



4th Sunday of Advent, 22 December 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Masses and to all who meaningfully assist in our Parish. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Kind regards

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

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, Papamoā: 8.30am

St Thomas More Church, Mt: 10.00am

St Peter's Church, Maketū

24 Dec Christmas Carols 5.00-5.30pm

24 Dec Christmas Story & Liturgy 5.30-6.30pm

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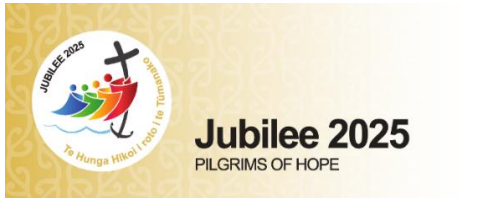
1 Jan New Year's Day Liturgy 10.00am

12 Jan Miha Māori 11.30am

19 Jan Liturgy 11.30am

[Churches & Mass Times — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton](#)

PARISH OFFICE & STAFF: The office will be re-open on **Tues, 28 January 2025**. There will be no newsletters until weekend 2 Feb 2025.



[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 24 Dec 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](#)

OPENING OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE:

This is also a reminder that the Opening of the Year of Jubilee in the Hamilton Diocese will be celebrated on **Sun, 29 Dec**, starting at 3pm from the Clyde Street Convent then processing to the Cathedral for Mass. Bishop Richard encourages all parishes to send representatives if this is at all possible or practical.

ANNOUNCING THE CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND'S NEW WEBSITE!!

We are pleased to announce that the new Catholic Development Fund website is now live!!

Check us out at: <http://www.cdfhamilton.org.nz>

Join us in making a positive impact in our diocese!

We can't wait to hear from you!!

100 YEARS OF ST COLUMBA'S PARISH & SCHOOL

2025 marks the milestone of 100 years of faith, education, and community at St Columba's Parish and School in Hamilton! We welcome past and present parishioners, alumni, families and friends to join our celebrations from **Fri, 28 Feb to Sun 2 Mar 2025**. Events include a Welcome Mix & Mingle, School Open Day, Centenary Celebration Dinner, and a Final Mass & Morning Tea. To register, visit www.stcolumbacentenary.com.

THE NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE is seeking an experienced journalist to support its communications efforts in 2025 and beyond. This new position will assist the Church in sharing its stories and in keeping the Catholic and wider community informed about the life, mission and ministry of the Church. A background in religious journalism would be advantageous, as would experience in media monitoring.

Please send expressions of interest to communications@nzcbc.org.nz no later than **12 Jan 2025**. The role could be filled sooner than 12 Jan for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED IGNATIAN RETREATS – AT CLUNY RETREAT CENTRE, TAURANGA:

Given the experience of economic and social uncertainty that faces so many of us throughout the motu at the moment, do you find yourself wanting some time away from these pressures? Perhaps you feel the need for more than a break or a holiday: space to reflect on your life; to consider the decisions you must make; the priorities you want to set. You need the space to get in touch with your inner spiritual self and pay attention to God.

An Individually Guided Ignatian Retreat is a time of silence – over a weekend or a 4-day period – that is structured flexibly. The retreatant (you) is accompanied by a spiritual director (Fr Richard Shortall SJ) who is thoroughly trained and experienced in listening to and accompanying retreatants. Richard meets you individually each day for no more than 30 minutes. He listens respectfully to you and your circumstances so that he can suggest passages of Scripture, various forms of praying and other ways of spending the retreat day.

You are invited to reflect on your experience in prayer and then talk about what has happened in your day when you meet Richard. Spiritual Discernment – a process of discovering where God is at work in your life and of making God-centred decisions – is central to this accompaniment.

The Spiritual Director, drawing on the experience and wisdom of St Ignatius Loyola (as found in his Spiritual Exercises) helps you, the retreatant, as you deepen your relationship with God. These retreats take place in the peaceful grounds of the Cluny Sisters property in Tauranga, close to the tranquil waters of the Waimapu Estuary with its rich bird life. The retreats are fully catered and include accommodation. Each retreatant has their own bedroom with shared bathroom facilities. The Retreat Centre includes a chapel for individual prayer; 2 lounge areas and a table with materials set aside for sketching and pencil work.

Cost: \$110 weekend retreats (2 nights); \$220 weekday retreats (5 nights).

If this cost is unaffordable, please use the discount code FULL or HALF to receive a FULL or HALF discount. Places are limited to 5 participants per retreat.

Retreat dates: Lenten retreat 7-9 March; 9-11 May & Mothers Retreat 10-12 Oct.

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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 CHRISTMAS

1. Isaiah 9:1-7
 2. Titus 2:11-14
- Gospel: Luke 2:1-4**

MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 23 Dec to Sun, 28 Dec 2024

STM Church

9am Tues

9am Wed

9am Thurs

Padre James – Medjugorje Group – special intentions

9am Fri

Joseph & Catherine Hegan & family RIP

9am Sat

David Segran RIP

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.