



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP - MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING AT 5.30PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE ALL WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE



We will be selling raffle tickets for a hamper of groceries before and after Masses **this** weekend.



PLEASE BRING CASH

BOARDER WANTED—Female over 40+ Please Phone Stuart Harries 0274652735

COMMUNION MEETING FOR LAY MINISTERS WILL BE HELD ON **6TH AUG AT 2.30PM** AT SR MEGS HOME ORMOND RD.



Couples for Christ and Its Family Ministries is inviting everyone to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP). This is open to all married couples, singles men and women (21 years old and above), widows and widowers. Every Saturday starting on the 7th of September, 2024@ 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM until 28 September, 2024. Venue: Parish Hall, St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Campion Road, Gisborne. Free Admission. Please contact, Roberto Ayo@0211830008 or robertayo@gmail.com for further details.

TAIRAWHITI CATHOLIC FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



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

Tuesday 3 September - 7pm - 9pm - St John's College (Old Gym), Hamilton Wednesday 4th Sept 7-9pm St Mary's Catholic Church Rotorua Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about **Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture.** He will discuss the dignity of the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | si-mon@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024 or contact events@cdh.org.nz

RCIA PROGRAM

STARTING THIS MONTH PLEASE REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO COULD BE SEARCHING OR HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST. 2/3's OF GODS NAME IS GO.....

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2024

SATURDAY	3RD AUG	6.00PM
SUNDAY	4TH AUG	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY MAORI MASS
MONDAY	5TH AUG	NO MASS 9.00am Rosary
TUESDAY	6TH AUG	9.00am MASS 8.30 ROSARY
WEDNESDAY	7TH AUG	9.00 MASS 8.30am Rosary
THURSDAY	8TH AUG	9.00am MASS 8.30AM ROSARY
FRIDAY	9TH AUG	11.00AM ADORATION CONFESSION 11.30 ROSARY FOR LIFE 12.10 AM MASS
SATURDAY	10TH AUG	9.00 MASS 8.30 ROSARY 9.30AM CONFESSION 6.00PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY	11TH AUG	9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY 11.00AM TOLOGA BAY



**ARIHIA & MOKEA TE RITO (RIP)
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**



**ST MARY OF THE CROSS
(MACKILLOP)
TAMA TERITO & ISOBEL WILLS (RIP)**



ANAHERA LEWIS (RIP)

ST LAWRENCE

VARGHESE THOMAS (RIP)

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 August 2024

Greetings everyone! It's good to be back. Thanks for allowing me to have some time away.

In our Gospel today, we continue to read the “**Bread of Life**” discourse from John. This series of readings reminds us of the great gift that the Eucharist is for us – may we always hunger for the heavenly bread that Jesus gives to us, and may we always be amazed at this awesome gift.

May we always hunger for peace also – this week is the anniversary of the horrific bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We pray that our world never see such destruction again.

Tuesday is also the feast of the **Transfiguration** – not the light of a nuclear explosion, but the light of Christ glorified. There will be Mass at 9am.

On Thursday we celebrate the **Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, such an important figure in the life of our parish and schools. As well as Mass at 9am, Campion College will have Mass at 11.30am – and St Mary's School will honour her at a special Wednesday morning Mass at 11.15am. A happy feast day to Sister Meg!

We pray for the children in the **Sacramental Programme** as they journey towards their First Communion. Our thanks also to those who lead them deeper into the life of God.

Paul Le Normand, who is the “Parish Property / Project Manager” from the Diocese, was here earlier in the week and visited all of our church properties. He will help us to prepare a 10-year maintenance schedule, particularly for St Mary, Star of the Sea. For a parish of this size, we have a large number of buildings to be maintained, which will continue to be a challenge in the future.

Some good news – Father Richard has received his **Permanent Residency** and so will be able to go to the Philippines in September to see his mother. It has been a long wait, and Father has been so patient.

There will be a further meeting on **Tuesday evening at 5.30pm** in the Parish Centre for those who might be interested in joining a Scripture Reflection group.

And **RCIA** will begin later this month – is there someone you could invite to join our faith?

So... lots happening!

In the coming week, may the Bread of Life that we share be our source for all the good that we do, and the summit of all our endeavours.

Father Mark

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Mon, Wed, and Friday 9.30am—1.30pm **School Holidays limited**
Koha and Pledge Donations to our Parish gratefully received at this time. **PAYWAVE** Available on Weekend Masses or weekdays in office.

Collection last week : \$ 2,353.37

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

Bank Details: 02 0342 0050016 004 - Remember to place your name in the details.



O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL:
Life changing experience for young adults 18-35 who want to know more about faith. Registrations open July 14th—we are selling out fast

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day
The Josephite Companions would like to invite you to join them for a cup of coffee after the 9.00 am Mass to remember the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. There is a display in the foyer of the women from Tairāwhiti who joined the Sisters of St Joseph, archives from the Gisborne Josephite Companions movement and other information and items about St Mary MacKillop. Please join us for morning tea and have a look around the display.



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HOLY MASS - A HOLY MASS OFFERED FOR - HOLY SOULS, THANKSGIVING, SPECIAL INTENTIONS, NEEDS OR PROBLEMS—CONTACT OFFICE (Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth)

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

Seminary Appeal for 2024 is still live use website: www.cdh.org.nz/seminary-appeal

MARIAN Pilgrimage
WITH FR RICO ENRIQUEZ
Marian Pilgrimage with Fr Rico Enriquez—Departing **13th OCTOBER 2024**—Important Marian Catholic

MEDJUGORJE IN DEPTH—10 Nights in Medjugorje, living with visionaries families. Call Patricia 0274219064 or www.pilgrimage.nz

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Hamilton March for Life
SAVE THE DATE—As part of the dedication to the sanctity of life, we will **March 'around the block of Hamilton City on 15th Sept 11.30am**—following Mass at the Cathedral)
(Human life is sacred as it is God's creation)

EVERY \$1.00 YOU GIVE WILL BECOME \$4.00 THANKS TO THE NZ GOVT.

CLUNY RETREAT CENTRE has two weekday retreats—+ Weekend retreat in Spring
AUGUST 20—25, SEPT 13-15
<https://www.cdh.org.nz/retreats>

