



3rd Sunday of Advent, 15 December 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last week, our Alpha programme concluded. A heartfelt thank you to Heidi and her dedicated team of helpers who prepared delicious meals, as well as to those who facilitated the small group discussions. I am also deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for God's blessing on our Alpha Programme and to those who generously donated to support this initiative. Your contributions and efforts are invaluable—Alpha truly depends on parishioners stepping up and participating.

We are pleased to announce that we will run another Alpha programme next year. Alpha is an excellent opportunity to renew one's faith and to connect those who are not Catholic with our Parish and Parishioners.

Kind regards
Fr. Eamon Kennedy

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: If you are available to assist with any of the Masses over Christmas at St Thomas More, please write your name on the clipboards in the STM Church foyer.

WEEKEND MASS MINISTRY ROSTERS: There are a few printed copies on the STM bench in the foyer, i.e. 10am & 5pm Sunday Masses.

PARISH OFFICE & STAFF: The office will be closing on **Fri, 20 December** and re-open on **Tues, 28 January 2025**. If you wish to book a Mass intention for the month of January, please contact the office. There will be no newsletters published after 23 December until weekend 2 February 2025. Office emails will be checked regularly. (To clarify - there will be a newsletter published next weekend).

THANK YOU: Thanks for all the donations of food, blankets and Christmas presents throughout the year. Your generosity allows us to help those families in need. God bless you. *St Vincent de Paul*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024:

ALL SAINTS PARISH, MT MAUNGANUI

St Patrick's Church, Te Puke: Vigil 5.00pm
St Thomas More Church, Mt: Vigil 7.00pm & 10.00pm

Christmas Day:

Suzanne Aubert School, Papamoa: 8.30am
St Thomas More Church, Mt: 10.00am

St Peter's Church, Maketu

8 Dec Maori Miha 11.30am
15 Dec Liturgy 11.30am
24 Dec Christmas Carols 5.30-6.00pm
24 Dec Christmas Liturgy 6.00pm-7.00pm

2025

1 Jan New Year's Day Liturgy 10.00am
12 Jan Maori Miha 11.30am
19 Jan Liturgy 11.30am

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, TAURANGA:

St Mary Immaculate Church, Tga: Vigil 5.00pm & 7.00pm & 10.00pm
St Joseph's Church, Te Puna: Midnight/12.00

Christmas Day:

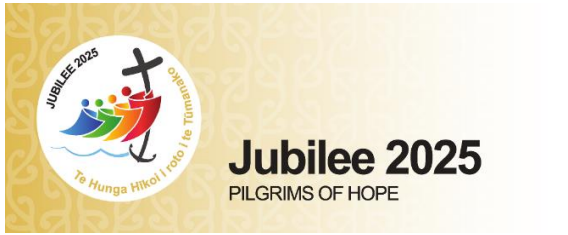
St Mary Immaculate Church, Tga: 9.00am
St Therese Church, Bethlehem 9.00am
St Joseph's Church, Matakana Is Midnight/12.00

DAILY MASS CALENDARS (2025) with all the readings for the year in this little booklet (note – not the whole readings, just the Scripture verse numbers). Cost \$4. There are only two left - available from the parish office.

2025 BIBLE DIARIES (via Fr Prakash - with daily prayers, daily Readings, short reflections, Saints of the Day & short quotes) available for purchase from the parish office \$20. For Te Puke parishioners, please request a Bible Diary from Geraldine.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale. Pack of 5 for \$5.00. Money is used to help those in need.

AA: Do you, or someone you love, have a problem with alcohol? Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the STM Parish Lounge every Sunday 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome.



[Jubilee 2025 — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton](#)

A Jubilee year is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with Creation as a whole. The 2025 Jubilee is particularly necessary in our world, as we navigate life post-covid, amid the ongoing wars, and a general disconnect from Jesus, and from each other. We encourage all parishes to be involved in Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope".

Jubilee 2025 Calendar

The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24th, 2024, with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. The majority of the rest of the world (including the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton) will open the year of Jubilee on December 29th, 2024.

**[DOWNLOAD THE CDH JUBILEE CALENDAR PDF
HERE](#)**

MISSIONARY OF MERCY: For the *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* (2016), Pope Francis appointed Missionaries of Mercy for all corners of the earth. Our Diocese is fortunate to have Fr Richard Shortall SJ who continues in his role as a Missionary of Mercy. The proposal was made at the recent Priests' Gathering (15-17 October 2024) that Fr Shortall make himself available throughout the Diocese to "be a presence" of mercy and hope in our parishes. This was met with unanimous support.

We have divided the parishes into clusters along the lines of the Collegial Areas and allotted dates. The Hamilton and Tauranga Clusters, because of their respective sizes, have been allotted two sets of dates.

Tauranga cluster **11-13 Mar 2025 & 25-27 Nov 2025**

Tauranga - Mt Maunganui - Te Puke - Bethlehem - Te Puna - Matakana Island - Omokoroa - Maketū

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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 4th Sunday of Advent, 22 Dec 2024

1. Micah 5:1-4 2. Hebrews 10:5-10 **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-44

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 17 Dec to Sun, 22 Dec 2024

STM Church

9am Tues Malcolm & Barbara Beattie RIP

9am Wed Fred & Maisie Everson RIP

9am Thurs

9am Fri Colleen & Allan Rook RIP

9am Sat

10am & 5pm Sun

St Patrick's Te Puke

5pm Sat Vigil

Suzanne Aubert School

8.30am Sun

11.30am Maketu (2nd

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.