

Fifth Week of Lent

This week's Gospel is well-known for one of Jesus sayings, "casting the first stone". It is used as a caution not to judge others knowing we're all sinners who are no better than those we may be tempted to condemn.

*"We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven.
All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion."*



Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and Exult (para 82) 2018

REMINDER Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 6.00 pm followed by a bowl of home made soup and bread. There will be a Koha donation box for Caritas.



The March issues of 'The Voice of Compassion' is available from the table in the foyer. This magazine is for supporters and friends of the Sister of Compassion to keep up with their latest happenings. There is a full list of resources and gifts available for purchase in this edition with an order form or on-line details for making purchases.

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

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6th and 7th April 2019 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Sat	06 Apr	6.00 pm	People of the Parish clocks back	
Sun	07 Apr	9.00 am	Maori Miha	
Mon	08 Apr	7.30 am	Bill Falwasser	
Tues	09 Apr	6.00 pm	Laurie Stuart	
Wed	10 Apr	9.30 am	Bullivant family	
Thurs	11 Apr	9.00 am	Pamela's Intentions	
		7.00 pm	Rite 11 Reconciliation	
Fri	12 Apr	11.30am Confession 12.10pm 50th Wed Anniv	Special Intention Judy & John Wilson	
Sat	13 Apr	9.00 am 9.30 am Confession 6.00 pm	Horomia Whanau Nina Ganai	
Sun	14 Apr	9.00 am and 7.00 pm 11.00 am Tolaga Bay	Combined Service People of the Parish John Vincent Santos	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:	Isaiah 43: 16-21
PSALM:	125 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
SECOND READING:	Philippians 3: 8-14
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2 With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. With all your heart turn to me, for I am merciful and kind. Praise and honour
GOSPEL :	John 8: 1-11.



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 C) Palm Sunday

First Reading : Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: 21: 8-9. 17-20
Second Reading : Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23:56

Last Sunday's collection total : \$2,028.00

Caritas : \$194.00

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

All of us have weaknesses which from the beginning of our lives until the closing of our lives we must battle against. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we humbly kneel before God and acknowledge our need for God's help in our battle against our weaknesses. We also ask our Loving God to forgive us.

On Thursday at 7.00pm the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to all parishioners. Fr. Jack and I will be joined by two priests from Wairoa to minister the Lord's forgiveness to you. This is very much the 'business end' of Lent- the fulfilment of those words spoken to us as we received ashes on Ash Wednesday: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Next Sunday (April 14th) will be Palm Sunday- the beginning of Holy Week. In the evening at 7.00pm we will be hosting a Combined Service with our brothers and sisters from the Anglican and Presbyterian Parishes of Gisborne. There will be a supper to follow. Parishioners are requested to please bring a plate.


During the week there will be two very joyful occasions. On Monday at 9.30am Fr. Gerard Boyce will be with us to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of his uncle and aunt: Robyn and Mary Jefferson. And on Friday at the 12.10pm Mass we will be giving God thanks for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Judy Wilson. Congratulations from us all to Mary and Robyn and to Judy and John.

During Holy Week there are extra ceremonies: Holy Thursday at 7.00pm; Good Friday at 10.00am and 3.00pm, Easter Vigil at 7.00pm and Easter Sunday at 9.00am. Mass will also be at Tokomaru Bay on Easter Sunday at the normal time of 11.30am. (Note the change of time of the Easter Vigil- last year it was at a different time.)

A beloved parishioner Bill Falwasser passed away on Wednesday afternoon. Our deepest sympathy to Alison and their three daughters. May Bill rest in peace. At the time of writing this newsletter the time of Bill's Requiem had not been set. Bill and Alison were together with many of us at the 'Final Assembly Reunion' in Rotorua two weeks ago. It is a very happy memory for Alison. We remember in prayer also the Reverend Fraser Paterson who died two days ago. Fraser was the Presbyterian Minister of St. Andrews here in Gisborne up until two years ago. May he rest in peace.
Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

The Apr. 7- 20 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New Apostolic Nuncio for NZ. Grief at sudden death of principal. Students speak out for planet earth. Pontifical Academy urges parents to vaccinate children.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on April 21.



Health & Safety Notice

Hazard and Accident Notification Forms are available in the LIBRARY..... (on the shelf inside the door to the left in a GREEN FOLDER)

In the case of an accident please complete and hand in an Accident Form to the Parish Office ASAP

Parishioners have the right/responsibility to complete Hazard Notification forms if they become aware of a hazard in or around the Church.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF ALL OUR EMERGENCY EXITS
Thankyou Audrey Beuth, Parish Secretary




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Directed Retreat with Fr Richard Shortall SJ at the Tyburn Monastery (Ngakuru) May 5-10
This silent Ignatian retreat features daily Mass, and individual spiritual direction with Fr. Richard Shortall each day

Cost: \$220 Beginning Sunday May 5 at 6:30pm and finishing on Friday May 10 after breakfast.
Cost: \$220 Places are limited to 9 participants only

If you are interested please contact Alex to register ASAP alexb@cdh.org.nz.



OPEN LETTER TO ALL M.P.s RE ABORTION now urgent. Upcoming Legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH. Overseas experience indicates that will be the forerunner to debate on even worse atrocities for the unborn child, including "partial-birth" abortions, "after- birth" abortions, and infanticide. If you wish to add your name to an Inter-Denominational "Open Letter to all members of Parliament" email donbrebs@kinect.co.nz you will receive a copy of the Letter by return.
May God Bless our mutual efforts. Thank you, Don Brebner.