

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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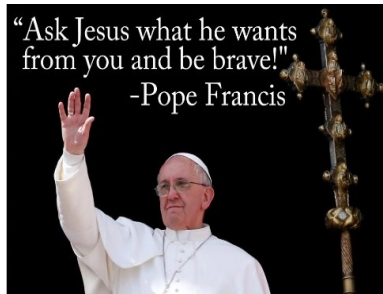
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Second Sunday in Lent Reflection from Pope Francis.

“Once God’s law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. *Mk 7:20-23*) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.”



Caritas Scripture Reflection Group

With Ross and Shirley Gregory
1 Healey Place
Thursday 21 st March 10:00am to 11:30am
We look forward to you joining us.

Caritas Scripture Reflection Group

Thursday evenings 7.30-9.00pm
Led by Tracy Robinson
3B Cobham Place.



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.

Phone Phyllis 02102389365



Please note that **this month's** General Meeting of the **Catholic Women's League** will be held on **Thursday 28th March 2019** in the Small Room off the Parish Centre at 1.30pm.

16th and 17th March 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sat	16 Mar	6.00 pm	Chaffey family
Sun	17 Mar	9.00 am	People of the Parish
		11.30 am	Tokomaru Bay
Mon	18 Mar	7.30 am	
Tues	19 Mar	6.00 pm	Legion of Mary
Wed	20 Mar	9.30 am	Kory Thomas
Thurs	21 Mar	9.00am	Eughan McLeod
Fri	22 Mar	11.30am	Confession
		12.10pm	Eughan McLeod
Sat	23 Mar	9.00 am	Eughan McLeod
		9.30 am	Confession
		6.00 pm	Joan and Bernie Thomson Anniversary
Sun	24 Mar	9.00 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18

PSALM:

26: 1. 7-9. 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation

SECOND READING:

Philippians 3: 20-4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2
From the shining cloud the father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. From the shining cloud the voice is heard; this is my beloved Son.... Praise and honour**

GOSPEL :

Luke 9: 28-36



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) 3rd Sun Lent
First Reading : Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15
Psalm: 102: 1-4. 6-8. 11
Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13 1-9

Last Sunday's collection total : \$2,324.40

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

On Sunday a parishioner shared a story with me which I think is quite beautiful. Her Granddaughter had been really upset because she is now old enough to receive First Holy Communion but because the family will be away from Gisborne at the date we had been given for First Holy Communion was told by her family that she would need to wait until next year because everyone wanted to be at her First Holy Communion.. Her mother did tell her, though, to tell Jesus in prayer how disappointed she was and to ask Him to fix things for her. And Jesus did! Last week the Bishop found himself to be double booked for our original date and asked to change it to July 28th. And so this lovely young girl will now be making her First Holy Communion this year. Never doubt the power your children have when they kneel at prayer!

Mr Andy Searle of 'Creative Lighting Design' replaced our Powerpoint with a new machine which squares up the image far better than the previous one. He did this free of charge. We are amazed by his generosity. Andy is a man of great integrity. We commend his services to you all.

On Saturday Mrs Sarah Dixon was received into the Church. We welcome her into our Parish community with great joy. Sarah is currently following a course of instruction and will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in the not too distant future.

Rite 2 Reconciliation, in preparation for Holy Week, will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday, **April 11th**. Three days later on Palm Sunday, **April 14th**, also at 7.00pm, there will be a **Combined Service** with our sisters and brothers from the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches here at St. Mary's. Please note these Services in your calendars.

We commend our students at Campion for taking a stand on Friday to remind us of the threat climate change brings to Planet Earth. One thing we can all control is our use of plastics. When shopping, if the product I want is presented in a plastic container or a cardboard container, I will always buy the one in the cardboard container. It is only a little thing but it feels good to be at least doing something.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.



Marian Family Group welcome adults with young children to join the Marian Family Group (MFG) for a cuppa and catch-up in the parish centre straight after Mass on Sunday morning; activities and snacks for the kids will be provided.



All welcome to the **Josephite Companions** meeting at 2pm Saturday 23 March in the Parish Centre.

We are a small group who would love to grow!
We invite you to come along and share your time, prayers and hospitality.

We will be honouring and praying to St Joseph on this occasion.



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.

To our parish - you are invited on
Monday 25th March to:
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist
(reconciliation available)
6.00 pm Praise and Worship
6.25 pm Adoration and Reflections
(in Filipino and English)
7.30 pm Shared Supper

Hosted by Current of Grace Prayer Group



This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>) The Show Trial of Cardinal Pell—George Weigel (Free Version).

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