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7 Reasons Why Everyone Should Be Catholic.



SEND YOUR MASS INTENTION TO MISSIO-NZ

The custom of requesting a priest to offer Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church.

The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest to apply the Mass to a specific intention, such as an anniversary or a birthday. By making this offering the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ. The offering of a stipend is also a means where by Catholics may contribute to the upkeep of the clergy.

Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to **MISSIO-NZ** and our office will pass them on to a priest in a mission territory overseas.

Please send your intentions and details to: **Fr. Bernard Espiritu, SVD at MISSIO-NZ P.O.BOX 43226 Wainuiomata, Hutt Valley 5048 and make cheques payable to MISSIO-NZ.**

Our gratitude to those who have already requested Mass Intentions.



NOTICE !!!!! IF any power outlets/points in the Parish Centre area trip out, please let Audrey in the office know what connection you were using at the time. We are in the process of eliminating a fault.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group is inviting you to come and join us
CURRENT OF GRACE PRAYER GROUP meets on Monday 27th August at 6.30 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.
Continued Teachings by Monsignor Frank. Contact Huia 0275517621



Volunteers Needed - SPRING CLEAN around the Parish Centre on Saturday 15th September At 9.30 am - 11.30 am



SVdP Saint Vincent de Paul AGM will be held on Sunday 2nd September after 9.00 am Mass in the Parish Centre. New members welcome to join us

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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Office: 9.30am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday



25th & 26th August 2018 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat	25 Aug	6.00 pm	Chaffey family
Sun	26 Aug	9.00 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai
Mon	27 Aug	7.30 am	Pope Francis
Tues	28 Aug	6.00 pm	Nan Christensen
Wed	29 Aug	9.30 am	Legion of Mary
Thurs	30 Aug	9.00 am	Margaret Meredith
Fri	31 Aug	11.30am	Confession
		12.10pm	Margaret Bottrill Anniversary
Sat	01 Sep	9.00 am	
		9.30 am	Confession
		6.00 pm	
Sun	02 Sep	9.00 am	Maori Miha People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:	Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18
PSALM:	33: 2-3. 16-23
	Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
SECOND READING:	Ephesians 5: 21-32
GOSPEL	Your words, Lord, are the Spirit and life; O Lord
ACCLAMATION:	You have the words of ever-lasting life.
GOSPEL :	John 6: 60-69



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 Deuteronomy 4: 2. 6-8
Psalm 14: 2-5.

Second Reading James 1: 17-18. 21-22. 27
Gospel Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Last Sunday's collection total (includes estimate AP's): \$2,121.00

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

Many of our brothers and sisters from Kerala are distressed over the terrible flooding in their homeland. Our hearts go out to you all.

At the time of writing this Newsletter, (Friday morning), there have been 23 registrations for attendance at Fr. Richard Shortall's 'Retreat for Everyday Life'. He can take a maximum of 24. On the 'Expression of Interest' Form it was said that the last day on which registrations will be accepted is Monday 27th August. This still stands.

If more than 24 people register, all names will be placed in a box and a drawing out of the names will decide who are offered this wonderful opportunity. If such a drawing is necessary, it will be done after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday.

An effort will be made to contact by phone those selected. Attendance at the Retreat Preparation Day on Saturday 1st September- beginning at 10.30am and going to 2.30pm- is a **pre-requisite** for the Retreat. If a selected person cannot make the Saturday day of preparation, then it is Fr. Richard's policy that they be taken from the list and another person given the opportunity to be on the Retreat. All parishioners are welcome to attend this day; regardless of whether or not you are doing the Retreat.

On Sunday September 2nd there will be a 30 minute Meeting for the 24 on the Retreat -after the 9.00am Mass- to work out convenient personal Meeting times with Fr. Richard.

On Monday (August 27th) the Current of Grace Prayer Group will have their monthly Meeting beginning at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are very welcome. There will be Praise and Worship songs led by Joel and his Group, a teaching on Words of Knowledge and lots of time for prayer.

We welcome Mary McClutchie onto the Parish Leadership Team. Mary has replaced Kath Allen.

We also thank Brigid Armstrong for replacing Pat Hampson as our Catholic Enquiry Centre person of contact and Maree Proudfoot for replacing Pat as our Archive manager.

We thank both Kath and Pat for the faithful service they have given.

Our stove in the Parish Centre has died of old age. It has been replaced by the stove from Sr. Meg's convent. Congratulations to Sr. Meg on successfully fund-raising to buy a new one for the convent. *continued*

Our new Principal, Ms Helen McGuigan, visited last week and bought a comfortable home not too far from the School. It was so good to see her. I know you will all give her a warm welcome when she arrives in October.

Congratulations to Campion College on receiving the approval of funding for paving and landscaping the entrance to the College. That will mark the completion of the rebuilding programme. Well done!!

Kind Wishes, Monsignor Frank

thank you

Thanks to your amazing generosity, a new stove is to be installed at the Convent and the current Convent stove will be installed in the Parish Kitchen.

Gratitude is the memory of my heart.



Reminder from Sr. Meg
MEETING OF COMMUNITY LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
Wednesday 5th September at the Convent
2.30 - 4.00 pm

The theme is "Developing a Heart of Gratitude".

A cup of tea will be served after 9.00am Mass today, 26th August. Please set aside time and feel welcome to join us and have a chat to other parishioners..



A **Home Security ALARM** has been found in a Parish Centre Cupboard. If this belongs to you please call into the office to collect.

Excerpts from a letter received from Maureen McGoldrick And address for Maureen is available if required. Please call to office.

Hope all is well at St, Marys. I miss you all so much.

I doubt I'll ever see my home again but cant help hoping.

Maybe when this cold weather is behind us I might get lucky.

I did so enjoy the Catholic Women's League meetings. They are such a lovely group of women.

My love to all , God Bless Maureen McGoldrick



Parish Golden Age Golf Group.

Learn a new skill whilst having fun and exercise. No experience req. 4 sessions with our very own Golf Pro. Time 1 ½ to 2 hrs. See Sept Star for details.

The Aug. 26 – Sept. 8 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishops to meet Pope. Celebrity chef priest coming to NZ. New qualification on leadership and Catholic culture. Naming the next generation of Catholics.