

## 3rd Week of Lent



Lord Jesus, we worship you in spirit and truth as we work towards building your kingdom. Let us look beyond our divisions to become springs of hope for the poor and marginalized in our world. Empower your people to spread your word so that many more may come to believe in you.

What YOU can do this Lent:

Join one of the Lenten reflection groups, either with Sr Cynthia Kearney Phone 868 6378 or Tracy Robinson Phone 0274 894 373

Take a pack of Lenten Appeal envelope and contribute financially to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal (almsgiving).

Consider what you can contribute to, change or give up for Lent in order to make your world a better place for all to live in (fasting).

**JOURNEY**  
in Lent

**REMINDER Stations of the Cross Friday evenings**  
at 6.00 pm  
and followed by a bowl of home made soup and bread.

There will be a Koha donation box for Caritas.

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### 14th and 15th March 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat	14 Mar	6.00 pm		Bernie Thomson
Sun	15 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.30 am	Tokomaru Bay	
Mon	16 Mar	7.30 am		
Tues	17 Mar	6.00 pm		Chaffey family
Wed	18 Mar	9.30 am		
Thurs	19 Mar	9.00am		
Fri	20 Mar	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		
Sat	21 Mar	9.00 am		
		9.30 am	Confession	
		6.00pm		Colleen Dunne
Sun	22 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai	

FIRST READING:	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> <b>Exodus 17: 3-7</b>
PSALM:	<b>95</b> <b>If, today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart</b>
SECOND READING:	<b>Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Praise and Honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2</b> <b>Lord, you are truly the Saviour, truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water that I may never thirst again .....Praise &amp; honour....</b>
GOSPEL :	<b>John 4: 5-42</b>



*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 : Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13  
Psalm: 23  
Second Reading : Ephesians 5: 8-14  
Gospel : John 9: 1-41

Parish office Hours 9.30 am-12.30 pm Mon-Fri

Diocesan website: [newsletter.cdh.nz](http://newsletter.cdh.nz)

Last Sunday's collection total \$3,060.90 Caritas : 261.80

## Monsignor Frank's Message

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

A letter to all Parishes in New Zealand from our Bishops arrived this morning instructing us that health professionals at the Ministry of Health have advised them that at the moment there is no need to change our liturgy practices because the virus so far is not being transmitted in the community.

The Bishops are in daily contact with the Ministry of Health seeking their advice as it relates to matters of Mass practice. The Bishops will contact parishes immediately if changes have to be made- which we will implement immediately.

Last week I spent four days in Auckland. During that time I was able to attend the episcopal ordination of Bishop Michael Gielen. It was hugely joy-filled. At the same time I was able to also attend the Vigil Mass for Monsignor Michael Browne at Mercy Parklands Chapel in Ellerslie, Auckland and the Requiem Mass on the following day at the Cathedral in Hamilton. It was such a privilege. Monsignor Michael was a special friend. He was also the Parish Priest of our own Parish, St. Mary Star of the Sea, here in Gisborne from 1981 -86. So I had a sense of representing you all. It was also a great joy for me to meet, for the first time, the 14 month old twins of my nephew Justin and his lovely wife Francesca. Leo and Louella are wonderfully full-on!

Thursday is the Feast of St. Joseph, a beloved Saint. On that day the Sacramental Programme for children, 8-10 years of age, will begin at St. Mary's School at 3.00pm. If you know of children who are not going to St. Mary's but would like to be baptised and then, a few weeks later, make their 1st Holy Communion, please pass the word to them that they will be warmly welcomed.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Chloe Reeves on the Baptism of their daughter Charlotte at St. James, Tokomaru Bay, this day by Fr. Tovio. Welcome, little one, into our Church family.

At our Saturday evening Mass, Georgina Cameron and Kevin Halverson, the two members of our RCIA programme for this year, will be formally blessed and welcomed as Catechumens. All going well they will then be received into the Church and receive Holy Communion for the first time at our Easter Vigil Liturgy in four weeks time. In receiving Kevin and Georgie as Catechumens we as a community make a commitment to remember them in prayer as they prepare for their life-changing day.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

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

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist - Bishop Barron 2020 Religious Education Congress.



**LEGION OF MARY** All parishioners are invited to the ACIES which will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 3.00 pm in Saint Marys Church

This is the time of year when there is a consecration of legionaries to Our lady and will compromise individual and collective consecration. We gather to renew our loyalty to her with a promise, Rosary and Benediction.

Tea will be served in the Parish Centre. We hope to welcome you there after the ceremony



All welcome to a **Josephite Companions** meeting on 21st March at 2.00 pm at 122 Darwin Rd. Come and share our focus on St Joseph whose feast day is Thursday, 19th March. Phone: Chris 8676375.



### **MARIAN FAMILY GROUP meet this SUNDAY**

Please come and join us and other young families for a 'Cuppa'. We meet once a month, 3rd Sunday of the month/guitar mass, Mass starts at 9am

**2020 dates: 15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 22 November, 20 December**

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Please check our Parish website for further information and notices ...

<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz/>



### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Please phone  
**Liz McLeod**  
**868 3925**

for all prayer intentions.

Thank you all

Please phone Liz and not Judy



The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding their next meeting on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**March at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.** We are delighted to have **Father Tovio** as our Guest Speaker. Please come along and join us.