



St Thomas More Catholic Church

Newsletter

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18/19 FEBRUARY 2012 - 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, 22 February

9.00am - Mass

12.00pm Te Puke - Mass

7.00pm Combined Anglican/Catholic Liturgy. St Thomas More

Lent is a time to strip off all the non essentials and walk with Jesus. We already have the means of doing this: Prayer, fasting (Abstaining) and Almsgiving. Some recommendations for all three. Please decide by Wednesday what it is you are committing too - discuss as a family.

Prayer:

- Go to an extra Mass each week. This Lent we are offering Wednesday Mass at 7.00am for workers. We have Mass here every day at 9.00am
- or Spend 10 minutes in meditation - excellent online site www.sacredspace.ie
- or Read chapter of Bible every day
- or Pray Rosary every day
- Pray family prayers. Suggested prayer: Pray decade of Rosary then one prayer of thanksgiving each, one prayer of petition (asking) each. Amen.
- Stations of the Cross every **Friday at 5.40pm** (during Lent).

Fasting

- Friday multi-media free day. Decide as a family or individual to not watch TV, Play electronic games, or go on internet. Rather eat together as a family. Play board games together. Visit a friend. Anything other than electronics,
- Give up alcohol or sweets

Almsgiving

- Give the money you have saved from your fasting to Caritas - Catholic organisation that assists poor and marginalised. Caritas envelopes are in the foyer.
- Give up sweets as a family give money to Caritas
- Visit a lonely person you know each week
- Take your children to visit a lonely person you know.
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A Blessed Lent to you all. *Fr Michael*

Please support Family Life International's pro family, pro life pregnancy centre

by ordering a copy of Fr Linus Clovis' new book, "A Biblical Search for the Church Christ Founded" with Foreword by Cardinal Arinze. Apologetics book which uses Scripture to explain the Catholic Faith biblically. Excellent for new Catholics, teenagers and anyone wanting to increase their knowledge of the biblical roots of our Catholic faith. Order yours for \$35 incl p & p. (Disc for multiple copies) Email fli.shop@xtra.co.nz www.fli.org.nz or phone 09 629 0820.

PROLIFE FACTS:

Martin Luther King the campaigner for black civil rights wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail". His prophetic words are applicable to the pro-life cause in NZ. Last year the Court of Appeal upheld Justice Forest Miller's ruling that the law does not recognise the unborn child's right to life and that this is based on "convenience rather than medical or moral principle". "There are two types of law, just and unjust," wrote King. "How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law, or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law." "To put it in the terms of St Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust and ends up relegating persons to the status of things."

For more information about pro-life issues, contact Voice for Life on (09)4430995.

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ALPHA COURSE

It's not too late to join Alpha at Thomas More Parish on **Tuesday, 21 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.

COFFEE GROUP

There will be no Coffee Group meeting on Tuesdays due to Alpha set up. Please contact Christine on 574 8722 for new meeting day.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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.

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

PARISH PICNIC: Mark **Sunday, 18 March** on your calendar! Come along with your family and friends to our Parish Picnic. Bring lunch and refreshments along with rugs and chairs and mix and mingle with fellow parishioners. We will have fun and games and activities suitable for all ages.
Time: 12.00 noon onwards. Venue: Rotary Park, Te Hono Street, Maungatapu.

NEW WEEKEND

MINISTRIES ROSTER

Available in foyer by statue of St Thomas More. Please take a copy.

ROSARY FOR UNBORN:

Rosary is said every Saturday for the unborn (inside Church) & on the 1st Saturday of each month on the roadside.

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.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:

Martin Family Group:

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.

St Patrick's Family Group:

Meeting TODAY Sunday 19 February 12 noon at Omokoroa Beach Reserve for picnic lunch. BYO food, drinks, chairs etc. Any queries ph Marilyn 575 4148. If wet contact Marilyn & Ray.

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Please note that whatever date the FIRST MONDAY of the month is, then that is WEEK ONE, e.g Monday, 6 Feb was week 1; Mon, 5 Mar week 1; Mon, 2 Apr week 1; Mon, 7 May week 1; Mon, 4 June week 1 & so on.

REQUEST FROM LADIES WHO DO THE CHURCH FLOWERS

Few of us have gardens.... If some parishioners can help by providing blooms, foliage etc, could you please contact Monika on 575 5844. Thank you.

DOVE:

Tauranga: Meeting Saturday, 25 February at Aquinas College Chapel. 1 o'clock start til 3.30pm. Theme : The Word enthroned in Jesus. Speakers the team : A new beginning. Preparation time. Come and experience the Lords greatness.

The Lord asks that you COME WITH AN OPEN HEART & MIND to receive all that He has for you ! Anything different.

Ladies this is very exciting, you don't want to miss out, you will want to hear the Lords plans for 2012. Come bring a friend. All ladies welcome. All meetings will be the 4th Saturday of the month at Aquinas College Chapel.

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 20 Feb to Sat, 25 Feb is **WEEK 3. **NEW ROSTER ON TABLE.**

READINGS FOR 25/26 February, 1ST Sunday Sunday in Lent: Year B.

1. Genesis 9:8-15 2. 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

******NEW MINISTRIES ROSTER ON BENCH IN FOYER***

ROSTERS FOR SATURDAY VIGIL 25 February 2012 7pm

Co-ordinator: Catherine Campbell
Greeters: Ted Dooley
Readers: Monika Barker, Ian Stringfellow
Gifts: Pat Ruddell
EMC's: Philip & Margaret Sherry, Brian Cotter
Power Point: Linda Castle
Altar Assistants: L Castle, H Watts

ROSTERS FOR SUNDAY, 26 February 2012 9am:

YOUTH MASS

EMC's: Rose Palmer, Marjorie Douglas, Melissa Kontze, Andrew Barker
Altar Assistants: D Fahey Bourne, M Foley Gillies

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for 26 February:
Margaret Erskine-Shaw & Chris Jaegar

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. Every Sat Rosary said for Unborn.

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:

Held in parish every Monday evening @ 7.30pm. Starts at 7pm with a cuppa. All welcome. 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 18/19 February 2012

1st: 620.25 2nd: 2294.15

CHURCH CLEANING starting week from Monday, 20 February 2012:

Margaret Erskine-Ahw, Salvie Kippenberger, Neville Munro

COUNTERS FOR 26 February 2012:

**New counters roster has been posted. Callard, Mourits, Cleaver, Houghton