



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 September 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We farewell Jan as Parish Secretary. Last week, Jan Baker announced her retirement as Parish Secretary after more than 28 years of faithful service to our parish. We give thanks to God for Jan's dedicated work, and we ask you to keep her, and the process of finding her replacement, in your prayers so that the Holy Spirit may guide us in choosing the right person for this important role.

On **Sunday, 19 October**, Jan will be farewelled during the 10.00am Mass, followed by a morning tea in the parish lounge. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to come together in gratitude, celebration, and support for Jan and her family.

Kind regards
Fr Eamon Kennedy

PARISH SECRETARY – POSITION AVAILABLE:

All Saints by the Sea, Mt Maunganui, is seeking a welcoming and well-organised Parish Secretary to support the Parish Priests and assist with the smooth running of the parish office. This part-time role (20 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday) involves responsibilities in administration, finance, communications, and serving as a key point of contact for parishioners.

For further details and a full job description, please contact:

Fr Eamon Kennedy – freamonkenedy@gmail.com

VISIT FROM CARDINAL JOHN DEW: **NEXT Sunday, 5 October**, Cardinal John Dew will give a talk at **3.00pm** in the St Thomas More Church, sharing his experiences of being part of the election of Pope Leo XIV. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. There will be refreshments after the talk in the parish centre.
Note: Cardinal John will also celebrate the 10.00am Mass at St Thomas More the same day.

BAPTISM COURSE: Will be held on **Mon, 6 Oct** from 7-9pm at the STM Parish centre. This course is for **Catholic** parents who are wanting their child (aged 6 years & under) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. If you wish to attend, please register your name with the parish office.

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (Feast Day 27 September)

SVdP along with Caritas are the Social Justice Arm of the Catholic Church. During Mass today Father Eamon is commissioning two of our three new members as they commit to serve Christ in the poor through their work in our Parish Conference. Our Conference meets on the second Wednesday of the month after 9am Mass and we welcome new members able to commit about two hours a week.

Our Conference spends time in Spiritual Reflection, reviewing cases we have visited and discussing actions we can and have taken to lift people from poverty of spirit be it despair or financial. We work in a caring and practical manner to promote human dignity and justice through personal contact with those in need.

If you feel called to consider becoming a conference member please come along to our meeting on **Wed, 8 Oct at 9.30am** or if you would like a chat leave your details at the Parish office and we will call you.

Lorraine Dobson, President STM SVdP Conference



ALPHA begins here on **Wed, 8 Oct at 6.30pm**. At Alpha we create a space to ask questions, discuss and discover faith. You gain perspective and learn, have fun and eat food!

COME & SEE: If you would love to experience Alpha for the first time as a guest then pick up a form for you and a friend from the church foyer or contact Heidi at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

Have you invited someone to Alpha yet?

Who will you invite?

ALPHA HELPERS STILL NEEDED: If you would like to help with hospitality for a season of Alpha, we would love to have you join the team. We need people to help in the kitchen for serving/cleaning up afterwards by way of a roster.

We also need a few more people to help prepare simple meals from week to week (rostered) for our guests attending. If you would like to be involved in cooking a meal or part thereof please contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or email:

pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: St Patricks Family Group and Edge Family Group meeting **Fri, 10 Oct** in Parish rooms for shared finger food lunch **11.30am**. Paul Traynor NZ Coordinator for Family Groups will be attending. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148

BISHOPS APPEAL: This year, our campaign is titled ‘**Planted in Christ, Reaching in Love.**’ It is a call to remain firmly grounded in our relationship with Jesus and, from that place of strength, extend ourselves to others with care, mercy, and hope.

Your gift will help carry out this mission through:

- Supporting clergy and lay formation
- Enriching Catholic identity in our schools and parishes
- Providing chaplaincy and outreach to the sick, the struggling, and the seeking

In every parish, in every home, in every heart, we’re called to grow deeper and reach further. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this year’s Appeal.

Every gift — no matter the size — helps build a Church that is alive in Christ and present in love.

Envelopes with further information including details on how to donate are available in the Church foyer.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH (Christchurch West) is hiring a Director of Parish Life & Operations: We are seeking a passionate full-time leader to help us lead, equip, and build a joyful, Christ-centred parish. Do you have:

- Strong leadership & operational skills
- A collaborative, coaching style
- Experience in multicultural or faith-based settings
- Deep alignment with Catholic mission & parish life

Enquire or apply with CV + cover letter: apply@holyfamily.nz

Applications close: 24 Oct 2025

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](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 6.30pm (winter time)** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235.

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

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: I am a Catholic GP looking for a one-bedroom flat, studio apartment or similar to rent in Mount Maunganui. If you know of anything available, I’d be very grateful to hear from you.

Please contact Brendon Fraser-Jones on brendon2@hotmail.com

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St Thomas More Catholic School, Mt Maunganui 07 574 6782

Suzanne Aubert Catholic School, Papamoa East 07 777 0438

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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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5 Oct 2025

1. Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 **2.** 2Timothy 1:6-8.13-14 **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 30 Sept to Sun, 5 Oct 2025

STM Church

9am Tues

Joan Lynch RIP

9am Wed

Sylvia & John Baldry RIPs & family

9am Thurs

Burt & Ursula Buckland RIPs & Peter Buckland

9am Fri

Titia

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.