

## 4th Week of Lent

E te Atua, when you gave sight to the blind man, he told people about you. As you give us new sight, make us teachers who share your message of mercy, justice and truth, especially to those most in need of your healing love.



**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.



**PRAYER CHAIN**  
Please phone  
**Liz McLeod**  
**868 3925**

for all prayer intentions.  
Thank you all  
Please phone Liz and not Judy



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### 21st and 22nd March 2020 4th Sunday of Lent

Sat	21 Mar	6.00 pm		Colleen Dunne
Sun	22 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai	
Mon	23 Mar	7.30 am		
Tues	24 Mar	6.00 pm		Special Intention
Wed	25 Mar	9.30 am		Legion of Mary ( annunciation)
Thurs	26 Mar	9.00am		Mary and George Owen
Fri	27 Mar	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		
Sat	28 Mar	9.00 am		Joseph Mathias
		9.30 am	Confession	
		6.00pm		
Sun	29 Mar	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		10.00 am	Ruatoria	

FIRST READING:	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> <b>Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13</b>
PSALM:	<b>23</b> <b>The Lord's My Shepherd</b>
SECOND READING:	<b>Ephesians 5: 8-14</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Praise and Honour to you Lord Jesus Christ x 2</b> <b>I am the light of the World, whoever follows me will have the light of life.</b> <b>I am the light of the world, The light of the world says the Lord .....Praise &amp; honour....</b>
GOSPEL :	<b>John 9: 1-41</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 : Ezekiel 37: 12 -14  
Psalm: 130  
Second Reading : Romans 8: 8-11  
Gospel : John 11: 1-45

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 \$2,127.10 Caritas : 389.00

## Monsignor Frank's Message

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

In our Masses this weekend we pray for all who have been afflicted by the corona virus in our own country and throughout the world. We pray for all of those who are on the front line caring for the sick and for those undertaking research projects seeking a vaccine to quell the scourge. But we pray especially for those who have been stricken with the virus and for those undergoing the loneliness of being quarantined.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Diocese of Bergamo in Northern Italy. It has been reported that 6 priests from the Diocese have died of the virus and that 20 priests are in hospital seriously ill. Their Bishop, Francesco Beschi, said of them that "they exposed themselves to the virus to be close to their people".

Wednesday will be the Solemnity of the Annunciation. At the 9.30am Mass we will have the joy of baptizing a pupil from St. Mary's School, Ruby Moller. Welcome Ruby into our Catholic family.

Wednesday will also be the 90th birthday of our beloved parishioner John Hegarty. Happy birthday from all of us, John.

On Sunday, at 3.00pm, the Legion of Mary will have their annual Acies ceremony during which all members will renew their dedication to Our Lady. The devotion includes Rosary and Benediction. All parishioners are very welcome. It is a time, too, when we thank our local Legion for the invaluable work of evangelization that they undertake under the banner of Mary. Sadly the third Meeting of our Couples for Christ Seminar had to be cancelled on Saturday because of corona virus fears. Hopefully the group will be able to return later in the year.

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Mother Angela, who was the prioress of the Tyburn Sisters at Ngakuru for many years, and of Fr. Bill Clancy of Whanganui. Mother Angela and Fr. Bill both died last week. May they rest in peace.

We heard from family of the death of Ray Mead. Ray was an active member of our Catholic community. Sadly, due to corona virus fears, the family have chosen not to have a public farewell to Ray. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Kim Prenter and Lisa-Anne Nicolson whose Wedding I celebrated on Saturday. May your love for each other grow deeper and ever deeper!!

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank.

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

Coronavirus – Masses CANCELLED – We Should Be Weeping... But For What Reason?.



**LEGION OF MARY REMINDER** All parishioners are invited to the ACIES which will be held tomorrow, 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.

***To ensure parishioners stay healthy, there will be no cuppa provided afterwards.***



***Reminder from Sr. Meg***

**MEETING OF COMMUNITY LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION  
Tuesday 24th March**

at the Convent 2.30 - 4.00 pm

Special welcome to John and Andrea Clarke who have joined our team

### Invitation

The upgrade of Saint Mary's School Hall (formerly St. Pius X) is now ready for you to view

Please join us for the blessing of the hall and morning tea  
Sunday 29th March at 10.15 am (enquiries Sr. Meg 867 7589)



***Current of Grace Prayer Group  
Lenten Mini Retreat*** hosted by Monsignor Frank Eggleton in Parish Centre  
Saturday 4th April 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Followed by a shared Lunch

My Special thanks to Shelley Anne who numbered the Pledge Envelopes. **Pledge Envelopes** are on the foyer table for you to collect

***They will start from Sunday 5th April 2020.***

Please always check when putting your envelope in the basket that it does have ***your special number written on it.***

Anyone wishing to donate to our parish and requiring an envelope, please call into the office and see me

Many thanks Audrey Beuth

*(Donation receipts for the Financial Year ended March 2020 are still some way off)*

