



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Mission Sunday)  
20 October 2024**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With Kath Joblin retiring next year as Principal of St. Thomas More Catholic School, the school is eager to consult the community. You are invited to respond to the following questions, and you may place your answers in the box provided in the foyer of St. Thomas More Church:

- 1. What do you see as priorities for our new Principal?**
- 2. What qualities, skills, and attributes do you consider important in our new Principal appointee?**

Let us pray for God's blessing on this process and for a fruitful result. It is crucial that the school appoints a strong and faithful Catholic Principal.

We also give thanks to God for the years of dedicated service Kath has given to the school. Personally, it has been a great pleasure and blessing to work with Kath, and I know I will miss working with her greatly when she retires as Principal next year.

*Kind regards,  
Fr. Eamon Kennedy*

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** After over 20 years of being Principal of St Thomas More Catholic School, Kath Joblin is retiring. This will take effect from term 1, 2025. Kath has done a wonderful job of leading the school and the Board of Trustees thank Kath for her years of hard work and dedication to the school.

The Board of Trustees have commenced the process of recruiting for a new Principal, and are seeking thoughts from the Parishioners as to the priorities for the successful candidate.

There is a short questionnaire on the table in the foyer, and the Board of Trustees would appreciate it if parishioners could please complete this and place your answers in the sealed box. This box will be removed on **Mon, 28 October**.

Please direct any questions to [bot@stm\*\*school\*\*.nz](mailto:bot@stm<b>school</b>.nz)

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** I am putting together a Children's Choir to sing at Mass on the third Sunday each month. All primary school aged children welcome. Starting on **Sun, 20 October**. Contact Cath Shaw for more info. Email [cath63@hotmail.com](mailto:cath63@hotmail.com) or Ph 022 696 6183

**THIS WEEKEND IS MISSION SUNDAY:** In October, Catholics unite worldwide in prayer, solidarity and support for the Church's missionary effort. Globally, a collection taken up at Sunday Mass for the Pontifical Mission Societies to support Pope Francis' missionary endeavours.

**MISSION SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES** are available in the Church foyer or make a direct donation to MissioAotearoa bank a/c: **02 0506 0022477 068**.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Mt 22:9). The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: "While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth & individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others.

On this Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptised to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality and our Eucharistic banquet, where Jesus gives His life for us and gives us the grace to do the same for others. Let us pray for the great universal mission of the baptised and support it concretely through our financial offerings dedicated entirely to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the pontifical work that helps young Churches. Let us stand firm in the affirmation of our faith, which has its model the Servant and High Priest Jesus, who gives his life anew today in the banquet of His Eucharist.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT:** Last year, through the international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we contributed to support worldwide: 4,461,098 children; 4204 projects supporting communities; 81,393 seminarians; 6,643 Novices.

Please pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2025:** Are available from the parish office \$12 each.

**ALLSAINTS PARTY !!** This year our All Saints Party will be held on our Parish Patron Saint day - the Solemnity of All Saints - **Friday 1st Nov, 5.30pm - 6.45pm**. Come join us in the parish lounge at St Thomas More, dressed as your favourite Saint. Fun activities as well as a parade and a few sweet treats! Let's gather together as a parish and celebrate - this doesn't just have to be for the kids! Bring a plate of finger food to share. Contact Kirsty for more information and keep an eye on our social media page. [kirstym@cdh.org.nz](mailto:kirstym@cdh.org.nz)

**THE ADVENT KETE KORERO** will once again include pages dedicated to the annual highlights from around the diocese. This includes all parishes/schools/groups who wish to submit something. Please use the below jotform link and share with others in your parish and networks to encourage them to send something in. [Submit here](#)

**FOOD DRIVE:** Another amazing response with food. 8 bags a week were taken to the support centre which helps feed those in need. Thank you for your generosity. God bless.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:** St Patricks Family Group meeting **Sunday 20 October** at Great Spice Restaurant Golden Sands 12 noon. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148.

**2025 SUZANNE AUBERT CALENDARS:** Are available for purchase for \$15.00. Please contact: Tania 027 641 4085.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Lucas Hatchman who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** "Prayer of the Heart" **Tues 7pm-8pm** at STM Church Mt Maunganui. We welcome all. Experience and develop Christian Meditation in a holistic setting. Ph Kylie 027 964 8969 Paula 027 576 5235.

**ARE YOU BEING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL?** If you are admitted to Tauranga Hospital and would 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**.

**FOUND:** Ladies wrist watch. Please collect from parish office if you think it may belong to you. It was found in the STM Church foyer 3 weeks ago.

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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 30th Week in Ordinary Time, 27 Oct 2024**

1. Jeremiah 31:7-9 2. Hebrews 5:1-6 **Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

### **MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 15 Oct Sept to Sun, 20 Oct 2024**

#### STM Church

9am Tues

9am Wed

9am Thurs

Maisie & Tony Buckels RIP

9am Fri

Lisa Holten

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.*