

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** If you wish to join the planned giving programme and obtain a tax receipt for your donations, please phone the parish office for a planned giving number. Donations can also be made to the parish bank a/c no. 020342 0050016 16. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The office will be closed from Mon, 19 Feb and re-open Wed, 6 March. However, the office will be open in a limited capacity over this time and all emails and phone messages will be responded to as normal. Please ensure all notices for the newsletter are received by **11am each Thursday**. Thank you.

### **Holy Week and Easter Times**

Holy Thursday: 7:15pm STM

Good Friday: Stations of Cross 10am ST Pats Te Puke  
Passion of the Lord 3pm STM

Easter Vigil: 7:15pm Saturday night STM

Easter Sunday: 9am St Patrick's Te Puke  
9:30 STM  
5pm STM

(NB there is no Saturday evening 5pm Mass at Te Puke for Easter)

**Youth News :** Light House/ Tahu Youth group starts back this Sunday (TODAY) 4 March at 6.30pm after the 5pm Mass. Feel free to email me any queries. Amy Rutten [a.r.rutten@gmail.com](mailto:a.r.rutten@gmail.com) Youth Group leader

### **Invitation to March for Life - Sunday 11 March 2018**

In order to nurture and protect all life we need to recognise that all living things are connected. When we fail to acknowledge the worth of a human being, a person with disabilities, a human embryo, a poor person, it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself. We must promote a Consistent Ethic of Life which places the need to protect all human life and the life of our planet which we are dependent on, as the basic and central moral point of reference. Abortion and Euthanasia are two important components of the Consistent Ethic of Life. Please join me on March 11, 12:30pm at Memorial Park in Hamilton to March for ALL Life, and particularly a Euthanasia and Abortion free Aotearoa. From Bishop Steve.

### **End of Life Choice Bill : submissions extended to 6 March 2018**

The Justice Select Committee have extended the deadline for submissions to 6 March. If you have not made a submission you still have time. Every submission counts – so make your voice heard today. For more information please visit [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)



## **3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B) 4 March 2018**

**HOLY FRIDAYS LENT DEVOTION:** Are being held at St Patricks in Te Puke on Fridays at 9am and STM church at 5pm-6pm for (Stations of Cross, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Confessions). The church will stay open until 9pm with booklets available for reflection on the Stations.



*Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

### **'BECOMING CATHOLIC' R.C.I.A - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

"COME and SEE" - Inquiry Period begins

Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

***Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic?***

***This is an invitation to anyone who ever wondered....***

*Would I like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

*I have been baptised as a child but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist*

*I have been baptised in another faith but would like to enter fully into the Catholic church.*

**COME & SEE' , come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions will focus on the teachings and experience of the church. You are welcome to participate in this process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. THURSDAY evenings at 7pm here in the STM church centre. For more information please phone Heidi 5754807 ext. 6 or EM : [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)**

***We would love to hear from you***

**ALPHA:** Alpha has begun on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the STM church centre and also on a Friday morning at 9.30am for those who would still like to come or 'invite' someone, as it is not too late to register.

There is a crèche available for your 'little ones' on the morning session. You can register online through the parish website or contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or EM: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz) to let her know you are coming.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION.** We meet every **Wednesday** 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Church.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:**

**Martin Family Group: Wednesday 7 March 10am STM** Our speaker Cecile will talk about her life in the Seychelles where she was born and lived most of her life. Bring a small plate for morning tea and yourself for an enjoyable time.

**Wednesday 21 March St Thomas More Church 10 am** Housie the all time favourite have a great time and really enjoy the game and the company. A small morning tea and a gold coin to help pay for the huge prizes. **As always all parishioners are welcome to join us for any activity."**

**SETFREE 2018**

Join with over 300 youth and young adults, speakers, priests and religious from New Zealand and abroad in Tokoroa for **SETFREE 2018.**

SetFree is a celebration of the young church, an opportunity to grow in your faith, receive the Sacraments, partake in activities, live music and various festivities! It will be hosted at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre, Tokoroa from 23-25 March. SetFree will start at 6pm with a powhiri, and transport is arranged from both Sacred Heart College, St John's College, Aquinas College and Champion College.

The cost of the entire weekend, marae style accommodation and meals included is only \$85pp.

SetFree is open to High School yrs 10-13 and Young Adults!

**REGISTER NOW** at [setfree.org.nz](http://setfree.org.nz) or e-mail [ciaral@cdh.org.nz](mailto:ciaral@cdh.org.nz) for more details.

**Bay of Plenty Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**

In gratitude and thanksgiving we acknowledge the blessings we have received

All women are welcome. **The Joy of the Lord is My Strength**

**Speaker: Sue Pollard** Sue will share her testimony

**Date:** 13th March **Time:** 7 pm to 9:30 pm

**Venue:** Aquinas College Chapel [183 Pyes pa Rd Tauranga](http://183PyespaRdTauranga)

More info Contact Maree 07 5783752

**READINGS FOR 4th Sunday of Lent, 11th March**

1. 2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 2. Ephesians 2:4-10 3. **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.allsaintsbythesea.nz](http://www.allsaintsbythesea.nz)

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**TE PUKE NEWS:** Te Puke Bible Society Action Group are having a stall at Market Day, Saturday 17th March on Commerce Lane at Jubilee Park in Te Puke. Donations of baking, preserves, fruit & vegetables and plants etc would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to the 'Bible Society' for bible printing and distribution. We look forward to your support again this year. Please contact Lou & Mary 5738184 for any questions.

**LENTEN SEASON. CARITAS LENT APPEAL.  
Caritas (Love in Action)**

Last week we were reminded of the devastating earthquakes in Nepal during 2015 where thousands lost their lives. Due to the generosity of New Zealanders CARITAS was able to assist financially and practically to help rebuild homes and lives. This week we learn about the ongoing support to the people of Papua New Guinea. Many multinational companies have been taking land for logging etc. **Please donate generously..**

**PRAYER** E te Ariki, help us to show compassion for the suffering of all those in need. Give us the faith and courage to challenge injustice. Help us to uphold human dignity-just as Jesus did. May we see each person in the way that you see them, loving Jesus, created in your image and of great worth to you Amene.

**FAITH IN ACTION.** How, by my presence and action, can I encourage someone who is vulnerable at this time?

**Think and act global and local.**

This is the time when we collect and donate Easter Eggs for the foodbank, There will be a basket available for the collection for the next 4 weeks.

**LENTEN DONATION PACKS/ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYERS.**

**Parish App.**

This is able to be downloaded from you phone App store. search for allsaintsbythesea and upload the app and be connected for latest alerts, newsletters etc.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:**

Mon  
Tues  
Wed Les Churchill RIP  
Thurs Erin Bos RIP  
Fri Colleen Rook RIP

**SUNDAY  
MASS TIMES**

**Mt Maunganui**  
9.30am & 5pm

**Te Puke**  
Saturday Vigil 5pm

**WEEKDAY  
MASS TIMES**

**Monday**  
9am Te Puke

**Tuesday**  
9am Mt  
Te Puke liturgy or  
Mass

**Wednesday**  
9am Mt

**Thursday**  
9am Mt

**Friday**  
9am Mt

**LITURGIES**

**Monday (Mt) 9am**  
*NB:* Liturgy of Word &  
Holy Communion

**Saturday**  
9am Rosary Mt

**Anointing of Sick**  
During Fri Mass at Mt  
18 May, 17 Aug,  
16 Nov 2018

**Reconciliation**  
Wed to Friday (Mt)  
8.30am to 8.45am.  
Sat (TePuke) 4:30pm

**Maketu**  
Maori Mass  
2nd Sunday 11.30am  
3rd Sunday Liturgy  
service 11.30am