



## 4th Sunday of Lent, 30 March 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Rite II Reconciliation for Lent**

This week, we have our Rite II Reconciliation for Lent on **Friday, 4 April at 7.00pm**, and again next **Friday, 11 April**, at St Mary's Tauranga, at **6.00pm**.

Sunday's Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) is a powerful passage for our prayer and reflection as we prepare for Confession. The Father welcomed the Prodigal Son back without question, giving him a ring for his finger, a robe, sandals for his feet, and a joyful celebration. God the Father waits for us to return to Him and rejoices when we do—a beautiful and healthy image of God's love.

At times, we may also find ourselves in the role of the elder son, bitter and resentful. Though he had remained faithful, he struggled to accept his brother's actions and his father's forgiveness. We are all prodigal sons and daughters, whether like the younger son who strayed or the elder son who struggled with forgiveness. But most importantly, God the Father is always welcoming us back with open arms. He never tires of forgiving us—but as Pope Francis reminds us, we often tire of asking for forgiveness.

### **Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Our Enquiry Period for those interested in becoming Catholic—or simply exploring the possibility—begins this **Thursday, 3 April at 7.00pm** at St Thomas More Parish Centre. Please keep those discerning this journey of faith in your prayers.

*Kind regards*

*Fr. Eamon Kennedy*

**ARE YOU IN THE PARISH FOR EASTER?** If you are available to assist with the ministries, please write your name down on the clipboards in the STM foyer.

**THE CHRISM MASS** will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton on **Tues, 15 April at 12pm/noon**. Refreshments will be made available afterwards, please stay and enjoy the company of all parishioners from around the diocese.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Every **Friday** during Lent at STM Church **7pm**.

**GOOD FRIDAY, 18 April at 10am** Stations of the Cross at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Te Puke.

### **WANTED CATECHISTS – RCIC (Sacraments of Initiation)**

Are you interested in joining a 'team of catechists' in helping teach children in the Catholic Faith? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Heidi for further information at [pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz](mailto:pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz)

**A QUIET HALF DAY LENTEN JOURNEY RETREAT** will be held at STM parish centre on **Wed, 2 April from 9am-12 noon**. You are most welcome to attend the 9am Mass, then join the retreat at 9.30am. 1<sup>st</sup> Teaching: What is Forgiveness? What is For-Giving? 2<sup>nd</sup> Teaching: How does self-forgiveness work? Giving up, as in offering up, not giving-in. To register ph Gabi Daly 021 112 6804 or email [enneagramgabi@gmail.com](mailto:enneagramgabi@gmail.com) See poster on noticeboard for more details.

**FAREWELL TO KATH JOBLIN:** On **Fri, 11 April** we will farewell Kath Joblin from STM School with a special Mass at 11 am, replacing the usual 9am Mass. Both the School and Parish wish to contribute towards a new computer as a farewell gift for Kath. If you would like to make a donation, please use the *reference Kath Joblin* 020342 0050016 **16** (if your bank uses a 3 digit suffix **016**). You can also use the same bank account for those who donate via automatic payments). We warmly invite you to attend this Mass as we honour Kath's 25 years of faithful service as Principal and give thanks to God for her dedication to our school and parish community.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** to help serve in the parish kitchen to serve the refreshments after the Mass to farewell Kath Joblin. Please contact parish office if you are available to assist.

**DIVINE WILL** meeting will be held on **Thurs 3 April** after the 9.30am Mass, in the STM parish lounge (John Fisher room). Come & hear why we were created.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet in the John Fisher room on **Fri, 4 April** after the 9am Mass. Come and pray for your children and grandchildren.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** There will be baptism preparation course for Catholic parents of children aged under the age of 6 at the STM parish centre on **Mon, 7 April, 7-9pm**. If you wish to attend, please register by contacting the parish office.

**MESSAGE FROM TE PUKE:** Somebody has borrowed the wooden easel from the foyer at St. Patrick's Te Puke. Please bring it back, as we need it for Easter. Thank you.

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP** will be held at STM parish centre on **Fri, 30 May at 5.30pm**, especially for those who have not previously attended, those who are wanting a refresher or anyone who is interested.

## **EASTER MASS TIMES:**

### **ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH:**

Holy Thurs, 7pm; Good Fri 3pm; Easter Vigil 7pm; Easter Sunday 10am & 5pm.

### **ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, TE PUKE:**

Holy Thurs, 7pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Vigil 7pm.

### **SUZANNE AUBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

Easter Sunday 8.30am

## **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER**

Please look for your name & collect your pack.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM PERSONALITY TYPES** on **Sat, 12 April** at the St John the Baptist Anglican Church centre, Jellicoe St, Te Puke from 9.30-3.30pm. Facilitator Gabi Daly, Educator, Spiritual Director, Psychotherapist, Professional Supervisor, BOP. On this day you will learn all the basics about the Enneagram Personality Types. Cost \$95 BYO lunch, beverages & snacks provided. Contact Gabi [enneagramgabi@gmail.com](mailto:enneagramgabi@gmail.com) or ph or text 021 11 26804. See noticeboard for more details.

**WEEK 4 LENT:** E te Atua o te aroha, God of Love, thank you for Your unending love that we experience as Your sons and daughters. We know that You loved us so much that You were prepared to give Your only Son so that we could have life everlasting. Reveal how love could become a common language for us all to understand one another and to share together.

## **THE BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR CARITAS AOTEAROA NZ**

Donation envelopes are available in the foyer. Thank you for your support. On **Tues, 25 March**, the Bishops issued a statement, encouraging people to support their Lenten Appeal as an "act of generosity". You can find the statement attached, or on the NZCBC website here:

<https://catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-for-lenten-appeal-is-an-act-of-generosity/>

## **Obtaining an Indulgence in the Diocese of Hamilton Jubilee 2025**

Indulgence pamphlet – click on the link below. Some printed copies available in foyer. [Indulgences.pdf](#)

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry. [attached flyer](#)

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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 5th Sunday of Lent, 6 April 2025**

1. Isaiah 43:16-21    2. Philippians 3:8-14    **Gospel: John 8:1-11**

### **MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 1 April to Sun, 6 April 2025**

#### STM Church

9am Tues                      Terry O'Sullivan & family RIP

9am Wed

9am Thurs                      Mr & Mrs JP Elwood RIP

9am Fri

9am Sat

10am & 5pm Sun

#### 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.*