



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 February 2025

Hi everyone. In our Gospel this Sunday, we hear Luke’s version of the **Beatitudes**. Pope Francis reminds us often of how central the Beatitudes are for us as Christians: “It is difficult not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and the desire to understand them and welcome them ever more fully is righteous. The Beatitudes provide the ‘identity card’ of Christians — this is our identity card — because they outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living” (General Audience, January 29, 2020). May the image on our identity card reflect the reality of our lives.

Our thanks to the **Filipino Community** for sharing their culture and their talents with us last Sunday — very memorable and enjoyable!

Welcome back to our friends **Roberto and Aida Ayo**, as they return to our parish to check in on those in the Christian Life Programme.

Mass at **Tokomaru Bay** this Sunday, 11.30am.

Many meetings in the parish during this coming week — the **Campion College Board** meets for the first time this year, as does the parish **Finance Committee**. **RCIA** continues, and there will be a meeting of some of the “coordinators” of each Mass, to make sure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet (as it were). The **Parish International Evening** will take place on Friday February 28 at 6pm, just before Lent, in the St Mary’s School Hall. I look forward to seeing many people there, and meeting some new people! Our thanks to the Catholic Women’s League for organising this for us all.

May God bless you all.

Father Mark

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MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Lennore Simpson died on Tuesday and her funeral service was held on Saturday – may she rest in peace. Lennore always supported Phil in his faith and in his service to our parish community. Our parish extends sympathy to Phil and the family on Lennore’s passing.

BINGO FUNDRAISER EVENT

A fun afternoon for friends and family to get together to help raise funds and continued support for Aileen Arnaldo, Rafaele Rivera and Santino Camero to attend international tournaments. Being held on March 1, the doors open 12.30pm games start 1pm. Tickets will be on sale after Mass on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. The \$15 entry ticket gets you a free bingo card. There are great prizes from generous local business supporters. Spin the wheel raffles will also be happening. Contacts Rose Brown 0274391275, Reena - 0212115791, Maria - 0273361093 and Aileen - 02102430334. Thank you.

JUBILEE YEAR

One of the suggestions endorsed by Parish Council at their recent meeting was that we pray just the first paragraph of the Prayer for the Jubilee Year at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful, at each Sunday Mass.

**Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

We will begin that this Sunday – the words will be on the screen.

TUI MOTU INTERISLANDS

**Being Pilgrims of Hope
Jubilee Year 2025 Work of Hope
Synodality In Aotearoa**

300th Issue On Sale after Mass Today

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join St Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, a 33-day programme consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It starts on Thursday and ends on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25. Register at: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

STAR DEADLINE

The deadline for the March issue of the parish STAR Magazine is February 26.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENING

An international evening celebrating the many cultures and nationalities in our parish community will be held at the St Mary's School hall at 6pm on Friday February 28. Bring along a plate that reflects your culture's cuisine for a shared meal (samosas, pavlovas, kebabs, falafels, sushi – whatever you like). Juices, tea and coffee etc will be available but you are welcome to BYO. Dancing and music performances will provide fun entertainment. See you there!

INVITATION TO A LITURGY CO-ORDINATION MEETING

As Ash Wednesday (March 5) is just around the corner, anyone — or a representative from a group — involved in preparing any of the Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter liturgies, is invited to meet in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Thursday. Please come & share what you or your group are looking to undertake with regards to any of these liturgies. This meeting is an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification or make your need for assistance known.

HOSPICE SHOP JAM MAKERS NEED JARS

The women who make jam to support the Hospice Shop are running low on jars. Anyone with spare jars can call Sr Cynthia on 027 2586378 or 0686 86378, or drop them off at 12 Victoria Street.

EDUCATION:

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| 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:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20

Luke 6:17.20-26

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 26:2.7-9, 12-13.22-23

Corinthians 15:45-49

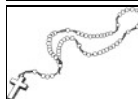
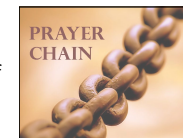
Luke 6:27-28

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 |
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| Sunday 16 February | 6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday) | Purificacion Enrile Augusto Cesar Enrile (RIP) Vigil | 6th Week of Ordinary Time |
| Monday 17 February | | | The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order |
| Tuesday 18 February | 9am | Br Mick Harington (Anniversary) | |
| Wednesday 19 February | 9am | Graham Harris (RIP) | |
| Thursday 20 February | 9am | | |
| Friday 21 February | 11am Holy Hour 12.10 pm | Derek Parker (RIP) | |
| Saturday 22 February | 9am 6pm Vigil (Saturday) | Special Intention | Chair of Peter, Apostle |
| Sunday 23 February | 9am (Sunday) | Parishioners' Intentions | 7th Week 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