



The Time is Now!
Lent is a time of fasting, praying and almsgiving.
The theme for the Caritas Lent Resources for 2024 is The Time is .
www.caritas.org.nz

Look out for the Bishops Lenten Appeal Envelopes this Sunday.



You can also make a donation on line
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING IN PARISH CENTRE AT 1.30PM



Learn how to be a voice for life day -to-day interactions as a medical or legal professional
Hear from legal, medical and ethical experts
<https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/ak24>

BIG THANK YOU
GOES TO SACHA NUNN AND HIS BROTHER FOR REPAIRING AND REFIXING JESUS'S HAND BACK—JUST IN TIME FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL COMMENCE ON THIS FRIDAY 5.00PM



MISSING - PURPLE ALTAR CLOTH
Could the person who has taken the Purple Altar Cloths, **please** return them! We need them for Lent . If anyone knows where they are please contact Lucy at the office or Shelley-Anne Avisenis 0211337035

MASS & Rosary TIMES
.Tuesday 9.00 am. Wednesday 9.00 am. Thursday 9.00 am Saturday 9.00 am Sunday 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 , SUN—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 11.00am

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

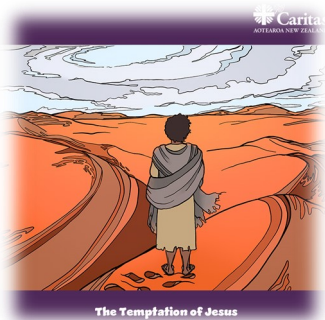
SATURDAY	17TH-FEB	6pm Vigil Mass	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUNDAY	18TH-FEB	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY 11.30am Tokomaru Bay	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY	19TH-FEB	NO MASS	
TUESDAY	20TH-FEB	9.00AM 8.30 ROSARY	
WEDNESDAY	21ST-FEB	9am MASS 8.30am Rosary	ALISTAIR McINTOSH+ DEREK PARKER+
THURSDAY	22ND-FEB	8.30 am Rosary 9.00 AM	CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE
FRIDAY	23RD-FEB	11.00am Adoration 11.30am Rosary Life 12.10pm Mass 11.30 Confession	
SATURDAY	24TH-FEB	9.00 am MASS 8.30 am Rosary 9.30 AM CONFESSION	
SUNDAY	25TH-FEB	6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY 11.00am MATAWAI	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18 February 2024



And so we begin our Lenten journey for another year – may these sacred weeks draw us closer to the Lord and make us more generous in our response to his call. Thanks to those who came to Ash Wednesday services - let's remember that Ash Wednesday is only the start of our Lenten journey. In today's Gospel, we journey with Jesus to the desert... and we are with him these next 40 days.



Good to have Bishop Richard with us on Thursday afternoon for the Schools' Commissioning Mass, his first visit since becoming our Bishop. Prayerful best wishes to our schools for 2024.

These have been busy weeks for me, with unpacking and "learning the ropes" of a new parish. I am grateful to all who have introduced themselves to me and have explained how things happen. I have also met with a few groups in the parish, formally or informally – Catholic Women's League, RCIA, St Vincent de Paul, Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Liturgy, Filipino community members, staff and students from Campion College and St Mary's School. It's a lot to take in! I also have my first meetings with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee in the next fortnight.

Father Richard and I try to have a quiet day on Monday, so no phone calls, texts or emails please, except in the case of emergency. I find that if I don't get one "down day" a week, I run out of puff pretty quickly.

The parish phone system is not operational at present. If you need to contact me, my mobile number is **021 844 231**.

Let us pray for one another in these Lenten days.

FATHER MARK

Readings Sunday: 1. Genesis 9:8-15 - 2. 1Peter 3:18:22 **Gospel**
Mark 1:12-15

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Mon, Wed, and Friday 9.30am—1.30pm **ring Parish Mobile 0225624671**

Koha and Pledge Donations to our Parish gratefully received at this time. **PAYWAVE** Available on Weekend Masses or weekdays in office.

Collection last week : \$ 2,775.00 approx.

St Mary's Gisborne Parish BNZ 02-0342-0050016-004 (Please ensure your name eg White H and donation) are entered into the details.

February is traditionally the Month of the **BLESSED TRINITY**,
THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



In the name of the Father
And the Son and the Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON
—Link to updates <https://www.cdh.org.nz/diocesan-bulletin/#NZCBC>
INVITE TO ZOOM MEET

"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom"

«I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery» (Ex 20:2)



RETREATS ARE OPEN

TYBURN MONASTERY HAS A 4 NIGHT LENTEN RETREAT TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK—FINISHING PALM SUNDAY.

FEBRUARY 23-25, CLUNY
MARCH 20-24, TYBURN
GO TO -

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/retreats>

FOR MORE INFO



FOR SALE AFTER MASS TODAY TUI MOTU



Articles for the **March STAR** can be emailed to the office by the 1st March?

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a **Year of Prayer**. He has invited dioceses to promote initiatives that invite people to both individual and community prayer. Please watch the Popes announce



<https://youtu.be/920JCz-7PW0>

Saint Vincent de Paul phone number **020 41718608**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick and those who are on the prayer chain - Ring Sr Cynthia 8686378 Shirley Gregory 0276332320



The office would like to apologise for the faulty phone system. We are looking into getting a new system that will actually allow us to answer the phone.!!!Please email the office stellamaris003@gmail.com or parish cell 0225624671 or Lucy 0272558768



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue -**Kiwi and Anglican bishops gather in Rome and UK. New director for Hearts Aflame. Chch diocese seeks feedback on cathedral location options. Dunedin cathedral sanctuary angels get their wings.** <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2face917-ff29-4b13-83b3-3010e8522ea0>

