



3rd Sunday of Lent, 23 March 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Clergy gathering last week

It was good to gather with the priests of Hamilton around Bishop Richard Laurenson. Our diocese now has a significant number of priests from overseas, whom we could not do without to run our diocese properly.

During our gathering, we held a consultation on the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, as well as the RCIA and the Sacraments of Initiation for Children. Bishop Richard reminded us that Bishop Denis Browne had restored the order of the Sacraments of Initiation in accordance with the request of the Second Vatican Council: Baptism, (Confession), Confirmation and the Eucharist. This is not the practice followed in some other dioceses.

Another significant contribution for which Bishop Denis is remembered is the establishment of the permanent diaconate in our diocese, which continues to be a great blessing.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

The next Enquiry Period for those interested in becoming Catholic — or exploring this possibility — will begin on **Thursday, 3 April at 7.00 pm** at St Thomas More Parish Centre. It's a wonderful opportunity to invite and accompany family members, friends, or neighbours who might be curious about the Church. Please keep those discerning this journey in your prayers.

Kind regards

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every **Friday** during Lent at STM Church **7.00pm**.

THE CHRISM MASS will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton on **Tues, 15 April at 12pm**.

RITE II RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Mount **Friday, 4 April, 7.00pm**

Tauranga **Friday 11 April, 6.00pm**

WEEK 3 LENT: E te Ariki, te Reme o te Atua, Jesus, Lamb of God, thank you for your forgiving heart. We are sorry for when we judge ourselves and others unfairly. Pour your love and mercy into our hearts so that it overflows to our sisters and brothers. E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

THE BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR CARITAS AOTEAROA NZ

Donation envelopes are available in the foyer. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world, and create change not just for today for the future.

Note: There is only ONE envelope. Thank you for your support.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS (for those who donate to the Parish using envelopes) are available in the Church foyers (STM & Te Puke) for the new financial year 1.4.25 to 31.3.26. Please look for your name & collect your pack. If you would like to donate to the parish either by bank automatic payments or weekly envelopes, please contact the parish office. Donations received are eligible for a tax deductible receipt. (Note: Cash loose donations made via the collection basket are not eligible for a receipt).

MARCH FOOD DRIVE: Our St Vincent de Paul food bank has had a run on requests for food over the last few months. We are struggling to keep up with the demand. Can you help? Take a bag fill with non-perishable goods as many as you can afford, drop back to the church. Food boxes are given to those in need. God Bless.

FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent. Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

LENTEN RETREAT at Tyburn: **9-13 April**. [Book here](#)

Or cdh.org.nz/retreats

Next upcoming **Te Kupenga Jubilee** speaker series, register here <https://form.jot-form.com/250418045698059> **Reflections on *Dilexit Nos*, Wed., 26 March 2025**, 5-6pm via Zoom, Speaker: Fr Monty Bamford (Christchurch Diocese)

Good Friday, 18 April at 10.00am

Stations of the Cross at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Te Puke.

CURRENT OF GRACE welcomes you to: Make Me; Mold Me; Fill Me; Use Me. "Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me" Worship, Teaching, Equipping, Empowerment. Keynote speaker: Susilo Kentjana, Youth Minister New Plymouth Parish. **Sat, 5 April 9.30am**, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkin Rd, Hamilton. BYO lunch. Suggested koha \$10
Contact: Helen Smithson 027 294 1270 Full Flyer Here

OPEN ADOPTION: ESSAY COMPETITION: \$800 First Prize, \$500 Second Prize, \$100 for Five Honorable Mentions. <https://www.openadoption.org.nz> for further information. Join the Discussion... Essay deadline: March 30, 2025
Prizes awarded: April 15, 2025 Kindly submit to: info@openadoption.org.nz
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Clearly: From the Hamilton Diocese - You can find the link here.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is held at STM Church on a **Tuesday at 7.00pm** at the STM Church. For more info ph 027 576 5235.
[WCCM | The World Community for Christian Meditation](#)

PHOTOS REQUIRED: St. Patrick's Parish Putaruru is celebrating its 100 year centenary this year on **30 Nov 2025**. As part of the celebrations, we will be having a photographic exhibition and would kindly ask if anyone has any photos of St. Patrick's Church, in particular the construction or opening of the church if they could scan and email to the parish office: stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com along with any stories or names that may be in relation with the photos.

ARE YOU BEING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? If you are admitted to Tauranga Hospital and would to be visited by a hospital chaplain and or receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so this can be arranged. Please also ensure you enter on the Hospital Admittance form that you are a Roman Catholic.

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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.

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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 Lent, 30 March 2025

1. Joshua 5:9-13 2. Corinthians 5:17-21 **Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3,11-32

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 25 Mar to Sun, 30 Mar 2025

STM Church

9am Tues Dorothy & Fergus O'Meehan RIP

9am Wed Val & Irimie Smith RIP

9am Thurs

9am Fri Ivy Walker 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.