



The Passion of the Lord, Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Holy Week

This week we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday (also known as Passion Sunday). It is the most sacred and significant week in the Church's liturgical calendar, culminating in the Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. We journey with Jesus from His entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, hailed as King, to His gift of the Last Supper – the first Mass. Then we walk with Him through His saving death and finally rejoice in His glorious Resurrection. This is a precious time for us to reflect on the depth of God's love for us – a love shown through the sacrifice of His Son for our salvation.

Prayers for those who are becoming Catholic

Please keep in your prayers all those throughout the diocese who will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, as well as those in our own parish who are on the journey to becoming Catholic.

Kind regards

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

PARISH EASTER MASS TIMES:

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH:

Holy Thurs, 7pm; Good Fri 3pm; Easter Vigil 7pm; Easter Sunday 10am & 5pm.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, TE PUKE: *SEE NEW MASS TIME**

Holy Thurs, 7pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Vigil 7pm; *Easter Sunday 9.30am

SUZANNE AUBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Easter Sunday 8.30am

GOOD FRIDAY, 18 April at 10am Stations of the Cross at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Te Puke.

THE CHRISM MASS will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton this coming **Tues, 15 April at 12pm/noon**. Refreshments will be made available afterwards, please stay and enjoy the company of all parishioners from around the diocese.

ARE YOU IN THE PARISH FOR EASTER? *There are still some vacancies - If you are available to assist with the ministries, please write your name down on the clipboards in the STM foyer.*

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY: Our NZ Bishops, along with all the bishops around the world, were recently sent a letter from Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti appealing for the promotion of the Good Friday Collection. Every year, the faithful contribute money to support Christians in the Holy Land and the Church's mission to care for the places linked to Jesus' earthly life. Christians residing in the Holy Land require the concrete assistance of the universal Church.

The Cardinal acknowledged the tears, despair and destruction we have witnessed, but reminded us our *hope* is that the defeat inflicted by death will not be its eternal victory. That our *hope* is renewed in the Resurrection of our Lord, who in that very land revealed the wounds of His passion, alive.

"I implore you to feel the Collection as one of your pastoral priorities. At stake is the survival of this precious presence of ours, which dates back directly to the time of Jesus." Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti

WANTED CATECHISTS – RCIC (Sacraments of Initiation)

Are you interested in joining a 'team of catechists' in helping teach children in the Catholic Faith? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Heidi for further information at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

WANTED – A FACILITATOR FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

The baptism course is held in the parish lounge *once every 2 months* on the 1st Monday of alternate months from 7-8.30pm. Val who has very kindly facilitated the course for many years is moving from the Parish. It is not an onerous task as all material is provided. Please contact Fr Eamon, Heidi or the parish office if you are interested.

OFFERTORY/BRINGING UP THE GIFTS: If you or your family would like to bring up the Offertory gifts at the 10am & 5pm Sunday Masses at STM Church, please write your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

THANK YOU - the generosity of this parish is amazing. Two full carloads of food per week over the four weeks were taken to the support centre. This went a long way to providing food for those in need. *St Vincent de Paul.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE meeting will be held on **Thurs, 17 April** at **10am** at the STM parish lounge.

PARISH RELICS: Have gone to the Cathedral in Hamilton for display. They are on loan so will be returned to the Parish.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP will be held at STM parish centre on **Fri, 30 May at 5.30pm**, especially for those who have not previously attended, those who are wanting a refresher or anyone who is interested.

Obtaining an Indulgence in the Diocese of Hamilton Jubilee 2025

Indulgence pamphlet – click on the link below. Some printed copies available in foyer. [Indulgences.pdf](#)

DIVINE WILL meeting will be held on **Thurs**, after the 9am Mass, in the parish lounge (John Fisher room). Everyone welcome to learn more about living in the Divine Will.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 7.00pm** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235. And also on **1st Friday** of month at 10am in a private home. Contact ph 021 157 3973 for details.

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

PARISH MINISTRY IN AOTEAROA NZ: Wed, 20 Aug 2025 5-6pm via Zoom
Speaker: Emily Sit (Director of Mission & Evangelisation – Palmerston North Diocese); Raising a Catholic Family in the Third Millennium, Wed, 8 Oct 2025
Speakers: Cameron and Cheryl Surrey (Catholic Parents – Cheryl is the Regional Lead for Divine Renovation NZ); Reflections on Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope, Wed, 26 Nov 2025 Speaker: Fadi Yalda (CTC Biblical Studies Lecturer)

PARISH WEBSITE: www.allsaintsbythesea.nz To keep updated with the latest information, please check the parish website. See the green bar on the screen (along the top), OUR PLACE. Click on the down arrow to LATEST NEWS.

PARISH APP: We encourage you to download the App. This is able to be downloaded from your phone App store. Search for **allsaintsbythesea.nz** and upload the app and be connected for latest alerts, newsletters etc.

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.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry.
[attached flyer](#)

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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 for Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

1. Acts 10:34.37-43 2. Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel:** John 20:1-9

MASSSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 15 April to Sun, 20 April 2025

STM Church

9am Tues	Loretta Alvares RIP
9am Wed	Thanksgiving for our priests in the Parish
9am Thurs	
9am Fri	
9am Sat	
10am & 5pm Sun	
<u>St Patrick's Te Puke</u>	
5pm Sat Vigil	
<u>Suzanne Aubert School</u>	
8.30am Sun	
11.30am Maketu (2 nd	
Sunday of month)	

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.