



Celebration - Monsignor Franks 30 Year Ordination to Priesthood

Please join us in the courtyard after 9.00 am Mass
8th of December 2019 - for a morning tea put on
by our Parish to recognise this very
special occasion.

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year.

We had an overwhelming response and managed to collect exactly 100 boxes from our Parish and College communities.

Our boxes will be making their way to Fiji to help spread the Good News of God's love to children in need.



Caroling with the Inn-Keeper.

Date; Sat. 14th Dec; 4:45 -5.30pm

Venue:- Te Hapara Hall, 776 Childers Road



Gisborne Anglican/Catholic family movement.
Anyone can be in the play and we all get to sing the carols.

You are welcome to stay afterwards for fish & chips and a Christmas movie.

Koha welcome for fish & chips.

Contact, Joe or Robyn Hogan... 0277424466.

**JESUS IS BORN FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
THIS CHRISTMAS**

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23rd and 24th November 2019

Sat	23 Nov	6.00 pm		Pam Willock
Sun	24 Nov	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai	
Mon	25 Nov	7.30 am		
Tues	26 Nov	6.00 pm		Dianne and Roger Harries
Wed	27 Nov	9.30 am		Norman & Cherry Clark Anniversary
Thurs	28 Nov	9.00am		Liddell and Reed family
Fri	29 Nov	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		
Sat	30 Nov	9.00 am		Special Intention
			Confession	
		6.00 pm		Donovan family
Sun	01 Dec	9.00 am	Maori Miha	People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:	2 Samuel 5: 1 - 3
PSALM:	121: 1 - 5
	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord
SECOND READING:	Colossians 1: 12 - 20
GOSPEL	Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
ACCLAMATION:	our Father; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia !
GOSPEL :	Luke 23 : 35 - 43



We pray for our Bishop Steve Lowe. May he be blessed in his ministry with our Diocese of Hamilton.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS - 1st Sunday Of Advent

First Reading : Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
Psalm: 121: 1-2. 4-5. 6-9
Second Reading : Romans 13: 11-14
Gospel: Matthew 37 -44

Last Sunday's collection total est.: \$2,792.80

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

Today our Church Year comes to an end with the beautiful Feast of Christ the King. The flags resplendent in our church symbolize the coming Reign of Jesus, Our King, at the end of time... a reign of peace, justice and joy... a reign encompassing the people of all the nations of the World and of all the Angels and Saints in heaven.

Over the past Church Year (Year C) our Gospel Readings during the 34 weeks of Ordinary Time have been from the Gospel of Luke. Next week, with the 1st Sunday of Advent, the Year of Matthew (Year A) will begin. Most of our Gospel Readings for the next year will be from St. Matthew.

Last week close on 40 parishioners faithfully attended Fr. Richard Shortall's 'Advent Retreat' where, very gently, he instructed us on Meditation. It is a way of prayer which was made very popular by St. Ignatius Loyola. Participants have been encouraged to give the Lord a set time every day in order to read a scene from the Bible and then to plunge into it with the power of their imaginations. Father was very encouraging.

It has been lovely also to host in the Parish Centre the Year 7 and 8's from Campion College on their annual Retreat. So much wonderful enthusiasm! The Holy Spirit was so very evident!

Next Saturday at 10.00am Fr. Fernando Alombro will celebrate Mass for our Filipino parishioners in the Parish Church. This will be followed by lunch in the Parish Centre.

You may well have noticed some spot lighting at either end of the Sanctuary in our Church. Ken and Philippa Huberts noticed similar lights in the Cathedral in Perth. Ken, the practical man that he is, examined how they work and having got the OK from the Parish Finance Team, organised that we have the same. Well done Ken. I hope you all feel that the lights enhance our sanctuary.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

The CWL Raffle for the bicycle and wet suits was drawn at our Christmas Lunch on Thursday.

The results were: 1st prize (bicycle) to J Poole of Seddon Crescent and 2nd Prize (wet suits) to Sharleen Bridson a member of our League. A huge Thank You to everyone.



This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>) EWTN Live - 2013-01-09 - Bishop Athanasius Schneider, ORC. Aux. Bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan.

STAR

Parish Magazine November/December ...

The STAR for the above two months will be printed and published next weekend . The STAR Team apologise for the delay

Offers are required to take over the Mangapapa area Statue of Our Lady to deliver to homes of our parishioners

This is only normally about once a month. Our parishioner who has been doing this work is now unable to continue as she has a shoulder problem. Phone 8674 157 Or 0212152260



Daily MASS CALENDARS for 2020 are in my office today \$4.00 each.
Thank you Audrey

Nominations open for 2020 Delargey Awards

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference sponsors the Delargey Awards and are pleased to now be calling for nominations for 2020. The Awards recognise significant and outstanding contributions made in the field of Catholic ministry with young people in Aotearoa New Zealand. They are named in honour of Cardinal Delargey. Nominations close on January 17 2020, with the awards expected to be announced at the [Takirua2020: Shaping the Mission conference](#) in Wellington at Anzac weekend.

Full information is also available on our website: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/delargey-awards/



Reminder from Sr. Meg
MEETING OF COMMUNITY LAY
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
Wednesday 4th December
at the Convent 2.30 - 4.00 pm

