

Tokomaru Bay 3rd Sunday 11.30 am MATAWAI 4th Sunday 11.00am

our parish worshipping community for some months now. Some will be return-CLUNY RETREAT CENTRE has two weekday retreats-+ Weekend retreat in Spring JUNE 23-28. AUGUST 20-25. SEPT 13-15 Respect for the Sancity of Human Life VIGATE THIS CHALLENGING TOPIC IN H SCHOOL CLASSROOM PRESENTER Brendan Malone from LifeNET is a pa n delivering engaging presentations on lif Venue: Chanel Center, Gaines Ro 51 Grey St, Hamilton Date: Wednesday 15th May 2024 Time: 10am - 2pn Cost: \$75 +GST Catering provide Register with Paul Shannor pauls@cdh.org.nz Ring Sr Cynthia 8686378 Shirley Gregory 0276332320 am Friday 12,10 pm - preceded by ADORATION 11,00AM Rosary for Life 11,30 the Angelus.12.00 noon Anointing of the Sick every first Friday after Mass 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.

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER 4TH & 5TH MAY 2024

SATURDAY	4TH MAY	6.00PM	ABIDE
SUNDAY	5TH MAY	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY MAORI MASS	IN MY LOVE
MONDAY	6TH MAY	NO MASS 9.00am Rosary	Join 159
TUESDAY	7TH MAY	9.00 MASS 8.30 ROSARY	
WEDNESDAY	8TH MAY	9.00 MASS 8.30am Rosary	Hellen Murray rip
THURSDAY	9TH MAY	9.00AM MASS 8.30AM ROSARY	
FRIDAY	10TH MAY	11.00AM ADORATION 11.30AM ROSARY FOR LIFE 11.00aAMCONFESSION 12.10PM MASS	ANDREA CLARKE RIP
SATURDAY	11TH MAY	9.00 MASS 8.30 ROSARY 9.30AM CONFESSION	
		6.00PM VIGIL MASS	SPECIAL INTENTION
SUNDAY	12TH May	9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY 11.00AM TOLOGA BAY	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ASCENSION OF THE LORD WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY MOTHERS DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

19 years ago, I stood before Bishop Max Mariu and Bishop Denis Brown and stated my resolve to discharge the office of the diaconate, with humility and love in order to assist the Priestly order and serve the people of Christ. I was also charged with the Gospel of Christ, whose herald I now was; to believe what I read, teach what I believed, and practice what I was taught.

In carrying out these charges, I believe, I have enriched my life and drawn closer to God. In this endeavour many members of my wider catholic family have assisted me, including a long list of Priests and Deacons. Some of the most fulfilling input has come from the parishioners of Saint Marys, Gisborne, some of whom have known me since I was a youngster.

At my ordination I decided to adopt the saying that "Firmly I believe and truly, that made in God's image, I can be who I am created to be, if I live my life as a gift to be given away to God, and to others and to be given back to me by others and by God." Hopefully by doing this I have been able to help enrich and strengthen my own faith and that of those around me.

Faith after all is one of the most precious gifts that we are given, it is what I believe shines Christ's light upon our struggling world and will bring redemption to those in the most need of God's love in their lives.

When we were training, we were always told, that we were the bridge between the church and the secular world. I have found this to be true from the number of people who have approached me in my everyday work environment. People I have been able to help by pointing them in the right direction re church matters. It truly does not seem that I have been doing this for 19 years.

In conclusion, the support from the wider Catholic community during my recent illness, has truly humbled me and shown me how blessed I am being able to serve God in this parish of Saint Mary Star of the Sea.

Yours as always in the service of Christ.

Deacon Mike

Our Parish Community CONGRATULATES Deacon Mike on his anniversary today



<u>Readings</u> Sunday: Ps 22, 1. ACTS 9: 26-31, 2. 1 JOHN 3:18-24, GOSPEL JOHN 15:1-8

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Mon, Wed, and Friday 9.30am—1.30pm Koha and Pledge Donations to our Parish gratefully received at this time. PAYWAVE Available on Weekend Masses or weekdays in office. Collection last week : \$ 2933.47 St Mary's Gisborne Parish BNZ 02-0342-0050016-004 (Please ensure your name eg

White H and donation) are entered into the details.

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