

How are you going with your Lenten journey 2019?

During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey with God and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish.

Check off what you have done and what you can do further!

Have you picked up your Lenten pack for envelopes to contribute to the NZ Bishops Caritas Annual Appeal or made your donation on line?

Have you joined up for a Caritas Scripture reflection group?

Have you been to the Stations of the Cross on Friday and shared in the soup meal?

Thursday 14 March 10.00 - 11.30am

Led by Ross and Shirley Gregory

1 Healey Place, phone 8672408

Thursday 14 March 7.30-9.00pm

Led by Tracy Robinson

3B Cobham Place,
phone 0274 894 373



JOURNEY
in Lent

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.

We do require offers to make soup please and supply bread.

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9th and 10th March 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Sat	09 Mar	6.00 pm		Kitty and Cyril Lundon
Sun	10 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Tolaga Bay	
Mon	11 Mar	7.30 am		
Tues	12 Mar	6.00 pm		
Wed	13 Mar	9.30 am		
Thurs	14 Mar	9.00am		
Fri	15 Mar	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		Bob Niemiec Anniversary
Sat	16 Mar	9.00 am		
		9.30 am	Confession	
		6.00 pm		Chaffey family
Sun	17 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.30 am	Tokomaru Bay	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Deuteronomy 26: 4-10**
 PSALM: **90: 1-2. 10-15**
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

SECOND READING: **Romans 10: 8-13**
 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2**
No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from God. Praise and honour...

GOSPEL : **Luke 4: 1-13**



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

NEXT WEEKS READINGS - (Year C) 2nd Sun Lent
 First Reading : Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18
 Psalm: 26: 1. 7-9. 13-14
 Second Reading : Philippians 3: 20-4.1
 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Last Sunday's collection total : **\$3,957.30**

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

Allow me to quote from Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Homily: "Lent is the time to rediscover our direction in life. In every journey what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If we are only interested in looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we won't get far. Am I satisfied with just living in the moment, feeling good and having fun? Is my focus simply searching for health or gaining possessions? We are not in the world for these things.

"Return to Me," say the Lord. "To Me." The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. Our direction must lead to Him."

The hearts of all of us reach out to embrace our beloved sister in Christ, Liz McLeod, as she mourns the tragic death of her son, Eughan. Eughan's Requiem Mass will be on Monday at 11.00am. I know many of us will be gathering to support Liz and to show her our love. May Eughan rest in peace.

On Thursday Requiem Mass for Fr. Peter Carde was celebrated at the Cathedral in Palmerston North. After returning from many years serving in Fiji, Fr. Peter spent the latter years of his priesthood working for at least 10 years as Parish Priest at Te Kuiti and then Taumarunu, He was a much loved priest of our Hamilton Diocese. May he rest in peace.

Thank-you to all who organised our Parish Picnic last Sunday. It was a really happy occasion blessed by warm weather and a large crowd.

The Bishop has found himself counter-booked and we must change the date we previously advertised for **Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion**. Our date for 2019 will be Sunday, the **28th of July, at the 9.00am Mass**.

Congratulations to all who attended the 'Last Reunion' for pupils from the 1950's who attended St. Mary's and Marist Brothers here in Gisborne. There was a roll-call of over 90 ex-pupils. I had the joy of celebrating a moving Mass for them on Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Rotorua. The names of Sisters and Brothers from those days were recalled as well as many ex-pupils who have now gone to the Lord. There were people from Australia and from all over New Zealand. A fabulous occasion.

A special Lenten practice for the Parish are the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm on Fridays- followed by a meal of delicious soup- which is a fund raiser for Caritas. Offers to provide soup and supply bread are welcome.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>) Innocent or guilty we do not know but was the Cardinal Pell verdict beyond all reasonable doubt?



Legion of Mary Please remember that all parishioners are invited to the ACIES at 3.00 pm Sunday 24th March 2019 in Saint Mary's Church. We look forward to you joining us for this celebration. Tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the ceremony. Please ph. Frances 867 3102 if requiring transport.

The Common Good

Taking a Preferential Option for the Poor

You would probably agree that David Attenborough is no long-haired youthful protester but could you see him more like a modern-day Jesus in a suit and tie?

Is it enough to save the planet to be buying energy-efficient lightbulbs or taking reusable bags to the supermarket or this just cosmetic?

If you are interested in or concerned about climate change this magazine will be of interest to you.

And if you want to know what Pope Francis calls "pernicious and sinful" then you really **MUST** pick up a copy of The Common Good from the table in the foyer. They are free to pick up but challenging to put down!



Message from Sr. Meg

The 9.00 am Mass on Sunday 31st March will be a Children's Mass

If you play a musical instrument and would be able to play along with our young 'budding' musicians during this Mass, please contact me Ph 867 7589 or Helen (Perky) McGuigan 021 678 993

The Mar. 10 – 23 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. *Some headlines are:* Radical Reforms and Catholic Schools. Abuse summit tough but needed says Cardinal Dew. Healthcare Mass in Christchurch. Two Catholics react to Jordan