



Pray for me, and the Diocese of Hamilton, that God's will be done  
Bishop Laurensen



**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](http://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>

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>

# St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

PO Box 844, Gisborne 4040 website: [www.stmarysgisborne.co.nz](http://www.stmarysgisborne.co.nz)  
Ph. 06 8677224 e-mail: [stellamaris003@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaris003@gmail.com)  
Parish Priest : Fr Mark Field Ph: 021844231  
email— [ppgisborne@gmail.com](mailto:ppgisborne@gmail.com)  
Assistant Priest Fr Richard Cortes, MSP  
Deacon: Mike Rolfe



## THIRD WEEK OF LENT 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

SATURDAY	2ND MAR	6pm Vigil Mass	COLLEEN DUNNE+
SUNDAY	3RD MAR	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY 11.00 MATAWAI	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN ORANGA TAMARIKI
MONDAY	4TH MAR	NO MASS 9.00am Rosary	
TUESDAY	5TH MAR	9.00AM MASS 8.30 ROSARY	
WEDNESDAY	6TH MAR	9am MASS 8.30am Rosary	MANUEL B CADANGAN +
THURSDAY	7TH MAR	9.00 AM MASS 8.30AM Rosary	BISHOP GIELENS ORDINATION ANN.
FRIDAY	8TH-MAR	11.00am Adoration 11.30am Rosary Life 12.10pm Mass 11.30 Confession 5.00PM	SPECIAL INTENTION PAUL K L +
SATURDAY	9TH-MAR	9.00 am MASS 8.30 am Rosary 9.30 AM CONFESSION	THANKSGIVING MASS OFFERING
SUNDAY	10TH-MAR	6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY MAORI MASS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**THIS FRIDAY 5.00PM**



**Notice for Catholic Community**  
Joe and Robyn Hogan are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Hogan to Ben Hince.  
Join us at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, March 9th—3.00pm.  
There will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Mary and Ben will be outside the Church briefly before leaving for a different venue to celebrate this special day.  
Mary was actively involved in Anglican and Catholic communities throughout her years growing up in Gisborne. (Julie is looking after the light refreshments—021401417)



**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



FROM FATHER RICHARD

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3 MARCH 2024**

We are now on the Third Sunday of Lent. The Gospels of the last two Sundays of Lent, if we are going to look back, are interconnected.

On the First Sunday, after his Baptism, the Spirit led Jesus into the desert. He stayed there for forty days and forty nights in prayer, fasting, and was tempted by the devil. But God came to His rescue through his angels. We call this Jesus' desert experience with God.

On the Second Sunday, Jesus brought his three disciples to the top of the mountain, and there Jesus changed in appearance while praying. We call this the mountaintop experience of Jesus, in His encounter with God.

Today's Gospel is the cleansing of the temple by Jesus. The temple is a place of special encounter with God. In other words, the desert, the mountain and the temple are places of special encounter with God.

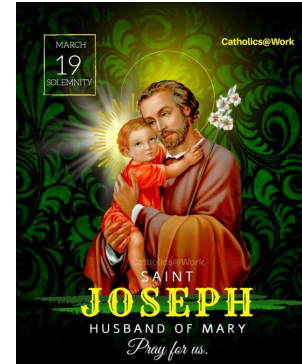
Someone once said that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus cleansed the temple, we too, in this season of Lent, should be busy cleansing ourselves of our impurities and toxins. Let's start with the little things that often add up to become big. And let's start today. Amen.

*Father Richard*



**Readings Sunday:** 1. Exodus.20:1-17 - 2. 1Cor.1:22-25 **Gospel**  
**JOHN 2:13-25**

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 : \$ 2,249.37 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.

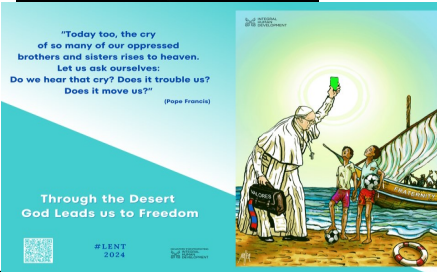


**MARCH**  
THE MONTH  
OF  
**ST JOSEPH**  
PATRON  
SAINT OF  
WORKERS,  
FAMILIES,  
HOMES AND  
A HAPPY  
DEATH.  
**PRAY FOR  
US**

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**  
—Link to updates: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/diocesan-bulletin>



Family weekend  
will be held **19 - 21**  
**April 2023**, central  
to Hamilton.



**HOLY FATHERS** annual Lenten message  
Popes Message—"I invite every Christian  
community to do just this: to offer its mem-  
bers moments set aside to rethink their  
lifestyles"[https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/quaresima-2024-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html?fbclid=IwAR33t8k\\_MwiSWQcDZxJ-EestB712T4YY-jSW1Ec5TDVcF6bh-](https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/quaresima-2024-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html?fbclid=IwAR33t8k_MwiSWQcDZxJ-EestB712T4YY-jSW1Ec5TDVcF6bh-)

**TAIRAWHITI CATHOLIC**  
WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!  
KEEP UP WITH WHATS  
HAPPENING IN OUR  
PARISH

**HELPERS NEEDED**  
**CLEANING THE BRASS**  
**CALL SHELLEY-ANNE**  
**021 1337035**

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

**RETREATS ARE OPEN**  
**TYBURN MONASTERY HAS A 4**  
NIGHT LENTEN RETREAT TO  
PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK—  
FINISHING PALM SUNDAY.  
MARCH 20-24, TYBURN  
<https://www.cdh.org.nz/retreats>

**Our Phone line** - is now able to  
be answered, but we are still not quite  
got every thing right re answering  
phone message, but we will get there  
Thank you for your  
patience.

**NZ Catholic** for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for  
this issue -St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College opens. Pounamu ta-  
onga for national shrine. Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid  
school workers. Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little com-  
munities. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d4629192-9888-4a1c-9815-cd34d35c7953>

