



Reminder Flowers required please by 'flower ladies' We need these after SUNDAY MASS today please.
Please place in water . Any queries to Sharleen 868 4788

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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22nd and 23rd December 2018



Sat	22 Dec	6.00 pm		Terry Allan
Sun	23 Dec	9.00am 11.00am	Matawai	People of the Parish
Mon	24 Dec	9.00 am 6.00 pm 12.00 midnight		
Tues	25 Dec	9.00 am	Christmas Day	
		10.30 am	Tolaga Bay	
Wed	26 Dec	9.30 am		Colleen Mazengarb
Thurs	27 Dec	9.00 am		Special intention
Fri	28 Dec	11.30am 12.10pm	Confession	Nicanor Navata
Sat	29 Dec	9.00 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm	Confession	Special Intention
Sun	30 Dec	9.00 am 10.00am	Ruatoria	People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Micah 5: 1-4**
 PSALM: **79: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19**
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 10: 5-10**
 GOSPEL **Alleluia ! Hurry the Lord is near. Alleluia,**
 ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia ! Hurry the Lord is near.**

GOSPEL : **Luke 1: 39-45**



 **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous response to their Christmas Raffle. Our congratulations go to the winner **Eric Hoggins**.

MASS TIMES

Monday 7.30 am. **Tuesday** 6.00 pm. **Wednesday** 9.30 am. **Thursday** 9.00 am
Friday 12.10 pm - preceded by the Angelus. **Saturday** 9.00 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 pm. **Sunday Mass** 9.00 am
Mass at Tolaga Bay 2nd Sunday 11.00 am . **Mass at Tokomaru Bay 3rd Sunday** 11.30
Mass at Matawai 4th Sunday 11.00 am **Mass at Ruatoria** when there is a 5th Sunday
 in the month 10.00 am **Morning Prayer** Mon-Fri 8.00 am, Sun 8.30am
Holy Hour Sun 7.00 pm **Rosary for Life** Fri 11.40 am



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.

IMPORTANT Notice Mass Intention
Please give your Mass Intentions direct to either Priest over the next two weeks. At the time of writing this, I have no Mass Intentions.

Last Sunday's collection total : \$2,302.10

Monsignor Frank's Christmas Message

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

Christmas Blessings upon all of you from Fr. Jack, Deacon Mike and myself. We hope it will be a fun-filled time as together with family and friends you celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There will be two Nuptial Masses in the coming few days: Nathan Huberts and Alix Degranges on Thursday and Teresa Clune and David Reaney on the following Monday. Congratulations from us all!

For our Christmas Mass at 6.00pm on Monday, children are invited to come along dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men (or wise women!).

The Dawn Mass on the Beach will begin at 5.25am on New Year's Day at a site along Centennial Marine, a couple of kms beyond Pacific Street. There will be a trailer parked on Centennial Marine with a YELLOW flag indicating the path to the beach where the Mass will be held. Bring a folding chair if you have one and a rug if you feel the cold. It can be chilly before the sun rises. After Mass breakfast will be served. If the weather is bad, a decision will be made on the morning and the Mass will shift to the Church. We hope to see many of you there for perhaps the first Mass in the World for 2019!

As this will be the last Newsletter for the year, please allow me to express the heartfelt thanks of all the Parish to Audrey Beuth, our devoted Parish Secretary, to Trevor Evans who has ensured that our Church grounds and Church are always impeccably maintained and to Maree Duncan who has kept the Presbytery clean and tidy.

Thanks also to all those who come along as Volunteers looking after our Gardens, a special thank-you to Maree Coker, Richard Jackson, Kathryn and Vaughan Gillard and Tony Zame and also to the ladies who keep our upstairs 'accommodation' area clean and ready for visitors.

I would like to also acknowledge the work of Amanda Mathers, Erin Jones and Marianne Gillies who month after month have produced our excellent Parish Magazine, 'The Star'.

Thank-you to Sr. Meg for the huge effort you put into preparing our PowerPoint displays which so beautifully enrich our Liturgy.

Thank-you to our liturgy organisers Shirley, Kath and Teresa, our musicians, our singers, our flower decorators, our sacristans, our Hospitality Leaders, those overseeing rosters, all those who lead our Children's Liturgies and to Mark and Kirsty McBreen who prepare engaged couples for marriages. You are utterly dedicated and ever-so talented.

Thank-you to Karyn Sadler, Sharyn Tilley and Judy Leydon for leading our Sacramental Programme so wonderfully

Thank-you to Ross Gregory and to all who serve on our Parish Leadership Team..

Thank-you to Phil Simpson and to all who serve on our Parish Finance Team.

Thanks, too, to our faithful counters, to those who have worked hard to digitise our Records and to Mark McBreen who maintains our Parish website.

Thank-you to Christine Reeves for your loving oversight of our Churches at Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay and to Jim and Kath Langer for your devoted care of our Church at Matawai . And to all our Parish Groups- CWL, St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Young Families, Saturday Men's Group, Boys' Thursday Morning Prayer, Youth Group, Legion of Mary, Caritas, Bible Studies, Communion to the Housebound, the Marist Third Order, the Prayer Chain and the Josephite Companions- well done. Take a well-earned rest over the holiday period.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.



Marian Family Group

meet after Mass today for a 'Cuppa'
Our next meeting will take place on 17th February 2019
after the 9.00 am Mass
Merry Christmas everyone !

STAR

Parish Magazine
December

If any parishioners have finished reading their December 2018 STAR and do not require it, could you please return to Parish to be given to others. We have "run out" this month.
Many thanks Audrey

A message from Audrey Parish Secretary.

Special thanks to Jay and to all who have helped make the workload in this parish so much easier over the year and wishing you all a joyous, peaceful and safe Christmas Season and New Year.

The office will re-open on
Tuesday 8th January.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE:

Monday 24 December: Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church
7.30 am Mass
6.00 pm Family Vigil Mass preceded by Carols at 5.30 pm
12.00pm Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

Tuesday Christmas Day 25 December:
Mass at 9.00 am St Mary Star of the Sea
Mass at 10.30 am Tolaga Bay

Tuesday 1 January 2019:
5.30 am Sunrise Mass on the beach (along Midway Beach)
Mass at 6.00 pm St Mary Star of the Sea

All other Mass times stay the same during the week