STAY INFORMED ON NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING EFFORTS:

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue here: [Newsletter web version](#)

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 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, 2 November 2025

1. Isaiah 25:6-9 2. Romans 5:56-11 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 28 Oct to Sun, 2 Nov 2025

STM Church

9am Tues	Gordon Joe Bing RIP
9am Wed	William Cox RIP
9am Thurs	Peter & Sarah O'Meehan RIP
9am Fri	Owen & Bridget Meegan RIP
9am Sat	Maisie & Tony Buckels RIP

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.