



Feast of All Souls, Sunday 2 November 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Feast of All Souls

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of All Souls, a day when we remember in our prayers all who have died. Praying for the dead is an important part of our Catholic devotion. We offer Masses for their souls, pray for them personally, or we offer our own sufferings and joys for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

This feast also reminds us of the Communion of Saints. the living who trusts in Christ, the saints in Heaven, and the souls in Purgatory. We are all united in this great communion: the living assist the souls in Purgatory through our prayers to get to heaven, and the saints in Heaven intercede for us when we call upon them for help.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

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.

Children are required to be over the age of 8 years.

Parent Information & Enrolment evenings are on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm

Tuesday 9th December at 7pm

To be held at St Thomas More Church in the Parish lounge.

(Parents to attend only one of these evenings) NB: Please bring along a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

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

BAPTISM: We welcome Lucy Wells who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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.

100-YEAR CENTENARY: St Patrick's Catholic Church, Putāruru.

Sun, 30 Nov 2025 beginning with mass at **9.30am**. Being held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 66 Tirau Street, Putāruru (entry to carpark from Kensington Street). All Welcome. For any further enquiries or information, please contact the parish office: stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com

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.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group are meeting

Sat, 15 Nov at 12 noon at Bayswater Village Cafe.

Any queries ring Marilyn 5754148.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting **Sat, 15 Nov at 7am** for fellowship. Starting with breakfast, a short reflection on St Vincent De Paul, prayer and mass.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: Will be held on **Fri, 7 Nov** after the 9am Mass, held in the STM parish centre. All welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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 Dedication of St John Lateran, 9 November 2025

1. Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12 **2.** 1Corinthians 3:9-11.16-1 **Gospel:** John 2:13-22

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 4 Nov to Sun, 9 Nov 2025

STM Church

9am Tues	Mr & Mrs Richard Duncan RIP
9am Wed	Deceased members of Kazmierczak family
9am Thurs	Roy Madden RIP
9am Fri	Andrew Helsby RIP
9am Sat	Steven Butler 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.