

PARISH OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

MASS TIMES



SUNDAY	Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm 8am 9am 10.30am 5pm Korean Mass <i>Also 5pm at St Thomas More, Mt Maunganui</i>	St Mary Immaculate St Mary Immaculate St Joseph's # St Mary Immaculate St Mary Immaculate
MONDAY	8am Mass 8am <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	St Joseph's St Mary Immaculate
TUESDAY	8am Mass 5.15pm	St Mary Immaculate Cluny Retreat Centre*
WEDNESDAY	9.15am Mass 10am Mass 10.30am Korean Mass	St Therese Chapel Aquinas College Chapel* St Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	8am Mass 9am Mass	St Mary Immaculate St Mary's School*
FRIDAY	8am Mass (Exposition from 7.30am) 12.05pm (11am Holy Hour)	St Joseph's ^ St Mary Immaculate
SATURDAY	8am Mass <i>Also the Vigil Mass (see above)</i>	St Mary Immaculate

* During School Term only

First Sunday of the month at **St Therese Chapel**, 215 Bethlehem Rd—the 9am Mass on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month is in Te Reo Maori.

^ First Friday—9.30am at **Omokoroa Community Church**, 139 Hamurana Rd

Please note that these times are subject to change.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St Mary Immaculate Church

Friday, 11.15am

Saturday, after the 8am Mass

or by appointment

St Joseph's Church

Friday 7.30am

or by appointment

During **Advent** and **Lent**, Rite II Reconciliation will also be available at both churches.

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Welcome to New Parishioners



Nau mai, haere mai!



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH—NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Welcome to the Parish of St Thomas Aquinas in Tauranga Moana, a community of believers who know the joys and griefs, the hopes and anxieties of being a Catholic in today's world. We are delighted you have found us, and we hope that you feel welcome here. May you experience hospitality amongst us – may you feel at home. The Parish of St Thomas Aquinas is a large parish – with over 1000 people attending Mass each Sunday, with two main churches and several chapels, and with parish boundaries extending from Omokoroa to Pyes Pa and beyond. Our hope is that you will feel a part of the family; if you choose, you could become involved in one of the many service, educational, social or pastoral welfare groups. Your own needs will also be a concern of the Parish so contact the Parish Office for any assistance we might be able to give.

The **Parish website** is a very useful resource for you, with information about the history of the parish, our schools, the parish Vision and Mission, Mass times, groups in the parish, and contact details: www.taurangamoanacatholic.nz

As well, you can receive alerts from the parish, key events, changes to Mass times, and so on, through the **Parish App** – search for either **Parish of St Thomas Aquinas** or **Tauranga Moana Catholic**. This App is free to download.

Please fill out the form in the centre of this leaflet. The personal details you record are for Parish and Diocesan use only and will not be shared with any other interest group or association without your express permission. Your registration enables us to contact you with news about Parish activities and, as you become more involved, to send you rosters and other relevant information. Statistical information is also helpful for Diocesan records. (Drop the form into the office—or fold it and place it in the Sunday collection basket.)

If there's anything you think we could do better, let us know.

As Parish Priest, I assure you of a warm welcome – Father Arnold, Father Peter, Deacon Ricky and I look forward to getting to know you. It is good to have you with us! Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

Father Philip Billing

Parish Priest



Father Philip



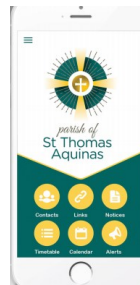
Father Arnold



Father Peter

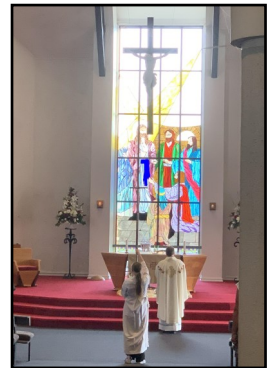


Deacon Ricky



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

- ◆ Youth Groups
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul
- ◆ FullStop Van
- ◆ Loaves and Fishes (lunches for kids)
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration
- ◆ Dove Fellowship (for women)
- ◆ Joshua Fellowship (for men)
- ◆ Catholic Women's League (*in recess*)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee
- ◆ *ANCHOR* (Parish magazine)
- ◆ Marriage Preparation
- ◆ Property Maintenance volunteers
- ◆ Rosary group
- ◆ Prayer Chain
- ◆ Korean Community
- ◆ Hospitality / Greeters
- ◆ Apostleship of the Sea
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Marian Movement for Priests
- ◆ Sursum Corda Choir (St Mary's School)
- ◆ Filipino Community
- ◆ Kerala (Indian Catholic) Community
- ◆ Music Ministry (Emmaus, organists, pianists)
- ◆ Liturgical Ministries
- ◆ Communion to the Sick
- ◆ Voice for Life
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Sacristans
- ◆ Florists
- ◆ Social Justice
- ◆ Caritas
- ◆ Interfaith
- ◆ Evangelisation Team
- ◆ And more...



WHERE WE ARE:

Main Churches:

- † St Joseph's Church, 10 Pitua Rd, Te Puna
- † St Mary Immaculate Church, Corner Cameron Rd and 1st Ave, Tauranga Central

Other Churches and Chapels:

- † St Therese Chapel, 217 Bethlehem Rd, Bethlehem
- † St Joseph's Church, Matakana Island
- † Cluny Chapel, St Mary's School, 11 Thirteenth Ave
- † Cluny Retreat Centre Chapel, 21 Thirteenth Ave
- † Aquinas College Chapel, 183 Pyes Pa Rd, Pyes Pa
- † Omokoroa Community Church, 139 Hamurana Rd, Omokoroa

Parish Administration:

114 Elizabeth St (next to St Mary Immaculate Church)

Phone: 578 6209

Email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz

Postal: PO Box 15-124, Tauranga 3144

Facebook/taurangamoanacatholic

SOME ADDITIONAL CONTACT DETAILS:

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
St Mary's School	578 8066	office@stmarystga.school.nz
Aquinas College	543 2400	admin@aquinas.school.nz
Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retreat Centre• Convent	578 5220 579 4480	retreatcentre@clunysisters.org.nz
Parish Pastoral Assistant—Cheryl Standring	578 6209	pastoralassistant@taurangamoanacatholic.nz
RCIA (New Catholics) – Cheryl Standring	578 6209	pastoralassistant@taurangamoanacatholic.nz
Apostleship of the Sea Anne-Maree Rhodes	579 9313	annemaree83@hotmail.com
Hamilton Diocese	07-856 6989	Website: http://proudtobecatholic.org.nz/
Marriage Preparation – Contact Hamilton Diocese	07-856 6989	
St Vincent de Paul	579 2335	Trish Hanlen

OUR PARISH VISION

A PARISH IN LOVE WITH GOD AND ALIVE WITH JOYFUL WORSHIP,
ACTIVE MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

OUR PARISH MISSION:

- ◆ CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS
- ◆ NOURISH THE FAITHFUL
- ◆ REACH OUT TO THE LOST
- ◆ SERVE THE POOR
- ◆ BUILD COMMUNITY
- ◆ CONNECT THE YOUTH
- ◆ GROW THE CHURCH

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

This is, of course, central to our life together as the Body of Christ. Our celebration of Sunday Mass together is the “source and summit” of our being Catholic. Some details you may find useful are:

Baptism

Generally Sundays at 12.15pm – if it is your first child to be baptised, you will need to complete a Baptism Preparation course. Contact Margie at the Parish Office to book into one of our courses. Course dates are on the Parish website.

Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist)

The programme begins in February each year, and concludes in June/July with the celebration of First Communion. Watch for notification in the parish newsletter or on the website.

RCIA (Adults Becoming Catholic)

Contact Cheryl Standring, 578 6209, ext.5.

Miha Maori (Mass in Te Reo Maori)

- 1st Sunday, 9am at St Therese Chapel, Bethlehem
- 3rd and 5th Sunday, 9am at St Joseph's, Te Puna
- 3rd or 4th Sunday, 11am at Matakana Island

Korean Mass: Wednesday 10.30am, Sunday 5pm, at St Mary Immaculate, enquiries to Jae Lee 027 533 9799

Filipino Mass: 2nd Friday of each month, 6pm at St Mary Immaculate.

More details can be found on the parish website: www.taurangamoanacatholic.nz

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

The Administration Centre for the parish is located at 114 Elizabeth St (next to St Mary Immaculate Church). **Margie Cooper** is the Parish Administrative and Pastoral Coordinator, and will always give you a warm welcome.

Phone: 578 6209 Email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz

Postal: PO Box 15-124, Tauranga 3144. *(There is a small selection of rosaries, crucifixes and medals for sale from the Parish Office.)*



HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

In 2016, the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton appointed **Leanne Brooks** to the role of hospital chaplain at Tauranga Hospital. Leanne visits patients, liaises with the chaplaincy team at the hospital, and provides good linkage between the hospital and the parish. If you need to contact Leanne, her number is 021 056 3326.



SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF CLUNY

Our parish has been blessed with the presence of the Sisters for over 75 years. As well as their presence in the parish, they conduct the **Cluny Retreat Centre** (578 5220), which is available for day and over-night retreats. Mass is celebrated there most Tuesday evenings, 5.15pm. *(Refer to the newsletter.)*



YOUTH MINISTRY

To be confirmed.

PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Cheryl Standring is the Parish Pastoral Assistant, and her role includes welcoming new parishioners, coordinating Communion to the Sick, RCIA and coordinating Home Groups in the Parish. Cheryl can be contacted at the Parish Administration Centre, 578 6209 (ext 5), or email: pastoralassistant@taurangamoanacatholic.nz.



OTHER ADMINISTRATION ROLES

Peg Cummins is the archivist and librarian for the Parish.

Ashley Hayes is the Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee, (578-5190).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This group meets each month, under the capable guidance of **Terry Consedine** (Chairperson). Amongst other things, they work towards the implementation of the Parish's Mission, and advise the parish priest in his task of leading the parish. If you have any matters you would like to present to the Parish Council, you can email Terry at: parishcouncil@taurangamoanacatholic.nz.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

To be advised.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group runs a workshop each year to help parishioners prepare their funerals (should they wish to); and arranges a Memorial Mass each year, remembering those in the parish who have died. These will be advertised in the parish newsletter.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

Our beautiful churches, parish centres and other facilities have been gradually established, restored, enhanced and maintained for over 100 years.

Parishioners over the years have felt the responsibility of passing these cherished facilities down to us over many generations of generosity and care. **You are invited to ensure that this work continues.** The Parish has a Planned Giving Programme to which you are encouraged to contribute, either through Automatic Payments or the weekly envelope programme. Good planning requires us to feel confident about our future income—and what you give supports the various ministries of the Church. The extra advantage for you is that you can receive back as a tax refund 1/3 of the amount you gave. Contact the Parish Office to obtain a Planned Giving number.

HOME GROUPS

A number of "home groups" meet in the Parish, some weekly, some fortnightly, to reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday and to share their faith. The groups are loosely based on geographical areas. If you wish to join a home group – or just try it out for a week or two – contact **Cheryl Standring**: pastoralassistant@taurangamoanacatholic.nz, or phone 578 6209 (ext 5). Cheryl will answer any questions you have, and point you in the right direction.

