



4 November 2019

Saint Mary Star of the Sea Parish
 Att. Audrey Beuth, Parish Administrator
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 Gisborne
 4010
 New Zealand

Dear Audrey,

On behalf of Hospice Tairāwhiti, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to speak to your congregation about fundraising for a new home for Hospice Tairāwhiti. You were very welcoming, and we are blown away by your generous donation of \$2,065 from the parishioners of St Mary Star of the Sea and the Catholic Church Diocese. We currently have less than \$450,000 left to raise on the \$3.1 million build. Your generous contribution will go towards our new building fund.

Our new building will allow our doctors, nurses, and counsellor space to breathe. It will offer day patients to visit our medical team; to host bereavement groups and educational courses for GPs and Nurses working throughout Tairāwhiti. Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising efforts to expand the services that we offer.

We are delighted that St Mary Star of the Sea values and supports the work of the hospice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support, your donation and to the parishioners who sold extra BBQ raffle ticket books for us.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Kirkpatrick
 Fundraising and Marketing Co-ordinator

16th and 17th November 2019

Sat	16 Nov	6.00 pm	Gerard Lynch Anniversary
Sun	17 Nov	9.00 am 11.30 am Tokomaru Bay	Peggy and Paddy McCormack People of the Parish
Mon	18 Nov	7.30 am	<i>Retreat begins</i>
Tues	19 Nov	6.00 pm	Dianne and Roger Harries
Wed	20 Nov	9.00 am	Special Intention
Thurs	21 Nov	9.00am	Legion of Mary
Fri	22 Nov	11.30am 12.10pm	<i>Confession</i> Bill Teutenberg
Sat	23 Nov	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Confession</i> Pam Willock
Sun	24 Nov	9.00 am 11.00am Matawai	People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:	Malachi 3: 19 - 20
PSALM:	97: 5 - 9
	The Lord come to rule the earth with justice.
SECOND READING:	2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12
GOSPEL	Lift up your heads, lift up your heads and see;
ACCLAMATION:	lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
GOSPEL :	Luke 21 : 5 - 19



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 -

First Reading : 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
 Psalm: 121: 1-5
 Second Reading : Colossians 1: 12-20
 Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Monsignor Frank's Message

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

Last Wednesday evening brought us the very sad news that a majority of our politicians see nothing wrong with those who are terminally ill requesting a doctor to kill them.

Our lives are gifted to us by God. It is not for us to terminate our lives as we will. That is for God alone. So many New Zealanders do not believe in the existence of God and do not believe that they are answerable to a Higher Power for their actions. Suicide, they believe, is their right if they so choose. It is a sad belief.

Fr. Richard Shortall is with us for the coming week. From Monday to Friday, Father will celebrate Mass in the Chapel at 9.00am every morning. He will follow the Mass with a Talk on prayer lasting for 45 minutes. Father will repeat his talk- once again in the Chapel- in the evening at 7.00 pm.

Father is a Jesuit priest specialising in spiritual direction. He has been especially brought out to our Diocese by Bishop Steve to help us on our prayer- journeys. I hope many will make use of this wonderful opportunity. Please note that on Wednesday there will be no 9.30am Mass.

Congratulations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on their wonderful morning of entertainment and refreshments for our elderly last Friday morning.

Christmas is on the Horizon! On Thursday the Catholic Women's League will be having their Christmas Lunch at the Vines. Thank-you, ladies, for your invaluable contribution to Parish Life and for the funds you so willingly raise for the needy at our Parish School.

Congratulations to Rodulfo and Maria Espellarga on the Baptism of their baby boy, John. John will be blessed by having eighteen God-parents praying for him! Welcome into your Parish home, John.

Valerie Gallagher passed into eternal life on Thursday. Her Funeral will be at 1.30 pm on Tuesday in our Parish Church. May she rest in peace.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Richard Shortall into our Parish this week
And we wish him a pleasant stay.

This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>)
The Story of Exodus 90 in 7 minutes W/ Co-Founder James Baxter.



REMINDER*Marian Family Group* will catch up after Mass **today Sunday** for a 'Cuppa' Please come and join us and other young families for a 'cuppa

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STAR Parish Magazine November ...

The STAR TEAM APOLOGISE FOR THE DELAY IN THE NOVEMBER STAR

The Star will be combined for Nov and Dec. If there are any urgent items or articles that would have been going into the Dec Star, please have them to us by **Tuesday 19th Nov.** We expect the Star to be out for the weekend 24/25 Nov.

The envelope containing the memory stick was placed on the 'window sil' outside the Parish office last Friday

If you have collected it in error please return to Monsignor Frank or direct to Audrey. Thank you

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