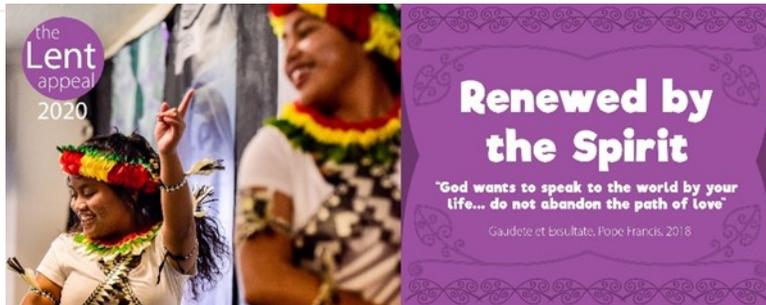


## Lent 2020 26 February – 9 April



Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Each year the Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including in Aotearoa New Zealand.

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Each year, Caritas develops resources for parishes and communities to guide reflection and prayer throughout the six weeks of Lent.

The theme for Lent 2020 is **"Renewed by the Spirit"** – taken from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and Exult*. This theme reminds us of the call to encounter God and allow him to guide us, giving us the strength to live out our journey of faith and invite others to join us on our way.

### What YOU can do this Lent:

Join a Lenten reflection group to reflect, discuss and pray on the Sunday Gospel for each week of Lent (prayer).

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 the 6 weeks of Lent in order to make your world a better place for all to live in (fasting).

### Lenten Reflection Groups

**Tuesday mornings**, starting 3 March, 10.30 am – midday with Sr. Cynthia Kearney, 2 Victoria Street Gisborne, phone 868 6378  
or

**Wednesday evenings**, starting 3 March, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm with Tracy Robinson, 32a Wairere Road Wainui, phone 0274 894 373

Phone either Cynthia or Tracy for more information or just turn up

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### 22nd and 23rd February 2020

Sat	22 Feb	6.00 pm		People of the Parish
Sun	23 Feb	9.00 am 11.00 am	Matawai	
Mon	24 Feb	7.30 am		
Tues	25 Feb	6.00 pm		Malcolm Boyd
Wed	26 Feb	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday	
		6.00 pm		
Thurs	27 Feb	9.00am		
Fri	28 Feb	11.30am 12.10pm	Confession	Thanksgiving Mass Intention
Sat	29 Feb	9.00 am		
			Confession	
		6.00pm		
Sun	01 Mar	9.00 am	Maori Miha	1st Sunday of Lent People of the Parish

FIRST READING:	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> <b>Levitt 19; 1–2, 17–18</b>
PSALM:	<b>103</b> <b>The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is rich</b> <b>In faithful love</b>
SECOND READING:	<b>1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 23</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect</b> <b>in the love of God. Al - le - lu - ia!</b>
GOSPEL :	<b>Matthew 5: 38–48</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 : Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Psalm: 51

Second Reading : 2 Romans 5 : 12–19

Gospel : Matthew 4: 1–11

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 \$2,133.20

## Monsignor Frank's Message

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

It has been a sad week for the Diocese. On Monday we had the Requiem Mass for Fr. Graeme Alexander. And now on Saturday we have had the Requiem Mass for Monsignor Des McCarthy. Mons Des was the Parish Priest of Cambridge for over 30 years and before that for many years was the Parish Priest of Ponsonby. He was the Vicar General of our Diocese from its inception back in 1981. He was a wonderfully pastoral priest. Several times when I was new to priesthood I rang Mons Des for advice on pastoral matters. His responses were always compassionate and wise. May he rest in peace.

On Saturday we had our own Requiem Mass for a much loved parishioner-Graham Harris. Our hearts go out to Carol who was married to Graham for 63 years. Graham was proud to be a Catholic and faithfully witnessed to the Faith in the community, especially as an active member of the Lions Club. May Graham now be enjoying a wonderful reward in heaven.

On this Monday evening (Feb 24th) at 7.00pm there will be a **Safeguarding Workshop** which is compulsory for all parishioners who work on behalf of the Parish with children and vulnerable adults. The Meeting will be at Campion College in one of the large teaching spaces. Mr. Terry Consedine from Tauranga will be conducting the Meeting on behalf of the Diocese. All parishioners involved in Children's Liturgy, taking Holy Communion to Resthomes or into people's homes, visiting homes as members of the Legion of Mary or the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please make the effort to come. The Meeting will conclude with a tasty supper!

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent- **Ash Wednesday**. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 6.00pm. Campion College will conduct an Ashes ceremony at 1.30pm in the Church as well. It is very much a Catholic practice to receive the ashes as we launch into Lent. On every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm in the Church; followed by the opportunity to enjoy a bowl of soup together in the Parish Centre. A wee koha to support Caritas would be appreciated.

Our Filipino parishioners are especially invited to gather in the Parish Centre on Saturday March 7th at 9.30am. A team coming from Auckland from 'Couples for Christ' will introduce you to their Christian Life Programme. 'Couples for Christ' had its origins in the Philippines and is now strong in Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga. The Meeting is open to all parishioners.

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Picnic last Sunday. It was a lot of fun.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>)  
Jerry & Debbie - Feb 19, 2020- Catholicism and the LGBTQ Community.

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland** - Te Taumata o te hahi Katorika  
The Most Reverend Patrick Dunn DD  
Bishop of Auckland has pleasure in inviting you to the Episcopal Ordination of his auxiliary **The Most Reverend Michael Gielen DD**

**Date:** Saturday 7 March 2020

**Time:** Starts at 11.00am - please arrive early

**Location:** Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Wiri, Manukau 2104

**Parking:** Enter through Gates 2 and 3 | parking available for cars and buses ..... All Welcome!

The **Sacramental Programme** will begin at Campion College on **Monday 24 February**. The Sacramental programme will comprise of 1 session per week, on Mondays from 11.10 am until 12.35 pm.

We welcome students from other schools into our programme and can work with families to make arrangements for their children. We encourage all students from Years 7 to 13 to consider deepening their faith and undertaking the Sacraments which are special signs of God's grace and blessing in the world.

We are very privileged to have Bishop Steve Lowe coming to Gisborne on 31 May to celebrate these Sacraments with us.

Parents wishing to have their children baptised, or to further their commitment to the Church through Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion are asked to contact the College on 06 8679309 or email [karyn.sadler@campioncollege.school.nz](mailto:karyn.sadler@campioncollege.school.nz) for further details.

## Reminder.... Safeguarding Workshop MONDAY evening 7.00 pm at Campion

**Attending a workshop is compulsory for all clergy, paid staff and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults**, is open to all in the parish to attend and will be a prerequisite for people to work with children or vulnerable adults in the Diocese of Hamilton."

..... Bishop Steve Lowe

**CURRENT OF GRACE PRAYER GROUP** invite all parishioners to **MONDAY MARCH 2nd CHARISMATIC MASS 6.30PM FOLLOWED BY SHARED SUPPER**

*(come, now is the time to worship)*

