



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

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



Are you concerned about coastal erosion?
Do global warming/extreme weather conditions worry you?
Do you think we should be expanding offshore mining and drilling?
Do you believe in the need to take better care of our Pacific community?

Then this document is for you !!

Waters of Life, Oceans of Mercy is part of the Caritas Oceania Forum held in Wellington in October. It is a report based on 5 key environmental issues affecting the peoples of Oceania.

In its report, Caritas assessed climate finance for the most vulnerable as having shifted to 'woefully inadequate'.

There is a copy of Waters of Life, Oceans of Mercy on the notice board in the foyer.

Please borrow it and return for others to read. Alternatively, if you would like your own copy email Caritas or phone/text Tracy on 0274 894 373 to request a personal copy be sent to.



Invitation to the Josephite Companions Meeting at 2pm Saturday 15th December, in the Parish Centre. Advent /Christmas theme of Living into Mystery: Awakening Anew.

Please come and share your time, hospitality and prayers.

Contact Chris: 8676375.

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8th and 9th December 2018

Sat	08 Dec	6.00 pm		Anna (Luddie) Callahan
Sun	09 Dec	9.00am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Tolaga Bay	
Mon	10 Dec	7.30 am		
Tues	11 Dec	6.00 pm		Philip McLoughlin
Wed	12 Dec	9.30 am		
Thurs	13 Dec	9.00 am		Arthur Cook Anniversary
Fri	14 Dec	11.30am	Confession	Bullivant family
		12.10pm		
Sat	15 Dec	9.00 am		Brian McBreen
		9.30 am	Confession	
		6.00 pm		Joan Shanks
Sun	16 Dec	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.30am	Tokomaru Bay	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Barauch 5: 1-9**
PSALM: **125**
The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy

SECOND READING: **Philippians 1: 3-6. 8-11**

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

GOSPEL : **Luke 3: 1-6**



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 - 3rd Sun Advent (Year C)

First Reading Zephaniah 3: 14-18
Psalm: Canticle Isaiah 12: 2-6
Second Reading : Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Last Sunday's collection total (includes estimate AP's): **\$2,380.90**

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

You may well be flat out trying to get all the gift shopping done, preparing for relatives to visit or trying to organise a trip away. However be encouraged to take some time away from all the pre-Christmas hype in order to take stock of yourself as we all begin a new Church Year. All of us are asked to spend some time in quiet and stillness to prepare for the coming of Jesus and to plan for our Advent Reconciliation.

Our Parish Rite II Reconciliation will be on Thursday, 20th December at 7.00pm. Please make this a personal priority.

Next Sunday (December 16th) at 7.00pm we are invited to join our brothers and sisters from the Anglican and Presbyterian communities for a Combined Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church. The Choir will be a combined one from all the Churches. We have been asked to contribute three Readers. If you would like to be one, please see me after Mass today.

The Christmas Masses will be at the normal times: 6.00pm (December 24th) -the Christmas Vigil; (December 25th) - Midnight Mass and 9.00am and Mass at Sacred Heart, Tolaga Bay at 10.30 am.

On **New Year's Day** we will have the usual **Dawn Mass** at **5.30am** (The time given in our 'Star' Magazine of 6.00am is in error)

St. Mary's School will have their end of the Year Mass followed by Prize-giving at 9.30am on Thursday, December 20th.

On Saturday I had the joy of baptizing Cooper Pickering and welcoming him into our Parish family. Congratulations to Cooper's parents, Toby and Emma. Our sympathy is extended to the families of Jamie Jones and Helen Race. Jamie's Funeral Service was at the Takipu Marae in Te Karaka on Monday. Helen's Requiem was on Wednesday.

Helen will be especially remembered as being at the heart and soul of our St. Vincent de Paul haven, working away quietly coordinating the food, clothing and bedding to be taken out to those in need. Sometimes she would also accompany those delivering the goods. May both Jamie and Helen rest in peace.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>) An Interview About Everything—Eric Metaxas.



On behalf of the Campion College Basketball Team many thanks for your support with our recent raffle. Results are 1st Prize Number 341 Father Jack, 2nd Prize Number 397 Ward Family and 3rd Prize Number 217 M. Coker. Drawn under Police supervision. Thanks to all.

Reminder this evening (Saturday)

.....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. 8th 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



Reminder*Marian Family Group* will catch up after Mass today Sunday for a 'Cuppa' Please come and join us and other young families for a 'cuppa.'

The last day for the children's liturgy will be held on Sunday, 16th December. Come along and hear the story of the candy cane and get one to take home.

The children's liturgy will resume again after the Christmas holidays on Sunday, 3rd February 2019.

A big thank you to all the people who have hosted the children's liturgy this year as we couldn't run it without your time and support.

Your commitment is very much valued.

Thank you from Leigh

