



## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 July 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### Funeral Preparation

On Tuesday, 30th July, at 3:00 pm in the Parish Centre, there will be a discussion for those interested in preparing their funeral and exploring the available options. This session will provide an opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance on planning funerals.

Kind regards,  
Fr. Eamon Kennedy

**MASS TIMES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Thursday, 15th August 2024** are as follows:

St Thomas More: 9.00 am and 7.00 pm

St Patrick's Te Puke: 12.30 pm

St Mary Immaculate Church, Elizabeth Street: 6.00 pm

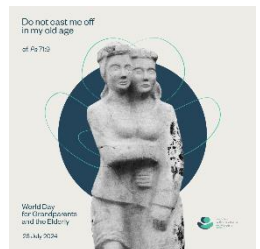
The feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast Day for New Zealand.

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** After the 10am Sunday Mass at STM everyone is most welcome to come along to join parishioners for a cuppa and chat.



### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

falls on 28 July, two days following the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne. It was in January 2021, at the end of his Angelus, where Pope Francis announced the establishment of this dedicated day of celebration. The significance of the announcement, was it falling two days prior to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Pope Francis said, (in regards to Simeon and Anna's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah) "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly....old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young. Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on."



**JOB VACANCY: CLEANER:** St. Thomas More Parish is seeking a Cleaner for the Parish Centre. Details: Hours: 6 per week (over 2 days, negotiable). How to Apply: Email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com) for the job description.

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Have you or someone you know asked about 'Becoming a Catholic'?

Do any of these describe you?

- Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church?
- Are you a baptised Catholic who has not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just do not know what the next step may be in becoming Catholic?
- Would you like to better support your children at a Catholic school.

Four weeks of inquiry have begun and are held weekly on **Thursdays at 7.00pm** in the STM church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mt. Come and join us.

Please express your interest by contacting Heidi Nield (Faith Formation Coordinator) 575 4807 Ext 6 or Email: [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:** Held in the STM parish centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, next gathering for prayer will be on **Fri, 2 Aug** after the 9am Mass. Come and join us with a cuppa & we will pray for our children & grandchildren.

**GIVING BACK PROGRAM:** If you require a meal, or know someone who needs a meal or two, there are frozen meals available to those in need. If you know of anyone that needs a meal due to ill health or new baby please take some from the freezer.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** As part of our Spring 2258 dedication to the sanctity of life, we will be coming together to march 'around the block' in Hamilton city. More info to come, but for now save **15 September 11:30am** (following 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral).

**2258** "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

**CURRENT OPEN RETREATS:** Cluny Retreat Centre has two-weekday retreats, one starting on a Tuesday night and finishing on a Sunday, the other starting on a Sunday night finishing on a Friday. Cluny also has a weekend retreat in the Spring, August 20 - 25, September 13 - 15.

**TE KUPENGA – CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** is holding its fifth lecture in the series: A Taste of Theology. Topic 5 is entitled “What is spirituality? A short introduction to the fascinations and frustrations of philosophical questioning”. Speaker is Rev Dr John Owens, sm. **Tuesday, 06 August 2024** from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology) to register.

Missed the first four? When you pay your \$60 course fee - you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Recording of the previous four, and you join the remaining live sessions (available on recording as well if you end up missing one).



**EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:** You are invited to another evening of Praise and Worship with Wilma & Mike Conroy and Mary & Brendan Fransen on **Tuesday 30 July, 7pm, St Columba's Church, Rifle Range Rd, Hamilton.** *I lift my eyes to the mountains, Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, The Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

**ALL WELCOME!** Enquires: Wilma Conroy Ph: 027 303 9522, Current of Grace Hamilton. A small plate to share would be appreciated

**CARING SUNDAY ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: Today, 28th July** The Common Good Foundation supports parishes, groups, and organizations in our Diocesan region through financial grants. In 2023, we were able to offer grants to a wide variety of groups, including support for new mothers in Tauranga, food banks in Hamilton and Tauranga, advocacy services, and transport for the elderly and those with disabilities in Gisborne. Additionally, we provided funding for parish-led lunches for the homeless in Taupo, life-changing experiences for youth in Te Puke and Ngaruawahia, and community gardens in Whakatane, among other initiatives. All of this was made possible through the generosity of parishioners like you. To find out more or make a donation to the Caring Sunday 2024 Annual Appeal, please visit our website at Common Good Foundation or contact Caroline at [admin@commongood.org.nz](mailto:admin@commongood.org.nz).

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**ROSARY** is held **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.

## **READINGS 18<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, 4 Aug 2024**

**1.** Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 **2.** Ephesians 4:17,20-24 **Gospel: John 6:24-35**

**MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 30 July to Sun, 4 August**

STM Church

9am Tues

9am Wed

9am Thurs

9am Fri

9am Sat

10am & 5pm Sun

Missa Pro populo

St Patrick's Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am Maketu (2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday of month)

*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.*