



**The Catholic Women's League** will be raffling a beautiful "Christmas" cake at all Masses this weekend and next. Money raised will go towards our Missions both here and overseas.

**Annual Commemoration Mass at Totara Point, at 11am on Sunday 13 January 2019**

All are welcome to celebrate the 181st anniversary of the First Mass at Totara Point, Hokianga. A shared picnic lunch will follow.



A flyer with a map and more information are up on the CDH website at <https://goo.gl/YTzKKQ> or phone 09 409 5330 or 09 405 7433 for more information.



**ADVENT 2018 online**

Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox.

Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz).

**IMPORTANT Notice from Diocese:** there is now a direct link where parishioners can see the full content of **Snippets online** at [newsletter.cdh.nz](http://newsletter.cdh.nz).

**Fish & Chip Club invites you all to...**

Christmas play "Caroling with the Inn-Keeper"  
Bring your family and friends.

Venue:- Te Hapara Hall, 776 Childers Road

Contact Joe and Robyn Hogan 0277424466

Date & Time: Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4:45 on the dot.

Dress up your kids for the play from 4:15pm

Fish & Chips at 5.30; Movie at 6.15



**St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne**

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**1st and 2nd December 2018**

Sat	01 Dec	6.00 pm		Vincent and Mary Grifen
Sun	02 Dec	9.00am	Maori Miha	People of the Parish
Mon	03 Dec	7.30 am		International Day for Disabilities
Tues	04 Dec	6.00 pm		Thomas Luke Bottrill
Wed	05 Dec	9.30 am		Gerard Lynch Anniversary
Thurs	06 Dec	9.00 am		Gay Hollis
Fri	07 Dec	11.30am 12.10pm	Confession	Dec'd members Liddy and Minnis family
Sat	08 Dec	9.00 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm	Confession	Anna (Luddie) Callahan
Sun	09 Dec	9.00 am 11.00am	Tolaga Bay	People of the Parish

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 33: 14-16**  
 PSALM: **24: 4-5. 8-9. 10. 14**  
**Teach me your ways, walk me in your pathways.**  
**Teach me your ways O Lord, for you are my God**

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4:2**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia ! Hurry the Lord is near. Alleluia, Alleluia ! Hurry the Lord is near.**

GOSPEL : **Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36**



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 - 2nd Sun Advent (Year C)**

First Reading Baruch 5: 1-9  
 Psalm 125  
 Second Reading Philippians 1: 3-6. 8-11  
 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Last Sunday's collection total (includes estimate AP's): \$2,660.50

## Monsignor Frank's Message

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

For all of us Advent heralds the start of the countdown to Christmas. As on each successive Sunday we light a further Candle on our Advent Wreath, we know that the wonderful Feast celebrating Christ's Birth is getting closer and closer. But during the first two Sundays of Advent it would probably be useful to forget about the approach of Christmas. The focus of these two Sundays is the beginning of a new Church Year. All of us will be asked to set aside time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Advent season- symbolic of a new beginning, a new commitment to the Lord Jesus.

A big Well Done to all who attended our first Charismatic Mass last Tuesday. It was superb!! We will most certainly be having another one in the not too distant future!!

Tuesday is the Feast day of St. Edmund Campion. There will be a full College Mass at 9.00am. Parishioners are more than welcome.

Saturday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass will be at 9.00am. (It will also be the 29th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood.) At 3.00 pm Rosary will be recited in our chapel as we join Catholics throughout the country in the NZ Rosary Crusade for Life and Faith. For more information you can go to [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz).

Campion College has bought a Defibrillator (to kick start people who have had heart attacks). It has its home in our Parish Library. We would like to invite interested parishioners to gather after the 12.10pm Mass on December 14th (Friday week) where a person from Red Cross will instruct us on its safe use. During the month of November all Parishes in the diocese have Mass counts. Over the last two years we averaged 365 and 364 for all of our weekend Masses. This year however our average was 355. Not a disaster by any means but a little reminder for all of us to be welcoming and friendly to each other and to be continually inviting folk to join us.

A big thank-you to Doreen Fitzharris for coordinating the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday evenings and for producing the Liturgy rosters over many years. Doreen has handed over the responsibility for the 6.00pm Mass to Rose Brown and the production of the Liturgy rosters to Chris Goodwin.. Thank-you Rose and Chris for generously saying 'Yes'.

On Saturday we had two Baptisms: **Kara Heria**, the daughter of Raphael and Kathleen and **Charlene Mafi**: the daughter of Mikaele and Tapita. With much joy, we welcome these two beautiful little girls into our Parish family.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

This week's featured link on the parish web site:

(<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>).

The Eucharist - Steve Ray

# STAR

Parish Magazine  
November

Have you collected your  
copy



LEGION OF MARY  
COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019  
On Sale after weekend Masses  
Cost \$12.00 each



### Prayer Chain

**Please note:** from December 1st. Liz McLeod will be taking over co-ordinating the Prayer Chain.

Please phone **Liz on 868 3925** for all Prayer Intentions.

I thank Liz for stepping forward and thank all pray-ers for their loyal support over my term as co-ordinator.

God Bless you all Judy Wilson

**The Dec. 2-15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest.

The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on December 16.

### REMINDER ... International Day of Persons with Disabilities

This year Community Gisborne along with Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) Tairāwhiti are encouraging a 'Have A Go Day' at the Kahutia Bowling Club, in Cobden Street.

Open to All Young and Old! So come join us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Kahutia Bowling Club from 11am, who knows we might learn something from you!

We will have Lunch available only \$5 per person  
Or light refreshments and asking a gold coin donation for this.



**NZ Rosary Crusade 8<sup>th</sup> December:** On December 8<sup>th</sup>, New Zealanders will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone Clare on 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087