



5th Sunday of Easter, 18 May 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Pope Leo XIV

We rejoice in the news of the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. It must be overwhelming for him as he settles into his role as shepherd of the Catholic Church. It was also a surprise and a joy to welcome our first American-born Pope, who speaks English along with other languages. We pray for Pope Leo and look forward to how he will guide the Church and teach us.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday - a day set aside to pray for vocations, particularly to the priesthood in our diocese, and to offer financial support for the training and formation of our seminarians. There is a pamphlet in the church foyer to assist you with making a donation. It also includes a message from Bishop Richard Laurenson and a brief note from our four seminarians: Nhat Long Cao, Ha Van Hung, Samuel Turnbull, and Jack Fraser-Jones. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

Kind regards,

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

NEW VOCATIONS WEBSITE: Please view the new Hamilton Diocese webpage for vocations here: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/vocations>

[Seminary Appeal — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton](#)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: 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

LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS TO HELP TEACH: The Parish is starting a programme for children over 9 years old who are not yet baptised. We are looking for a team of parishioners who can take turns teaching these children. If you are able to help, please contact Heidi at: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN: This programme is for families who are interested in their children becoming members of the Catholic Church. It is designed for children over the age of 9 who have not been baptised as Catholics. Lessons will begin in June and will run through until after Easter 2026. If you are interested in learning more about this programme, please contact Heidi at: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

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.

BLANKET DRIVE: Many people are in need of blankets for the winter months. Blankets will go to St Vincent de Paul support centre for giving out to those in need. Please leave them in the box in the foyer. Thanks for your support.

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.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. ~ Acts 2:4

JOIN US FOR A DIOCESAN JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATING PENTECOST and the diversity of our cultures at St Mary's Church, 40 Seddon Street, Rotorua on **Sun, 8 June 10.00am**. [Download full invitation here](#)

Parishioners from around the diocese - and beyond - are welcome! Come in your national dress (optional). Light refreshments will be provided following Mass, please contact kirstym@cdh.org.nz if you would like to supply a national dish as a taster to share. Any clergy who wish to attend - please email Fr Prakash to confirm - pp@rotorua.cdh.nz

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 (CC Biblical Studies Lecturer)

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 6.30pm** (*earlier time during winter*) 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](http://WCCM|TheWorldCommunityforChristianMeditation)

DEATH NOTICE: Deacon Leonard Williams died on Tuesday at Assisi after a steady decline over the years. He came from Zimbabwe, and lived and served as a deacon in Te Rapa and Hillcrest for the last 20 years or so. His funeral will be Saturday 11.30am in St Matthews, Rosary Friday 5pm in the same location. [https://notices.nzherald.co.nz/nz/obituaries/nzherald-nz/name/leonard-williams-
obituary?id=58379878](https://notices.nzherald.co.nz/nz/obituaries/nzherald-nz/name/leonard-williams-obituary?id=58379878)

EVERYONE is welcome to an evening of: **Praise, Worship & Intercession for World Peace** St Columba Church, Rifle Range Rd, Hamilton **Wed, 21 May at 7.30pm** Current of Grace Hamilton Contact: Helen 027 294 1270. A small plate to share for supper would be appreciated [Download full flyer here](#)

SAVE THE DATE - PHOTOS REQUIRED : St. Patrick's Parish Putaruru is celebrating its 100 year centenary this year on **30 Nov 2025**. As part of the celebrations, we will be having a photographic exhibition and would kindly ask if anyone has any photos of St. Patrick's Church, in particular the construction or opening of the church if they could scan and email to the parish office: stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com along with any stories or names that may be in relation with the photos.

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 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.

ARE YOU BEING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? If you are admitted to Tauranga Hospital and would to be visited by a hospital chaplain and or receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so this can be arranged. Please also ensure you enter on the Hospital Admittance form that you are a Roman Catholic.

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 for 6th Week of Easter, 25 May 2025

1. Acts 15:1-2.22-29 2. Apocalypse 12:10-14,22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

MASSSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 20 May to Sun, 25 May 2025

STM Church

9am Tues RM & family

9am Wed

9am Thurs Were family

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.