

St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne

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TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 17TH & 18TH AUGUST 2024

SATURDAY	17TH AUG	6.00PM	Twentieth Sun in Ordinary Tu Jn 651-58
SUNDAY	18TH AUG	9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY No Mass at Tokomaru Bay	True Foo AND True Dr
MONDAY	19TH AUG	NO MASS 9.00am Rosary	ACCES
TUESDAY	20TH AUG	9.00am MASS 8.30 ROSARY	ST BERNARD
WEDNESDAY	21ST AUG	9.00 MASS 8.30am Rosary	ST PIUS X, POPE
THURSDAY	22ND AUG	9.00am MASS 8.30AM ROSARY 5.30pm MASS	THE QUEEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
FRIDAY	23RD AUG	11.00AM ADORATION CONFESSION 11.30 ROSARY FOR LIFE 12.10 PM MASS	NELL SCHREURS
SATURDAY	24TH AUG	9.00 MASS 8.30 ROSARY 9.30AM CONFESSION	ST BARTHOLOMEW
		6.00PM VIGIL MASS	
SUNDAY	25th Aug	9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY	SPECIAL INTENTION

The beautiful **Solemnity of the Assumption** – also the patronal feast of our country – has come and gone for another year. As we prayed, "through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary... may we be brought to the glory of the resurrection." Thanks to all who were able to get along to one of the Masses in the parish, and to those who helped with the liturgies in any way. May our love for Mary our Mother deepen with each new

day. We continue to read from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel, and we hear the wonderful promise: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." May we be worthy!



Quite a number of **baptisms** at present – isn't that great!? Some are young people who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme, and who need to be baptised in readi-

ness for Confirmation and First Communion. Pray for them please! The parish **Finance Committee** met during the week. I am grateful for the guidance they give to me. We are fortunate to have benefitted recently from the kindness of a very generous benefactor.

I will be heading to Auckland and to Wellington this week to celebrate the birthdays of some good friends, and will be away for the whole week. Father Richard returns from Morrinsville tomorrow, and in ten days will be leaving for a home visit to the Philippines. It was a lot easier in the days when there were four priests in Gisborne! We are stretched thinly these days. There is no Mass in Tokomaru Bay today.

We have had a visit from another Richard this week, **Richard Shortall SJ**, known to many. Father will be returning in November to give a couple of talks on prayer. We look forward to his return and benefiting from his wisdom once again.

The **NET Team** returns later this week for their final visit to Campion College for 2024. We thank them for their enthusiastic witness to the Lord, and wish them well for their future.

Finally, the **STAR** deadline is approaching – only ten days away. I am looking forward to the next issue.

May God bless and keep you all in the coming week.

Father Mark

Scripture Readings for Sunday. 1. Proverbs 9:1-6, 2. Ephesians 5:15-20 GOSPEL READING : JOHN 6:51-58



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

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