'BECOMING CATHOLIC'

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS— "COME and SEE'-Inquiry Period begins Thursday evenings at 7.00pm on 1 March.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

This is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

Please contact Heidi Nield 575 4807 Ext 6 or EM: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz if you are interested in finding out more.

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)



2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B) 25 February 2018

COMMUNITY ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES: Will occur as part of the **Friday Mass** on **18 May**, **17 Aug**, **16 Nov**. This will replace the Thursday anointing routine of 2017.

HOLY FRIDAYS LENT DEVOTION: Are being held from 7pm-8pm at STM Church. (Stations of Cross, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Confessions).

SENT BY CHRIST: A four week program during LENT. On a Monday evening at 7.00pm or Tuesday morning at 10am. It is not too late to join the small group for a time of reflection and sharing.

ALPHA: Alpha is 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 email pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz to let her know you are coming.

MINISTRIES CARDS: Thank you to all those who filled out cards last weekend. If you were away or did not get the opportunity to fill out a weekend Mass ministries role card last weekend and you would like to be involved in any ministries, (i.e. Greeters, Gifts/Offertory, Reader, EMC, Usher, money collector, lawns/gardens, power point, children's liturgy, church cleaning, choir/music) please fill out a card on the bench in the STM church foyer and drop into the parish office or you can leave in the collection basket.

We are still VERY short of co-ordinators for the 5pm Mass, please consider this ministry.

NEW STM WEEKEND MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER: There are two rosters available on bench in foyer (9.30am & 5.00pm) and on the website. *Please note this is for the month of MARCH only.* **There are some new names on these rosters, so please check to see if your name appears.** There will be courses held over the next few weeks for Readers and EMCs and these will be advertised. Rosters are also available parish website.

STM CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER available on bench in foyer.

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

ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA PARISH CATHOLIC COAST & COUNTRYSIDE MAGAZINE – EASTER 2018 ISSUE:

Would parishioners kindly note that contributions of parish group or committee reports, photos and articles of interest for the Parish

magazine, Easter issue, are now being gratefully accepted. Contributions should be emailed to the editor at p.archer@xtra.co.nz . Please note that the final date for acceptance of items will be **1 March** *Editor*.

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 Campion 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 <u>setfree.org.nz</u> or e-mail <u>ciaral@cdh.org.nz</u> for more details.

NEW WEBSITE: www.allsaintsbythesea.nz

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS - exciting1st event for 2018!!

A Pool Party and lunch to be held TODAY Sun, 25 Feb at noon (approx) at Jo Newcombe-Cook's home.

This invitation is for ALL YOUTH so come along and join in the fun!!

EM: inewcombecook@gmail.com

LENTEN SEASON. This year's theme "Let Us Go Together," is taken from Ven. Suzanne Aubert's writings –The theme reflects on our journey with God and with each other, as we ourselves are transformed and, as we transform the world around us – together.

Funds raised from the annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal allows us to do lifesaving and life changing work, like prepositioning of emergency supplies around the world.

By stocking up hygiene kits, tarpaulins for shelter, and even kitchen sets, partners are well prepared in the event of a natural disaster or other emergencies. Because of your support, Caritas Tonga was able to distribute the 1000 prepositioned items in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Gita's wrath. Donations to this year's Lenten Appeal will help us support communities across the Pacific and beyond. Preferred meeting time. Thursday 7.30-9pm or Sunday after 9.30am Mass.

There will be a clipboard to register your interest. Queries to Dolores 027 2928617.

LENTEN DONATION PACKS/ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYERS.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Mon

Tues Wed

John Goodchild RIP

Thurs

Fri Edward Ferandes RIP

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mt Maunganui 9.30am & 5pm

<u>Te Puke</u> Saturday Vigil 5pm

Please note: these times subject to change

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

> **Monday** 9am Te Puke

Tuesday 9am Mt Te Puke liturgy or Mass

> Wednesday 9am Mt

Thursday 9am Mt

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

Friday 9am Mt

Saturday 9am Rosary Mt

RECONCILIATION

Before Mass Sat (TP) & Wed to Friday (Mt) 8.30am to 8.45am.

Maketu

Maori Mass 2nd Sunday of month 11.30am