

# Christmas Fete

In the Courtyard after Mass on **Sunday 3rd December**. We are fundraising to upgrade the appliances in the Parish Centre kitchen. Please sign up in the foyer or email the Parish Office if you are able to help out by either running a stall, donating baking/preserves or anything else you think may be appropriate. **LOOK OUT FOR A - FANTASTIC RAFFLE TO GO ON SALE this WEEKEND**

## Notices:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—will be selling Christmas cards from this weekend. \$5.00 for a Packet of 5. **COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY**

LEGION OF MARY—Selling COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024 on sales November after Weekend Masses—\$12.00

2024 BIBLE DIARIES ON THEIR WAY



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PILGRIMAGE  
RESPOND TO OUR LADY'S INVITATION.  
DEPART 19 MAY 2024  
1 JUNE (10 NIGHTS)  
in-fo@mirpilgrimages.co.nz  
Flyer in foyer



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

## GAZA CONFLICT

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land> “



**BUMPER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE GOING ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!**

## RENTAL NEEDED

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(SUNDAY THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY 11TH & 12NOV 2023)

SATURDAY	11TH NOV	6pm Vigil Mass	EILEEN HARVEY+
SUNDAY	12TH NOV	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY 11.00 TOLOGA BAY	FRANK WILLIAMS+ 
MONDAY	13TH NOV	NO MASS	
TUESDAY	14TH NOV	9.00 AM MASS 8.30 Rosary	ANAHERA ROSS-LEWIS+
WEDNESDAY	15TH NOV.	9am MASS 8.30am Rosary	GEORGE RYAN+ MORNING TEA PROVIDED
THURSDAY	16th NOV	8.30 am Rosary 9.00 AM	ROBIN DAWSON+
FRIDAY	17th NOV	11.00am Adoration 11.30am Rosary Life 12.10pm Mass 11.30 Confession	GERARD LYNCH + 
SATURDAY	18TH NOV	9.00 am MASS 8.30 am Rosary 9.30 AM CONFESSION	JACK GLASSFORD+
SUNDAY	19TH NOV	6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00 AM 8.30 AM ROSARY 11.30Am TOKOMARU BAY	MARK & JOHN CROCKER+  People of the Parish WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

## MASS & Rosary TIMES

Tuesday 9.00 am. Wednesday 9.00 am. Thursday 9.00 Saturday 9.00 am  
Friday 12.10 pm - preceded ADORATION 11.00AM Rosary for Life 11.30 the Angelus.12.00n ROSARY 8.30am TUES, WED, THURS, SAT, FRI 11.30  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6..00PM SUNDAY 9.00AM  
Mass at Tolaga Bay 2nd Sunday 11.00 am. Tokomaru Bay 3rd Sunday 11.30 am MATAWAI 4th Sunday  
Holy Hour FRI 11.00 am Rosary for Life Fri 11.30 am

**Gospel Matthew 25:1-13**

When talking about his coming in glory, Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all the bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**



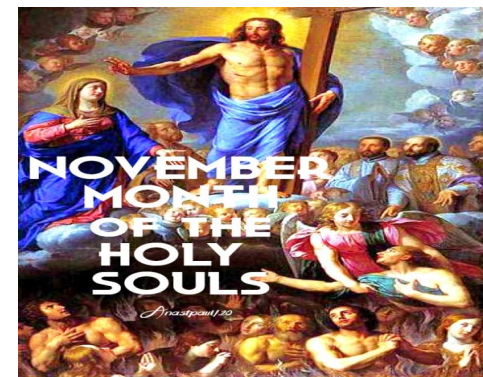
**Wondering why the faith is so hard to bear witness to in NZ?** St Mary's Convent Chapel Hamilton East, Friday November 24 , 6pm: adoration, 7pm: talk by Fr Dominic Come along to hear Fr Dominic Faure talk about how to **overcome kiwi apathy and luke warmness**. Who: Fr Dominique Faure - a religious priest of the Word of Hope (Verbum Spei) community - is a preacher and teacher who travels to many different locations around the world, re-



I am pleased to share with you the last issue of our newsletter Voice of Compassion. Please find attached the PDF of Voice of Compassion, Or visit the website <https://compassion.org.nz/newsletters/the-voice-of-compassion-issue-56/>



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Mon, Wed, and Friday 9.30am—1.30pm NB:Parish office can be operating on shorter hrs over school holidays**  
 Koha and Pledge Donations to our Parish gratefully received at this time. PAYWAVE Available  
 Collection last week : \$ 2,297.37approx.  
 Please include Name in Ref. with all direct Bank Deposits.



Please prayer for Betty Thompson's sister **Eileen Harvey**—who's funeral Was on Wednesday



**Our congratulations** go to **CATHERINE GILLIES** as the first recipient of the **Saint Gianna & Pietro Molla Award for Service to Life and Family**  
 The award recognises the selfless efforts of people within the community who work to serve life and family. Catharine has spent countless hours over more than 40 years listening to the abortion stories of woman. Through her willingness and deep compassion for women and men who suffer **after their abortion** she has listened and walked with them through their grief, anger and despair and helped many find hope and healing.

**Prayer for the Holy Souls of Purgatory -**  
 Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.  
**St Gertrude the Great**

**PARISH TO PARISH BED & BREAKFAST,**  
 Cost per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest. NZ & Australia contact : 03 3595541  
 Email: marie.ian@extra.co.nz



**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE NEW ZEALAND**  
**FOR LIFE**  
**NEW ZEALAND**  
**SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023**

- Wellington City
- Gather at Civic Square from 1pm.
- Marching to Parliament at 2pm.

[www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

The **ROSARY** will continue to be said at **8.30am before Sunday Mass—**  
 all warmly welcome to join in :-)  
**WANTED—Rosary beads—if you have spare Rosary Beads, please bring along to church and add to the Rosary Basket by our Lady's statue.**

**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again.** Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: **Pope appoints new Bishop of Hamilton. Carmelites reflect on papal letter on St Therese of Lisieux. Young people told about navigating a cultural crisis. Synod on synodality first assembly closes.**

