



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**AGM**

**WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8TH IN PARISH CENTRE**

PH 02041718608 for assistance



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

ADVANCE NOTICE WILL BE HOLDING THEIR

**COURTYARD SALE**

**SUNDAY 22ND SEPT.**

WE WELCOME DONATIONS

BAKING PRESERVES PRODUCE

THE **NET TEAM** ARE HERE

THEY WILL ASSIST WITH YOUTH MASS ON SATURDAY 24TH AUG 6.00PM



**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, Champion Road, Gisborne. Free Admission. Please contact, Roberto Ayo@0211830008 or robertayo@gmail.com for further details.



**'THE SEPTEMBER STAR'**

Articles to Office -by 28th AUG stellama-



Looking for gifts for Baptism -Holy Communion -Confirmation

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/>

**TAIRAWHITI CATHOLIC**

Keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish!



**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**

**St Mary Star of the Sea - Gisborne**

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Deacon: Mike Rolfe



TWENTY FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 24TH & 25TH AUGUST 2024		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>24TH AUG 6.00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>25TH AUG 9.00 AM</b> <b>8.30AM ROSARY</b> <b>11.00AM MATAWAI</b>	 <b>SPECIAL INTENTION</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>26TH AUG NO MASS</b> <b>9.00am Rosary</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>27TH AUG 9.00am MASS</b> <b>8.30 ROSARY</b>	<b>ST MONICA</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>28TH AUG 9.00 MASS</b> <b>8.30am Rosary</b>	<b>ST AUGUSTINE</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>29TH AUG 9.00am MASS</b> <b>8.30AM ROSARY</b>	<b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN BAPTIST</b> <b>SPECIAL INTENTION</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>30TH AUG 11.00AM ADORATION</b> <b>CONFESSION</b> <b>11.30 ROSARY FOR LIFE</b> <b>12.10 PM MASS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>31ST AUG 9.00 MASS</b> <b>8.30 ROSARY</b> <b>9.30AM CONFESSION</b>	
	<b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1ST SEPT 9.00 AM MASS</b> <b>8.30 AM ROSARY</b> <b>MAORI MASS</b>	<b>DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION</b>

In our Gospel today, many of Jesus's disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him because they couldn't accept what He told them about Himself. So, when Jesus asked his Apostles, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered Him, " **Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.**"

Peter is reminding us that, truly, we have nowhere else to go in order to find deep meaning and lasting joy but back to the Lord. We may have lost direction in life, forgotten what is truly essential, and gone away from God, but we are reminded that only in the eternal God do our souls find rest.

At times, I turn my back on God's words every time I sin. Yet I ask myself, where else will I go from here? Where else will I ultimately end?

The answer should always be God. The answer to our last stop to eternity is always Jesus. Like Simon Peter, you don't need to wait for the last minute or for the last stop.

Today, you can—and should— start eternity by choosing Jesus.

*Fr Richard*

## FAREWELL FATHER RICHARD

We wish you safe travels as you return to the Philippines, Father Richard — but we look forward to welcoming you back in six weeks' time. Enjoy your time with your family, and please give our greetings to your dear mother. God bless, Father.

*Fr Mark*

Scripture Readings for Sunday. 1. Joshua 24:2,15-18 2. Ephesians 5:21-32  
GOSPEL READING : JOHN 6:60-69



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.

**AUGUST**

**MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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

**FEAST OF SAINT MONICA**  
-Mother of St Augustine-  
Patron saint of wives, mothers, conversions, alcoholics and abuse victims.

"I do not know what there is left for me to do, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled. All I wished for was that I might see you a Catholic and a child of Heaven."  
-St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine.

year of prayer 2024

**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](https://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](http://www.pilgrimage.nz)

**SPRING 2258**  
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.**

**CAST YOUR NET**  
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

**STEPPING OUT 2024**  
Hamilton Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Presents  
**Move Like Birds of the Sky in Flight**  
Speaker: Paula Hale  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7:00pm, Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**CLUNY RETREAT CENTRE** has two weekday retreats—+ Weekend retreat in Spring  
**SEPT 13-15 NOV 15-17**  
<https://www.cdh.org.nz/retreats>

**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)**