



## 2nd Sunday of Lent, 16 March 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Clergy gathering this week**

This week, the clergy of the Hamilton Diocese will gather in Tauranga for three days. As a result, there will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday, 19 March, at 9.00am**. On **Thursday, 20 March, Mass will be at 12.15pm** as part of the **Catholic Women's League conference**, replacing the usual 9.00am Mass.

### **Sacramental Programme**

The children in the Sacramental Programme begin their lessons this week on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to become full and active members of the Church.

### **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 7.00pm** 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**.

## **RITE II RECONCILIATION FOR LENT**

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

Tauranga **Friday 11 April, 6.00pm**

**WEEK 2 LENT:** E te Atua o nga Maunga, God of the Mountains, we stand in awe of You! Thank you for always being with us regardless of where we may be on our journeys. May we choose to follow Your instruction to listen to Jesus every day. Let us be transformed by Your light, so that those we encounter will draw closer to You. 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.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE:**

**Thurs, 20 March.** Our guest speaker will be Tenby Powell speaking about his experience on KARE (Kiwi Aid and Refugee Evacuation Organisation).

We extend an invitation to parishioners to join us at **10.30am on 20 March**. A donation to Denby's ongoing charity in Ukraine would be appreciated.

CWL Diocesan Conference – **Registration at 9.00am** & members are reminded \$20 conference fee, and finger food plate for lunch. We will also have a box for donations for our guest speaker Tenby Powell's charity.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Sebastian Saglia who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:** St Patrick's Family Group meeting this weekend, **Sun, 16 March, 12 noon** for shared finger food lunch at 11 Kairua Rd. Any queries ring Merrilyn 575 4148.

**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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**LENTEN RETREAT** at Tyburn: **9-13 April**. [Book here](#)  
Or [cdh.org.nz/retreats](http://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)

**VOICE FOR LIFE BOP:** Do you have a passion for the unborn? Voice for Life BOP, are looking for new committee members to join us. We meet monthly. Please contact koralee.kahika@gmail.com for further information.

**Good Friday, 18 April at 10.00am**

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

**Clearly:** From the Hamilton Diocese - February 2025, was sent out last week. 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](#)

**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.

**FOUND:** A handbag has been found in the STM Church. If it belongs to you, please collect from parish office.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, 23 March 2025**

1. Exodus 3:1-8,13-15    2. 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12    **Gospel: John 13:1-9**

### **MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: Tues, 18 Mar to Sun, 23 Mar 2025**

#### STM Church

9am Tues **Liturgy**

**12.15pm** Wed (no 9am Mass)

9am Thurs

Mr & Mrs Stan Ihle RIP

9am Fri

Mr & Mrs James Godfrey RIP

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.*