

# St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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The Catholic Women's League  
 Invite you  
**Wine and Cheese evening**



on Thursday  
**21st March 7.00pm**  
 in the  
**Parish Centre.**



The Appeal is crucial to ensuring our mission supporting the poor and vulnerable continues [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz)  
**Look out for the Bishops Lenten Appeal En-**



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

## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT 16TH & 17TH MARCH 2024

**SATURDAY** 16TH-MAR 6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY** 17TH-MAR 9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY 11.30 TOKOMARU BAY

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

ST PATRICKS DAY



**MONDAY** 18TH-MAR NO MASS 9.00am Rosary

**TUESDAY** 19TH-MAR 9.00AM MASS 8.30 ROSARY

**ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY**  
 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CLARK & BOTTRILL FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY** 20TH-MAR 9am MASS 8.30am Rosary 6.00-7.00PM

**SPECIAL INTENTION**  
**LENTE RECONCILIATION**



**THURSDAY** 21ST-MAR 9.00 AM MASS 8.30AM Rosary

**FRIDAY** 22ND-MAR 11.00am Adoration 11.30am Rosary Life 12.10pm Mass 11.30 Confession 5.00PM

GILLIAN COATES +

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**SATURDAY** 23RD-MAR 9.00 am MASS 8.30 am Rosary 9.30 AM CONFESSION

**SPECIAL INTENTION**  
**TERRANCE PARKER +**

6.00pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY** 24TH-MAR 9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY 11.00 MATAWAI

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**PALM SUNDAY**



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



## WELCOME NET TEAM

Ruby, Michael, Elle, Tess, Jess, and Xavier.

"We are super excited to be ministering in Gisborne, we will be leading retreats for the Campion College students and we will be present for Youth Mass and Youth Group. We can't wait to introduce ourselves and meet you all!  
 The Hamilton Net Team"

Come join the Novena of the Divine Mercy—please join us after 3.00pm Service on Good Friday Pamphlets in foyer for info.



**LENTE RECONCILIATION**  
**WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH**  
**6.00PM TO 7.00PM**



**ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER**  
 WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR STAR  
 EMAIL [stellamaris003@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaris003@gmail.com)

### MASS & Rosary TIMES

.Tuesday 9.00 am. Wednesday 9.00 am. Thursday 9.00 Saturday 9.00 am Sunday 9.00 am

Friday 12.10 pm - preceded by ADORATION 11.00AM Rosary for Life 11.30 the Angelus.12.00 noon

ROSARY 8.30am TUES, WED, THURS, SAT, SUN —FRI 11.30 Monday 9.00am

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

17TH MARCH 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saint Joseph, pray for us.

We continue our Lenten journey together. As we move through the weeks of Lent, we might stop to ask ourselves, "How is it going?" If you made Lenten promises, have you kept them? And if you aren't doing anything

special for Lent – if you are not fasting more or praying more or giving more to the poor – **we can start today!**

Welcome to the **NET Team** who arrived on Friday – we hope that they enjoy their time with us, and pray the Lord's blessing on their work with Campion College students.

**Lenten Reconciliation** will be available at St Mary, Star of the Sea Church this Wednesday, 20 March at 6pm. There is no communal liturgy to begin – just come any time between 6pm and 7pm. (There will be three priests available.) The usual Confession times are also available: Friday 11.30am and Saturday 9.30am.

Father Richard heads up to **Tokomaru Bay** for Mass this Sunday – we wish him safe travels and ask him to give our greetings to our sisters and brothers of "the Coast".

Today is **St Patrick's Day**, although the Lenten Sunday takes precedence. A happy feast day, all the same, to the Irish amongst us – and on Tuesday, we celebrate the solemnity of **Saint Joseph** – such a good and honourable man. May he watch over all the fathers in our parish.

Let's continue to pray for one another these Lenten days.

Father Mark

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER**



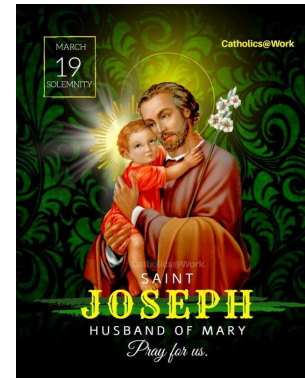
**Readings Sunday:** 1. Jer. 31:31-34 2. Hebrews 5:7-9 Ps 51  
GOSPEL—John 12: 20-33

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 : \$ 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**

Join these online prayer events to get to know our spiritual father: Mary's Song Online Prayer Community where we meet for prayer, catechesis, and fellowship on March 19, Solemnity of St Joseph, the Husband of Mary at 7:30 pm. 33-Day Consecration to St Joseph starting on 27 March, and every Wednesday after that until May 1 on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. For more info or to register, please visit [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz).

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

**STATEMENT FROM BISHOPS OF AOTEAROA**  
**CARITAS LENT APPEAL**  
**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**  
**AS CARITAS RELY HEAVILY ON OUR BISHOP LENTEN APPEAL TO AID PROGRAMMES TO SERVE THOSE**

**TAIRAWHITI CATHOLIC**  
**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**  
Keep up with what is happening in our Parish!



**NZ Catholic** for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue -.New Zealand Catholic Church faces engagement and giving challenges, survey shows; Wgtn priest appointed seminary rector PN Bishop argues for Catholic thought in the public square today. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/ea5d571d-2901-4438-ade4-dd0317002954>



**Pope Francis has inaugurated a Year of Prayer.**  
He is calling on the faithful "to intensify prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace and to experience the power of God's hope" **Personal life, in our Church.**

**PREPARATIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER WEEK HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE:**

1. To Clean Brass for Altar of Repose
2. To set up for Palm Sunday—Friday 22nd & Sat. 23rd March.
3. To set up for HOLY THURSDAY (Wed+Thurs 27th & 28th March) GOOD FRIDAY (29th March) and EASTER VIGIL (Sat. morning 30th March)

HELP EVEN FOR AN HOUR OR TWO ON ANY OF THOSE TIMES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE PHONE OR TEXT SHELLEY-ANNE AVISENIS 0211337035 (With Date and Times you are willing to help)

-TIMES WILL BE ARRANGED WITH HELPERS

**Thank you,**

**Shelley-Anne**

Also—if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the purple cloths, please



**NZCatholic**

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**Belonging in Church?**  
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