

Third Sunday of Lent

“Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts, so as not to be complacent about things as they are, but unsettled by the living and effective work of the risen Lord.”

Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exultate – Rejoice and Exult (para137)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.

We do require offers to make soup and supply bread FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF LENT please

Phone Phyllis 02102389365



St. Mary's Catholic Primary is initiating a Taruheru river clean-up on **Sunday 31st March at 10.15** (right after our Parish-school Mass). Everyone from our community is welcome to attend!

Students are to come along with their parent/s, and whanau to help collect the rubbish and debris from our awa and along the river banks.

Gloves will be available but we ask that you bring along a bucket for collecting the rubbish (if you have one) and a can-do attitude!

There will be a community sausage sizzle afterwards as a means of saying

Thank you!

Please meet down by the Campion footbridge after Mass.

*Gisborne Choral Society presents St John Passion by J.S.Bach
Sunday 31st March at 2.00pm at
St Andrew's Church. All welcome*

To Our Indian Parishioners....

Pamela would like a group to assist with making morning tea occasionally on a Sunday after Mass

Can you please contact Pamela if you are able to offer help

at 868 8659 or email pammathias5@gmail.com

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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Office: 9.30am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday **Diocesan Website :** newsletter.cdh.nz



23rd and 24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat	23 Mar	6.00 pm	Joan and Bernie Thomson Anniversary
Sun	24 Mar	9.00 am 11.00 am Matawai	People of the Parish
Mon	25 Mar	7.30 am	
Tues	26 Mar	6.00 pm	Legion of Mary
Wed	27 Mar	9.30 am	Eughan McLeod
Thurs	28 Mar	9.00am	Mary and George Owen Anniversary
Fri	29 Mar	11.30am Confession 12.10pm	Eughan McLeod
Sat	30 Mar	9.00 am 9.30 am Confession 6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	31 Mar	9.00 am Children's Mass 10.00 am Ruatoria	Special Intention for all children

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15**

PSALM: **102: 1-4. 6-8. 11**

The Lord is kind and merciful

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2
Repent, repent says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven
is at hand. Repent, repent says the Lord; the
kingdom is at hand..... Praise and honour**

GOSPEL : **Luke 13: 1-9**



*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) 4th Sun Lent

First Reading : Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalms: 33: 2-7

Second Reading : 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15 1-3. 11-32

Last Sunday's collection total : \$2,532.60

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

One of most prominent Catholic writers in the world, Fr. Laurence Freeman, wrote this with reference to the massacre in Christchurch of fifty God-fearing men, women and children at prayer last Friday: "When people at prayer are mown down by a madman, we should feel the pure anger of prophets.

But if this anger leads to deeper hatred, the darkness merely thickens. When in the short formal remand, the judge called the arrested man 'Mr', he refused to dehumanise a person who had denied the humanity of others. The light shines in darkness. We see, through tears, how evil's triumph can be reversed by humanising forgiveness, the ultimate winning card."

On Thursday evening a large section of our wall facing out onto Gladstone Road was covered with obscenities of the worst kind. It was a hate attack on Christianity and also terribly racist. I was especially horrified when quite a large number of our schoolchildren hastened to look at it on their way to School. Some broke into tears. All of us were deeply saddened. A huge thank-you to Mr. Shane Anderson who spent the morning trying to cleanse the wall - which was impossible as the paint had been absorbed by the concrete. Shane then completely painted the wall with an undercoat. He will be returning soon to paint the wall back to its original grey. Shane has refused any payment. Thank-you, too, to several members of the public and parishioners who offered to assist.

Welcome to our Youth Group- joining us at our Saturday evening Mass. On Monday, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Current of Grace Prayer Group will be having an hour of praise and worship and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. All are very welcome. There is a 6.00pm start.

On Friday at 7.00pm Fr. Fernando, who is the Chaplain for all Filipino Catholics in our diocese, will be with us to celebrate a Mass for our Filipino parishioners. I know all parishioners would be made very welcome.

A profit of \$4,100 was made by the 'Final Assembly Reunion', held recently in Rotorua. A cheque has been sent to Campion College to assist needy students. Well done!

We remember in prayer Dawn Wood, whose Funeral Service was on Wednesday. May she rest in peace. For at least 8 years Dawn was brought Holy Communion every week by dedicated parishioners. It is such an important ministry.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.



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 NEXT
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



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.

Donation Envelopes for the Muslim Community

Can these please be placed in the Collection plate this weekend or dropped into the office no later than Wednesday 27th March.

On the Thursday it is my intention to pay all donations to the Muslim Appeal Trust Account..... Thankyou Audrey

OPEN LETTER TO M.P.s RE ABORTION (received by Parish email)

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. Christians cannot just stand by. 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, Voice for Life B.O.P. Charitable Trust