



COG (Current of Grace Prayer Group)  
**Monthly Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**6.30pm to 7.30pm – Parish Centre**  
 Praise & Worship (led by Filipino Group)  
 Personal testimony Jim Langer  
 Time of sharing and prayer  
 All Parishioners/friends are warmly welcome to take part  
 We end with a shared supper, come along, It is great

**Public Speaker Meeting**  
**Alcoholic Anonymous (Central Area)**

Cordially invite anyone interested in hearing about the disease of Alcoholism and how it affects others.

Speakers will be members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Family Groups

DATE: Saturday 2nd March 2019

Time: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Where: Holy Trinity Church, 70 Derby Street, Gisborne

**TH504 - Catholic Social Teaching.** Held at St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Centre (Campion Road), 28-30 March 2019, 9.00am to 4.00pm. If interested please contact: [c.piper@tci.ac.nz](mailto:c.piper@tci.ac.nz)

The Sacramental Programme will begin at Campion College on **Monday 4 March**. The Sacramental programme will comprise of 1 session per week, on a Monday, during school time. We would welcome students from other schools into our programme and can work with families to make arrangements for their children. We would encourage all students from Years 7 to 13 to consider deepening their faith and undertaking the Sacraments which are special signs of God's grace and blessing in the world. We are very privileged to have our Bishop, Steve Lowe, coming in May to celebrate these Sacraments with us. Parents wishing to have their children baptised, or to further their commitment to the Church through Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion are asked to contact the College to indicate an interest. Parents please contact the office on 06 867 9309 or email [karyn.sadler@campioncollege.school.nz](mailto:karyn.sadler@campioncollege.school.nz) for further details.

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

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Deacon - Mike Rolfe Assistant Priest - Fr. Jack Smith 8677224 #4 or 021 380979

Office: 9.30am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday **Diocesan Website :** [newsletter.cdh.nz](http://newsletter.cdh.nz)



**23rd and 24th February 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat	23 Feb	6.00 pm		Helen Race
Sun	24 Feb	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai	
Mon	25 Feb	7.30 am		
Tues	26 Feb	6.00 pm		Dec'd members Bottrill & Clark families
Wed	27 Feb	9.30 am		
Thurs	28 Feb	9.00am		
Fri	01 Mar	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		Peggy Kaua
Sat	02 Mar	9.00 am		
		9.30 am	Confession	
		6.00 pm		Anne Griffin
Sun	03 Mar	9.00 am	Maori Miha	People of the Parish

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: **1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9**  
 PSALM: **102: 1-4. 8. 10. 12-13**  
**The Lord is kind and merciful**  
 SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 15: 45-49**  
 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you; I give you a new Commandment.**  
 GOSPEL : **Luke 6: 27-38**



*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)**  
 First Reading : Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7  
 Psalm: 91: 2-3. 13-16  
 Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58  
 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

Last Sunday's collection total : \$2,390.60

## Monsignor Frank's Message

Dear parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and all visitors,  
The year is beginning to zing along. January holidays are now becoming just a pleasant memory!

The first coming event to note is the beginning of Lent. **Ash Wednesday** is on Wednesday week- **March 6th**. There will be two Masses: 9.30am (with St. Mary's School) and 6.00pm. Campion College will have a Liturgy in the Church at 1.30pm. It is now a good time to prayerfully plan your Lent so that it will be truly enriching for you. (Fr. Jack has told me that I am giving up desserts!)

Next Sunday (March 3rd) will be our annual Parish Picnic. It will be held at the Botanical Gardens-the same place as last year- at 5.00pm. Bring a rug or a portable chair to sit on and lots of food! Games will be organised for young and old alike! Mark this down as a **MUST** on your calendars!

Fr. Richard Shortall, who was with us for a month last year, guiding parishioners in their prayer-life, will be making a short return visit from Wednesday March 6th until Friday March 8th. He would like to invite all of last year's retreatants, and any other interested parishioners, to gather in the Parish Centre on Thursday, March 7th, at 7.00pm for a session of about an hour during which he will lead us in a 'reminder' experience of Ignation Imaginative Contemplation, followed by a further reminder of how helpful the Review Prayer can be. It may be possible to see Fr. Richard one on one. Perhaps catch him after the 9.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday to get an appointment.

The Sacramental Programmes preparing our young people for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are about to get underway. For children who don't attend St Mary's, Year 6 and under, please contact Sharyn Tilley at St. Mary's School. For children who don't attend Campion College, Year 7 and older, please contact Karyn Sadler at Campion College. It is likely that Bishop Steve will be here for Confirmation and 1st Communion at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday May 18th. (His Sundays are booked right through to July.)

Please continue your prayers for God's blessing on the March for Life in Hamilton on 10th March. If the March inspires just one mother to welcome her baby into the World, it will have been a success.

All the best for those gathering in Rotorua for the 'Final Reunion' next week.

Our sympathy goes out to Irene Jones and the community of St. Mary's Rotorua on the death of Deacon Mike Jones. Deacon Mike's Requiem was last Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

[This week's featured link on the parish web site \(http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz\)](http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz)

Prolife speaker Patricia Sandoval shakes the crowd.

### DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The Diocesan new website is now Live at  
[www.proudtobecatholic.co.nz](http://www.proudtobecatholic.co.nz) - You can also access it at  
[www.cdh.org.nz](http://www.cdh.org.nz). And [newsletter.cdh.nz](http://newsletter.cdh.nz)



**Reminder Saint  
Vincent de Paul**  
new phone number  
**020 417 18608**



**Reminder from Sr. Meg**  
MEETING OF COMMUNITY LAY  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION  
Tuesday 26th February  
at the Convent 2.30 - 4.00 pm

### Message from our Priests

In the event of a family member being admitted to hospital, or ill at home, please feel free to contact our Priests or the office for a visit.  
Parish Office /Monsignor Contact 867 7224 or Fr. Jack cell phone 021 380979

You are invited to attend our St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Picnic on Sunday 3 March at 5.00pm. We will meet at the Botanical Gardens (the Carnarvon Street end) for an evening of fellowship and fun at 5.00pm. Bring along your own picnic, and blanket or seats. You are welcome to bring your children and grandchildren. The more, the merrier! **Please contact Karyn Sadler on 0278 174 974** for further details.

### 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