

## Lent 2020 26 February – 9 April

As we take our step of faith into the desert, make us strong against our temptations so that we can form a deeper relationship with God.

Remind us when we feel alone that we are part of the Body of Christ.

May we work together with our brothers and sisters to build a better world.



### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

**"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2Cor 5:20)**  
**In his Lenten letter the Pope gives us 4 outlines of how we can respond to God's call during Lent. In typical Francis style each point carries its own relevant challenge for us in today's society.**  
**(FULL MESSAGE ON NOTICE BOARD)**

#### 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, **12 Victoria Street** Gisborne, phone 868 6378  
 or

**Wednesday evenings**, starting 4 March, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm with Tracy Robinson, **32a Wairere Road** Wainui, phone 0274 894 373

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### 29th February and 1st March 2020 1st Sunday of Lent

Sat	29 Feb	6.00 pm		Peggy Kaua
Sun	01 Mar	9.00 am	Maori Miha	People of the Parish
Mon	02 Mar	7.30 am		
Tues	03 Mar	6.00 pm		Eughan McLeod
Wed	04 Mar	9.30 am		Special Intention Shelley Anne Avisenis
Thurs	05 Mar	9.00am		
Fri	06 Mar	11.30am 12.10pm	Confession	Colleen Mazengarb
Sat	07 Mar	9.00 am 9.30 am 6.00pm	Confession	Special Intention Bishop Michael Gielen
Sun	08 Mar	9.00 am 11.00 am	Tolaga Bay	People of the Parish

FIRST READING:	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> <b>Genesis 2: 7–9., 3: 1–7</b>
PSALM:	<b>51</b> <b>Be merciful O Lord for we have sinned</b>
SECOND READING:	<b>2 Romans 5; 12– 19</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Praise and Honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2</b>
No one lives on bread alone	<b>But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.</b>
No one lives on bread alone	<b>But on every word that comes from God. Praise &amp; honour</b>
GOSPEL :	<b>Matthew 4: 1–11</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 12: 1–4

Psalm: 33

Second Reading : 2 Timothy 1: 8–10

Gospel : Matthew 17: 1 – 9

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 \$2,912.00

## Monsignor Frank's Message

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

We launched into Lent for 2020 with two well-attended Masses on Ash Wednesday. The word 'Lent' comes from the Latin word for 'Spring'. It is a time of re-birth, of new beginnings, of sowing seeds in preparation for the climax of the Church's Year- the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We fast, we pray and we give alms preparing ourselves spiritually for these wonderful days of grace. Let us all begin Lent with enthusiasm and joy!

Part of our special prayer focus during Lent is the Parish celebration of the **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday** evening. I made a mistake- in advertising the Stations to be at 5.00pm. I was an hour early. The correct time is **6.00pm**- which will kick in this coming Friday.

On Monday evening at 6.30pm the Current of Grace Prayer Group will host a Charismatic Mass in the Church. Give yourself a treat!! We have an excellent music group and the Mass will be followed by a supper.

I will be leaving for Auckland on Tuesday morning to be a part of the celebrations for the consecration of my friend, Fr. Michael Gielen. I will also take the opportunity to meet with some of my family members. Fr. Tovia will run things while I am away. I should be back late Sunday afternoon.

Thank-you to all who attended the Safeguarding Workshop last Monday evening. I am sure we all went home knowing that we had gained some very useful knowledge.

Please read the latest copy of 'Kete Korero'- especially the splendid article by our own Genny Arahill of her trip with Maria Carruthers to Rome for the Canonisation of St. John Henry Newman. The editor of the Kete, Mike Smith, has resigned from the position so there could be some doubt over its future in its present format in days to come.

On Saturday I will have attended the induction of the new Presbyterian Minister at St. Andrews Rev. Jin-Sook Kin. May she be richly blessed in her work for our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

On Saturday, too, will be the Baptism of Arlo Francis Bethel- the son of Patrick and Bridget. Welcome, little child, into our Church family.

Let us continue to remember Graham Harris in our prayers. May he rest in peace. And our hearts go out to embrace his beloved wife, Carol, in her sorrow.

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

**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)*



### .... Safeguarding Workshop

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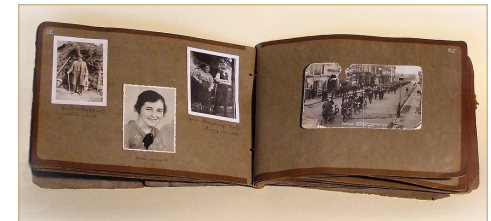
**We had a good crowd of parishioners and the 'workshop' ran well. Special thanks to you all. Another workshop/power point will be followed up at a later date for those who were unable to attend.**

### Your Input needed

So as to preserve our Parish Story, we need digital copies of the photos of celebrations and significant events that you have in your albums and on your computers.

Album Prints            Please Scan )  
Computer Images        Please copy )  
Save onto a USB

*NB. Identifying the event and people would be helpful*



If you have questions or require assistance with these tasks, please contact Sr Meg 867 7589    meghillsrsj@gmail.com



**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.

We do require offers to make soup please. Phone Phyllis 02102389365

This week's featured link on the parish web site (<http://stmarysgisborne.co.nz>) *A Priest Offers His Suffering for Victims: Fr John Hollowell.*