



## **The Ascension of the Lord, 1 June 2025**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Clergy Moves**

This weekend, several priests in our diocese are beginning new appointments:

Fr Matt Gibson is heading to Rome to continue his studies in Philosophy, in preparation for teaching the seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland.

Fr Adam Kirkeby has been appointed Parish Priest of St Paul's, Ngāruawāhia, and St Anthony's, Huntly.

Fr Isaac Fransen has been appointed Assistant Priest at St Thomas Aquinas, Tauranga.

Fr Richard Cortes MSP has been appointed Administrator of St George's, Te Kuiti, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Otorohanga.

Fr Ritche Maguinda has been appointed Assistant Priest at St Mary's, Gisborne.

Fr Joseph George has been appointed Assistant Priest at the Cathedral.

Please keep these priests in your prayers as they settle into their new communities.

*Kind regards,*

*Fr. Eamon Kennedy*

**PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEA:** All are most welcome to come to the parish lounge after the 10am Sunday Mass to have a cuppa and a chat.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED**

If you would like to join this very worthwhile ministry as a leader then we would love to hear from you. We need some more volunteers to add to our team of people that rotate on a roster.

Guidance is given to those wanting to help lead the children and ALL resources are provided. Please contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 3 or email: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz) if you are interested in assisting.

*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.**

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](mailto:kirstym@cdh.org.nz) if you would like to supply a national dish as a taster to share.

*Please RSVP by Wed, 5 June for planning purposes if any group or representatives will be attending.*

**You are warmly invited** to join us for the Multicultural Jubilee and Pentecost Celebration celebrated by Bishop Richard Laurenson. We kindly ask each parish to send representatives or a group and bring a bunch of flowers to be offered during the veneration of the Jubilee Cross—a symbolic act of unity, faith, and hope.

Looking forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you all.

*Ngā manaakitanga,*

*Fr. Prakash Somu CMF*

**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](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

**CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:** What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What is Pope Leo doing and saying? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at: <https://cathnewsnz.com/> “Vatican warns about fake online content featuring Pope Leo XIV”

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**BAPTISM:** We warmly welcome Patrick McKinnon who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**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](#)

**INVITATION TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM: 19 July 2025** - 1pm at STM parish centre. You are warmly invited to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) on **Sat, 19 July**. The CLP is a spiritual journey designed to deepen your faith, renew your relationship with God, and strengthen your life in the Christian community. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow in fellowship and discover more about living out your faith in daily life. We encourage everyone—individuals, couples, and families—to come and experience this enriching program. For more details, please see Parish noticeboard.

**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 STM parish lounge (John Fisher room). Everyone welcome to learn more about living in the Divine Will.

**VACANCY – DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE:** For over 60 years, the Catholic Enquiry Centre has helped thousands of people explore the Catholic faith and, in many cases, become Catholic. An agency of the Bishops Conference, the Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. A personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team will be necessary. Please send expressions of interest to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by **6 June**. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

**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)

**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.

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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 Feast of Pentecost, 8 June 2025**

1. Acts 2:1-11    2. 1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13    **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

### **MASSSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 3 June to Sun, 8 June 2025**

#### STM Church

9am Tues

9am Wed

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 (2<sup>nd</sup>

Sun of month) & Liturgy (every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*