



St Thomas More Catholic Church

Newsletter

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4/5 FEBRUARY 2012 - 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MISSION : To call all people to holiness in Jesus through His one, holy, catholic and apostolic church

A journey through the Bible:

14 Books of the Bible to give the BIG PICTURE of salvation history. God's plan to save humanity. Read each book through in its entirety

Genesis (Early World & Patriarchs)
Exodus (Egypt and Exodus)
Numbers (Desert Wanderings)
Joshua (Conquest & Judges)
Judges (Conquest & Judges)
1 Samuel (Royal Kingdom)
2 Samuel (Royal Kingdom)
1 Kings (Royal Kingdom & Divided Kingdom)
2 Kings (Divided Kingdom & Exile)
Ezra (Return)
Nehemiah (Return)
1 Maccabees (Maccabean Revolt)
Luke (Messianic Fulfillment)
Acts (The Church)

Alpha starts Tuesday 14 February

Once again, we are given the responsibility of sharing the joy of knowing Jesus with others. Please take the courageous step to invite a friend, family member or colleague to Alpha this year. It is important you come with them to the first session to support them.

Welcome to James Millar and Matthew Gibson

James and Matt are entering into a pre-seminary year the same as what Glen has just completed. James hails from Tokoroa and Mt Maunganui, while Matt comes to us from Hamilton. Both enjoy (are obsessed with) surfing and dinning at peoples houses. James will be assisting with our youth program and will take it over when Richard leaves. Matt is the Chapain at Aquinas College. Please make both men welcome.

Fr Michael

WELCOME ONE AND ALL

St Thomas More School is celebrating Term 1 School Mass on **Sunday, 12 Feb** at 9am. You are all invited to share this experience with our children and their families. Directly after Mass the PTFA are shouting everyone to a Devonshire tea which includes tea/coffee with a scone or muffin, cream & jam. It's a great way to meet new families & the staff of the school. Please come along.

ALTAR SERVING COURSE

For boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, 11 Feb at 2pm in the church. To enroll contact Margaret, Chris or parish office 575 4807.

USED PALMS

There is a box in the foyer for your 'old' palms to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

COFFEE GROUP

Tuesdays anytime from 9.45am - 12pm
Everyone (ages 0-100 :-) welcome for a cuppa and a chat. Children's activities provided.
enquiries to: Christine, ph 5748722 Jeannie, txt/ ph 022010VITA

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Groups have started again for 2012....

Tahu Junior Youth Group (years 7 to 9) meet on Fridays from 7-8:30 and

Lighthouse Senior Youth Group (years 10 to 13) meet on Sundays from 6:30-8pm. Feel free to call or text us if you have any questions: 021 334 780, Rich and Kelly.

ALPHA COURSE

Starts here at St Thomas More Parish on **Tuesday, 14 February** at 6pm (finishes 24 April).

Sessions begin with a meal followed by a talk (dvd) and small group discussion where there is the opportunity to ask questions and explore the topics.

- **What is the point of life?**
- **What happens when we die?**
- **What relevance does Jesus have in our lives in 2012?**

To register complete the slip in the brochure on the bench in foyer or post to St Thomas more Parish 'Alpha', 17 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui 3116. There is no charge for Alpha, however, we do invite a donation towards the meals and guest manuals.

DIOCESAN TEACHERS MASS

On Tues, 21 Feb St Thomas More is hosting the annual Diocesan Teachers' Mass at 5.30pm. This is a very special occasion for all teachers. If you would like to come along in support of all teachers you would be very welcome. If you do come, please bring a plate of goodies to share after Mass—many teachers are coming from Whakatane, Rotorua, Opotiki, Waihi. Thank you in advance.

ARE YOU ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

Lovers for Life course is a course for engaged couples. If you wish to register please contact David or Christina on 544 1415. Dates for course are:

Saturdays 11 February and 25 February 10.00 - 3.00pm.

FIRE EVACUATION:

1. **BE AWARE OF YOUR NEAREST EXIT**
2. **ALARM SOUNDS, MOVE SMARTLY TO YOUR NEAREST EXIT—DO NOT RUN**
3. **ASSEMBLE IN THE CAR PARKING AREA**
4. **DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL CLEARANCE IS GIVEN**

**Hearing
Loop
operates in
church**

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:

Martin Family Group:

February Activities

Wednesday 8 February Church Complex 10am Morning Tea. Please bring a small plate. A chance to discuss the draft program for 2012.

Wednesday 22 February

10am Morning tea A small plate please.

To be decided after the 8 February meeting but could be a chance to catch up with old friends. Any questions please ring Stan or Gaylene 544 7955.

The Daniel Family Group:

are off to Summerfest, Sunday 5 February at Blake Park. 1.30pm onwards. Bring along your picnic afternoon tea/dinner, chairs and sunscreen and enjoy the entertainment. Check it out on summerfestnz.com. Tickets are \$20 for a Family pass and are available from www.ticketdirect.co.nz or from Baycourt and TECT Arena at Baypark. For more info and meeting place, contact Angela on 542 0990 or 021 956650.

Family on the Edge:

will be celebrating St. Patricks Day on **Friday 17 February**, please note we are a month early. WHY?? Well St Patricks Day arrives during lent and as it is not a recognized "Holy Day" in New Zealand we wanted to really celebrate soo!!!: we are having a movie night at "**The Kontze's**" 21 Snowden Street, Ohauti, 5441415. Ice-cream and popcorn is the order of the night, **6.30pm for a 7pm** start and the movie, a real classic, "**THE QUIET MAN**" starring none other than a young John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Come and join the fun. This is an invitation to other family groups and the community of St Thomas More. Gold coin donation towards the ice-cream and popcorn and of course compulsory "WEARING OF THE GREEN". Want to know more ring Dolores 5753686.

AX Christi/Social Justice

Just a reminder that the first of our gatherings for this year will be at mount Drury for a dawn Service to celebrate the unique Founding Document of Aotearoa New Zealand. Waitangi day **6 February**, see you there. Dolores/Peter

Frassati Young Adult Group

presents: Theology on Tap!! Tuesday 7 February at Imbibe Pub. Contact Rich for details: 021 334 780.

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

Before the next roster is issued in mid-February, we would like to have a brief meeting with all counters **NEXT Sunday, 12 February after 9am Mass**. This will take about 15 minutes.

Prior to that meeting could any of the current counters please let either Jan in the parish office (575 4807) or John Uden (575 4214) know if they do not wish to continue on the counting roster.

Any parishioners with experience of handling cash and who would like to help with counting on the Sunday collections contact Jan or John. Joining the roster would mean a counting duty about once every 2 months.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

is a relationship of trust, growth and accountability undertaken with the purpose of maturing in my relationship with God. I'm embarking on my first year of training as a spiritual director & I need to have one or two people willing to share their spiritual lives with me. If you would be interested in the experiment, please get in touch with me. Dawn de Witt 544-5476 or 021 02128255d.dewitt@xtra.co.nz

STM SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

If anyone has second hand St Thomas More School uniform to donate, please leave at the school office. There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale after the school Mass on 12 February.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 8.30am till 10am

ST THOMAS MORE MASS TIMES:

Mon & Thurs 9am Liturgy with Holy Communion
Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am Mass
Benediction Wed 9.30am
Sat Vigil 7pm
Sun 9am
TE PUKE: Mon & Thurs 9am
Saturday Vigil 5pm



CD's available in the foyer. \$5.00 each.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER: Please note the week starting Mon 6 Feb to Sat, 11 Feb is **WEEK ONE.**

READINGS FOR 11/12 February, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B.

1. Levit 13:1-2,44-46 2. 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 **Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

ROSTERS FOR SATURDAY VIGIL 11 February 2012 7pm

Co-ordinator: Doreen McCarthy
Greeters: Pat Ruddell
Readers: Mark Brebner, Philippa Palmer
Gifts: Natalie Smythe
EMC's: Ted Dooley, Brian Cotter, **+ volunteer please**
Power Point: Judith Williams
Altar Assistants: Z Baker, Tom Wilson

ROSTERS FOR SUNDAY, 12 February 2012 9am: ST THOMAS SCHOOL MASS

EMC's: Mike & Jenni Kuipers, Julia Stringfellow, Marjorie Douglas
Altar Assistants: A Jeffries, I Norton

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for 12 February:

Heidi Nield & Leny Kastermans

COUNTERS FOR 12 February 2012:

Price-Swenson, McCarthy & Hatton

DIVINE MERCY is held in the Church every Tuesday, 2.45 to 3.30pm. All welcome.

HOLY ROSARY is held in our Church every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday after Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any requests for prayer please phone Merrilyn Barran on 575 4148 and Pat Cleaver on 575 3215.

PRaise/WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP:

Starts on 6 February (1st Mon in Feb).
Deacon Henk

MAORI MASS:

Held on first Sunday of month at 10.30am. Everyone most welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Every Wednesday after Benediction. Newcomers welcome. Inquiries Joy 575 2889.

DONATIONS TO PARISH

Please deposit to RC Bishop of Hamilton Parish A/c Mt Maunganui A/c no. 020342 0050016 001. Please put your name in the reference so a tax receipt can be issued.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Please complete a New Parishioner form in the Church foyer. Thank you.

Collection for 28/29 January 2012

1st: 597.25 2nd: 2041.95

CHURCH CLEANING starting week from Monday, 6 February 2012:

Susanna Holten, Margie Cooper & Kathy Robson

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are available at the parish office for \$8.00.