



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February 2025

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Gospel of Luke describes how the parents of Jesus bring Him to be presented in the temple – at the beginning of life, because at this point the child is an open book to be filled with God’s law, to be dedicated to God. We, too, were presented to the Lord when our parents brought us for baptism – and it was not the Law that with which we were filled, but the light of God’s life. May that light continue to shine out in our lives, young or old.

Welcome back Father Richard – we hope you had a good break.

The Campion College Investiture Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday at 11.30am. (There will still be Mass at 9am.) We wish all student leaders well. Thursday, of course, is Waitangi Day. There will be Mass at 9am in the church – it is a good way to pray for our nation, and we certainly need the Lord’s help, in so many ways. (The Parish Office will be closed that day.)

Please remember to recite the Prayer for the Jubilee Year each day – it is a great way for us to pray for one another, and for our world. (There are spare copies of the prayer on the foyer table.)

As the prayer for the blessing of the candles says today, may we tread the path of virtue, and reach the light that never fails. Amen. God bless you all.

Father Mark

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JUBILEE YEAR

If you have any suggestions as to how we might celebrate the Jubilee in our parish, please speak to one of the Parish Council members: Chris Goodwin (secretary), Erin Jones, Father Mark Field, Calvin Gedye (chair), Anne Dimery, Emma Carag-Boriga, Mary McClutchie, Sharyn Tilley, Liju. (They meet on February 5.)



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER TODAY

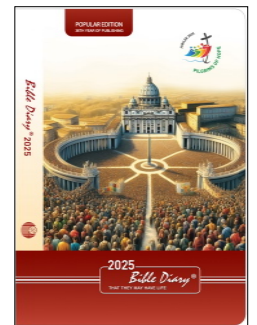
Support teens Aileen Arnaldo, Rafael Rivera and Santino Camero to further their interests at international level tournaments. A basketball tournament on Sunday, February 2, in the Campion gym, starts at 10am. Gold coin entry please. Donations of canned food for Saint Vincent de Paul will also be accepted. Contact Rose Brown on 0274391275 for any queries.

RCIA

The course for those wishing to be a part of our Church resumes this week. Please pray for **Jorje, Isabella, James, Ana, Ruth, Corin, Monica and Kristine**, that they continue to grow in faith and know the Lord’s courage and peace in the coming weeks. Pray also for the team who will continue to guide and encourage them.

BIBLE DIARIES

The last couple of Bible Diaries are available from the foyer or from Elaine in the Parish Office, \$20 per copy.



WAITANGI DAY

Thursday is a public holiday and so the Parish office will be closed.

REMEMBRANCE BRICKS

Brick plaques are still available for the Church Remembrance Wall. Cost is \$50.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society is in need of egg cartons. Also, we need saucepans, frying pans, casserole dishes for people moving out of motel emergency accommodation into Kainga Ora units. Thanks.

COMMUNITY LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

A meeting will be held this Tuesday, February 4, at 2.30pm in Sr Meg's home. Please bring your diaries.

NEW POSITION AT CARITAS

Caritas Aotearoa NZ has a new role: International Programmes Lead. Based in Wellington, the role offers the chance to shape international development programmes in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The successful candidate will lead the design, development, and delivery of key programmes focused on justice, peace, and human dignity. This is for a senior development professional passionate about supporting marginalised communities and tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 3: St Mary's Primary School restarts

February 4: RCIA resumes

February 5: Parish Pastoral Council, 5pm

February 13: Schools Commissioning Mass, 3.15pm

February 19: Finance Committee, 12 noon

February 28: "International Event" (CWL organising)

March 5: Ash Wednesday

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

St Mary's Gisborne Parish
BNZ 02-0342-0050016-004

(Please ensure your name eg Smith H and donation) are entered into the details.

BIBLE CONVERSATION: Regular Zoom session: 1st Sunday/month, 5-6pm: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-10/>

EDUCATION:

Stella Maris Early Childhood Centre	Bridget Armstrong (Centre Leader)	(06) 863 0428
St Mary's School	Helen McGuigan (Principal)	(06) 868 8332
Campion College	Paul McGuinness (Principal)	(06) 867 9309

This Sunday's Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

MASS OFFERING

Mass can be offered for Holy Souls, Thanksgiving, Special Intentions, needs or difficulties. Contact Elaine in the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered for your intentions.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you need prayer, or want to be a Prayer Chain member (committing to pray for others), contact **Sister Cynthia** (06 868 6378) or **Shirley** (027 633 2320). The purpose of a prayer chain is to support one another, lift up our needs and hopes to God, and gain God's assistance through prayer.



THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed in the side chapel at 8.30am every morning, except on Fridays when it is prayed at 11.25am.

Date	Mass Times	Intentions	Feast / Saint
Sunday 2 February	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	Gillies Family	The Presentation of the Lord
Monday 3 February			St Blaise St Ansgar
Tuesday 4 February	9am		
Wednesday 5 February	9am		St Agatha
Thursday 6 February	9am		Waitangi Day
Friday 7 February	11am Holy Hour 12.10 pm		St Paul Miki & Companions
Saturday 8 February	9am 6pm Vigil (Saturday)		St Josephine Bakhita St Jerome Emiliani Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 9 February	9am (Sunday)	Parishioners' Intentions	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS AT OTHER CHURCHES —

Second Sunday: Sacred Heart, Tolaga Bay (11am)

Third Sunday: St James, Tokomaru Bay (11.30am)

Fourth Sunday: St Bede's, Matawai (11am)

CONFESSIONS —

Friday 11.25am

Saturday 9.30am

Or by appointment with one of the priests