

WELCOME

to

NEW PARISHIONERS

NAU MAI



HAERE MAI

parish of
**St Thomas
Aquinas**

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



Our STORY



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 ChurchAppsNZ then Parish of St Thomas Aquinas or Tauranga Moana Catholic.

This App is free to download.



Check out our Parish App

Our PEOPLE



Father Arnold Punzalan



Father Adam Kirkeby



Deacon Ricky Kuka

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 Administrator, I assure you of a warm welcome – Father Adam, 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 Arnold Punzalan

Parish Administrator



OUR TEAM

W. Peet



Margie Cooper

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Centre for the Parish is located at 114 Elizabeth St (next to St Mary Immaculate Church). Margie Cooper looks after Parish Administration.

Phone: 578 6209

Email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz

Postal: PO Box 15-124, Tauranga 3144.



Wendy Showan

PASTORAL COORDINATOR

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Wendy comes to the Parish bringing experience in Chaplaincy and pastoral care. She has ministered in the fields of Hospital, NZ Police, and Fire & Emergency Chaplaincy and in pastoral care in a parish setting. Born in England, Wendy and her family emigrated to New Zealand in 1975 coming first to Te Awamutu, then moving to Hamilton, Auckland and finally, in the early 1980's, to Tauranga. Currently, one son is in Wales with his family, two are in Auckland with their families and one is in Napier with his.

She joined the parish just over a year ago and is looking forward to taking up her new role as the Parish Pastoral Coordinator and the opportunities it will bring for her to get to know many more of you.



Mark Hassett

PARISH LAY WORKER

I am fortunate to be part of the St Thomas Aquinas Parish staff. I have been part of the Diaconate formation programme since 2019 and our studies should conclude towards the end of this year. On the 11th of July 2021, I was installed as Acolytes in Taupo by Bishop Steve.

I have been a member of St Thomas Aquinas Parish since 2013. I am currently studying part -time at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, doing a Bachelor of Counselling degree.



Leanne Brooks

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.



Cluny Sisters

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF CLUNY

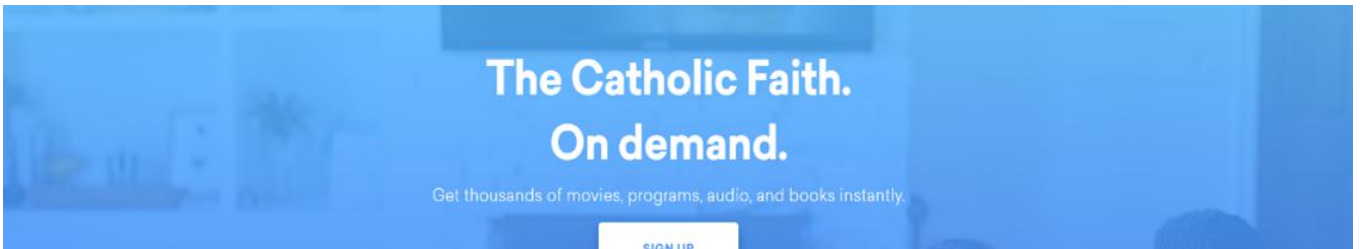
Our Parish has been blessed with the presence of the Sisters for over 75 years. As well as their presence in the Parish, they conduct the Cluny Retreat Centre phone 578 5220, or 579 4480 for further information. Email: retreatcentre@clunysisters.org.nz



Mass is celebrated there most Tuesday evenings, 5.15pm, during school term only. 579 4480, email:

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE
HERE

Welcome



PARISH OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS has purchased a GIFT for you! Enjoy a free subscription to the formed.org website. An incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place! Something for the whole family! Simply go to the link: [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) then click: Sign up / then: Sign up as a parishioner / then – create a New Account by finding the Parish. Type in Tauranga (that will bring up the Parish of St Thomas Aquinas, Tauranga, NZ) Sign up using your own email address.


The Parish office has a small selection of religious items for sale.



Our COMMUNITY

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council works towards the implementation of the Parish's Mission, and advise the Parish Priest in his task of leading the Parish. The Parish Council is currently in recess, if you have any matters you wish to submit you can email the Parish office, or email Father Arnold direct.



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Parish Homegroups

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 the Parish office.



*Our community
and the stories
behind them*

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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:

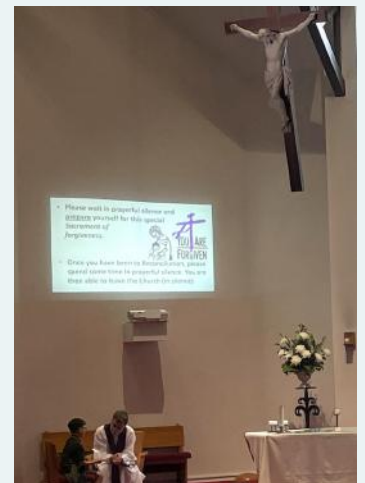
Baptism

Baptisms are generally Saturdays at 1pm. 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, under the portal Sacramental Life, then Baptism.



Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist)

The programme begins in February each year, and concludes in June/July with the celebration of First Communion. The first part of this programme covers the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then Confirmation and finishes with First Holy Communion. Watch for notification in the parish newsletter or on the website, again under the portal of Sacramental Life.



RCIA (Adults Becoming Catholic)

Contact Parish office 578 6209, or you can visit the Parish website under Sacramental Life, then Become a Catholic. Email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz



Miha Maori (Mass in Te Reo Maori)

1st & 5th Sunday of the month, 9am at St Therese Chapel, Bethlehem
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday, 9am at St Joseph's, Te Puna
4th Sunday, 11.30am at Matakana Island

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

Our community and the stories behind them

PLANNED GIVING

Programme

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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. You can also make donations through the Parish App under the “links” portal.

For an easy option to make donations, use the Parish App you can check all this out on the Parish website, from this link



<http://taurangamocatholic.nz/our-place/planned-giving/>

**The Parish
account number is:**

02 0342 0050032 000

Parish Finance Chair: Ashley Hayes, phone 578 5190

OUR LOCATIONS

WHERE WE ARE:

Main Churches:

St Mary Immaculate Church,
Corner Cameron Rd and 1st Ave,
Tauranga Central

St Joseph's Church, 10 Pitua Rd, Te Puna

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 Avenue

Cluny Retreat Centre Chapel,
21 Thirteenth Avenue

Aquinas College Chapel,
183 Pyes Pa Rd, Pyes Pa

Omokoroa Community Church,
139 Hamurana Rd, Omokoroa




Parish office:
corner of Cameron Rd and 1st Ave
(next to St Mary Immaculate Church)
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Facebook/[taurangamoanacatholic](https://www.facebook.com/taurangamoanacatholic)

Website:
<http://taurangamoanacatholic.nz/>

St Mary's School, 578 8066, email: office@stmarystga.school.nz

Aquinas College, 543 2400, email: admin@aquinas.school.nz

Stella Maris, Anne-Maree Rhodes, 579 9313,
Email: annemaree83@hotmail.com

Hamilton Diocese, 07-856 6989, Website: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/>
Marriage Preparation – Contact Hamilton Diocese 07-856 6989

St Vincent de Paul 021 02243443 Mary Elmiger,
or for the support centre phone 578 3814

SOME ADDITIONAL
CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

5pm / Vigil Saturday, St Mary Immaculate
8am / Sunday, St Mary Immaculate
9am# / Sunday, St Joseph's, Te Puna
10.30am / Sunday, St Mary Immaculate
5pm / Korean Mass (4th Sunday of the month) St Mary Immaculate

MONDAY

5.30pm / St Mary Immaculate

TUESDAY

5.30pm / St Mary Immaculate

WEDNESDAY

9.15am / St Therese Chapel, Bethlehem
11.15am* / Aquinas College Chapel



THURSDAY

5.30pm / St Mary Immaculate
9am* / St Mary's School

FRIDAY

8am / St Joseph's, Te Puna
12.10pm / 11am Holy Hour, St Mary Immaculate

SATURDAY

9.15am / Omokoroa Community Church
Also the Vigil Mass (see Sunday)

First & fifth Sunday of the month at St Therese, Bethlehem
*During school term only

We are a diverse Parish:

- Filipino community
- Syro-Malabar community
- Korean community
- Kiribati community
- Spanish community *and more.....*



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**We live
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