WORKSHOP:

The Story of Creation and what this means to us spiritually

Date: Saturday 11th August

Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 mid-day

(soup & buns for those able to stay on for

lunch)

Cost: \$10.00 per adult or \$5.00 if under 20 years

Venue: Parish Centre Max participants: 25

Facilitator: Noelene Landrigan rsj who writes:

Be ready to recall your childhood experiences with nature and the

environment and how alive you felt!

Be ready to 'walk the land' with entirely new eyes and ears!

Then... we will glimpse the Divine Life in all creation; in every single

event and being in the Universe

To register: please contact Audrey at the Parish Centre no later than

Tuesday 7th August. Phone 867 7224



POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS OUT AGAIN ON CLIMATE CHANGE Telling words from Pope Francis on the 3rd anniversary of the encyclical Laudato Si' – "Today, the "common home" of our planet also needs urgently to be repaired and secured for a sustainable future."

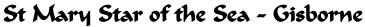
Bishop Steve is interested in gauging potential interest in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in September-October 2019.

If you are interested in going please advise Bishop Steve's P.A.,

<u>shonar@cdh.org.nz</u> to register your interest.

As an indication of cost the 2017 pilgrimage was \$9800 share twin for 23 days, including return airfares from Auckland accommodation and most meals. A reasonable level of fitness is required.





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Office: 9.30am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

4th & 5th August 2018 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat	04 Aug	6.00 pm		Martin Foss Anniversary	1
Sun	05 Aug	9.00 am	Maori Miha	People of the Parish	
Mon	06 Aug	7.30 am		/ NOV	
Tues	07 Aug	6.00 pm		Tom Baumann Anniversary	-
Wed	08 Aug	9.30 am		Joseph Mathias Anniversary	
Thurs	09 Aug	9.00 am		Maureen Griffin	
Fri	10 Aug	11.30am 12.10pm	Confession	Alastair McDowell	
Sat	11 Aug	9.00 am		Lorna and Bob Kennedy	
		9.30 am 6.00 pm	Confession	Pa Yvan Sergy and Joan Shanks	
Sun	12 Aug	9.00 am 11.00am	Tolaga Bay	People of the Parish Thomas James Kennedy	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15** PSALM: **77: 3-4. 23-25. 54**

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 4: 17. 20-24**

GOSPEL No one lives on bread alone, no one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from

the mouth of God. Al - le- lu - ia

GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35



We pray for our Bishop Steve Lowe. May he be blessed in his ministry with our Diocese of Hamilton.

May our Lady bless his ministry.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS - (Year B)

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 4-8

Psalm 33: 2-9

Second Reading Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

Gospel John 6: 41-51

Last Sunday's collection total (includes estimate AP's): \$2,295.40

Monsignor Frank's Message

Dear parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and all visitors,

Today, being the 1st Sunday of August, I have now completed four years as Parish Priest of this wonderful Parish. I thank God for so many graces and blessings over this time.

Last weekend I had the privilege of acting as chaplain for the Dove Retreat at Willow Park in Auckland. There were 200 women in attendance from all over the North Island; with three or four from Christchurch. I was kept mighty busy with lots of Confessions as well as a couple of Talks to present. I came away feeling really lifted up by the love these women have for the Lord. The Church is being hammered in the media these days and it is very easy to think that all is in decline. When these women spoke of the joy their Faith gives them, it is easy to see that God is still very much alive among us.

Wednesday, 8th August, is the Feast of St. Mary McKillop. Our normal 9.30am Mass will be a Full School Mass for St. Mary's School. There will also be a Full School Mass for Campion College at 11.00am. The normal Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass will be in the Parish Centre.

Next Saturday, 11th August, Sister Noelene Landrigan rsj will be leading a Workshop entitled "The Story of Creation and what this means to us spiritually." The workshop will begin at 10.00am and continue until 12 mid day. It will be held in the Parish Centre. There is a maximum of 25 participants so registration is needed- by contacting the Parish Office- before August 8th. There will be a cost to cover Sister's expenses of \$10 (or \$5 if under 20yrs).

On the following Saturday, 18th August, Mrs Bev MacDonald, the National Leader of the Marist Third Order movement, will lead a Day of Retreat entitled "Finding Joy in Everyday Life". The day will begin at 10.00am and continue to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Bring your own lunch but hot drinks will be available. A koha would be appreciated. Bev will also lead a time of reflection at Tokomaru Bay at 10.00am leading into Mass at 11.30am on Sunday.

This week on Wednesday and Thursday, Campion College will be undergoing their Catholic Character Review. Please remember all those involved in your prayers. It is an important process for our College.

Our Parish Office will be closed from August 8th until August 14th as Audrey will be away.

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Please remember Rev Stephen Donald, the leader at Holy Trinity, in your prayers. Stephen is suffering the effects of a Mini-stroke and has been advised to rest for the next three weeks.

Mary Mulholland died recently, Mary is the mother of Fr. Aidan, who is the Parish Priest of Waihi. I sent Fr. Aidan a promise of prayers from all of us.

Kind Wishes, Msgr. Frank.

This week's featured link on the parish web site (http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz) - Humanae Vitae, Cracking the Contraceptive Myths - Dr. Janet Smith, April 28, 2018

REMINDERCURRENT OF GRACE PRAYER GROUP

meet on Monday 6th August at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre for an evening of Praise and Worship, reflection and prayer ministry.

The hope is that all of you are being given the spiritual food you need to grow in the Lord. Teachings by Monsignor Frank.

Please Mark Your Calendars Now !!

On Saturday 18th August

Bev McDonald returns to offer us a reflection day on :
"FINDING JOY IN EVERYDAY LIFE"

From 10.00 am - 3.30pm in the Parish Centreenquiries to Judy Wilson 8674417

Scripture Study Group



Thursday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.
Please come along and enjoy.

PRAYER CHAIN



Please contact Shirley McDowell 868 1008 or

Judy Wilson 867 4417 with all enquiries.

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Forms at notice Board

You are reminded of the suggestion box in the Church foyer for ideas you would like the Parish Leadership or Finance Committees to consider.