



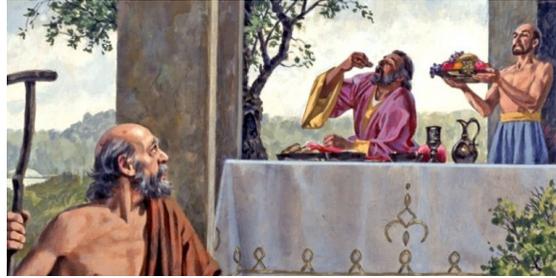
PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

28 September 2025

The story of Lazarus and the rich man in the gospel gives us a glimpse of what it means to attain fullness of life and at the same time a call for conversion. The parable invites us to reflect not so much on hell but on how we use our riches. The warning of Jesus is evident: “Do not focus your attention on the means but on the end. Do not let riches hinder you from becoming more human. Instead, let riches make you more in solidarity with the needy.”



Once again, I would like to thank you all for having me here at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish for three weeks. You just don't know the tremendous impact you have made to my life as a priest.

I don't want to say “goodbye”, maybe “til we meet again” as I said before, because I know our paths will meet again. Continue to pray for me and for my brother priests here, Fr Mark and Fr Ritche; that we may continue to love you just like Jesus.

I will truly miss you all. You will always have a special place, not only in my prayers but also in my heart. God Bless.

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ALPHA

Thank you to those who came to meet with Alison Carroll from the Diocese – the RCIA Team, those interested in ALPHA, and those who spoke to Alison informally. Part of what our parish is about is helping each person to grow in faith – a good question to ask ourselves might be, “How has my faith grown during the past year?”

ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

Let's begin the month of the Rosary in a prayerful pilgrimage around the Church and college grounds, praying for peace. Next Sunday, October 5, at 2pm (weather permitting – otherwise we will pray the Rosary in the Church). Bring the family! Bring your beads! *(If you don't have any, we have some Rosaries available, courtesy of the Legion of Mary.)*

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This faith formation programme for people to become part of our Church is scheduled to begin in mid-October. So far two people have expressed interest in beginning the journey with us. Who have you invited?

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The Marriage Enrichment Programme is taking place in our parish on **Saturday November 7**, beginning at 8am, and concluding at 5pm. So far three couples have expressed an openness to this formation opportunity. Please contact Father Mark if you would like to take part in the day, or have any questions.

LOCKDOWN

Until we establish specific guidelines for our Church buildings – in principle, the following apply:

- ◆ If there is an armed threat from outside, close all doors and move away from windows;
- ◆ If there is an armed threat within the building, move away from the building as quickly as possible;
- ◆ Follow the instructions of the presiding priest or safety wardens;
- ◆ Look after those around you, especially the young and the elderly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is quite a lot happening between now and the end of the year. Make a note of these events on your calendar or in your diary:

- **Sunday 19 October, 11.30am:** Springtime Family Picnic, in the church grounds.
- **Thursday 30 October, 7pm:** Cardinal John Dew talks on his experience of the Conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV.
- **Saturday 8 November, 8am to 5pm:** Marriage Enrichment Programme – contact Father Mark if you would like to take part.
- **Sunday 23 November, 2pm:** Pilgrimage of Hope, starting from Reads Quay.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

This appeal began last Sunday. You can still give, to assist Bishop Richard in his pastoral care of the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

HOME VISITS

If you would like a visit at home from one of the priests, please let them know.

2026 MASS INTENTION DIARY IS NOW IN THE OFFICE

Be organised and bring in your 2026 Mass Intentions.

SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF PARISH LIFE & OPERATIONS— CHCH WEST

Holy Family Parish (Christchurch West) is looking for a Director of Parish Life & Operations, which is a full-time position. They want a passionate leader to help lead, equip and build a joyful, Christ-centred parish.

Enquire or apply with CV + cover letter: apply@holymfamily.nz

Applications close: **24 Oct 2025**

WEBINAR: RAISING A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering online webinars.

Raising a Catholic Family in the Third Millennium will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The speakers are Cameron and Cheryl Surrey (Catholic Parents – Cheryl is the Regional Lead for Divine Renovation NZ).

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 (On Leave)	(06) 867 9309

<u>This Sunday's Readings:</u>	<u>Next Sunday's Readings:</u>	MASS OFFERING
<i>Amos 6:1.4-7</i> <i>1Timothy 6:11-16</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	<i>Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4</i> <i>2Timothy 1:6-8.13-14</i> <i>Luke 17:5-10</i>	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 every day before Mass.

Date	Mass Times	Intentions	Feast / Saint
Sunday September 28	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	Sat 6pm: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Jo Gavin (RIP)	26th Week of Ordinary Time
Monday September 29	No Mass		Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels
Tuesday September 30	4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm	Special Intention	St Jerome
Wednesday October 1	9am	Jack Allen (RIP) anniversary	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Thursday October 2	9am	Special Intention	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday October 3	11am Adoration 12.10pm	Colleen Bowyer (RIP)	
Saturday October 4	9am		St Francis of Assisi
Sunday October 5	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am	6pm Vigil: Darrin Berry (RIP) 9am: Miha Maori	27th Sunday in 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 11.25 — 11.45am Saturday 9.30 — 10am <i>Or by appointment with one of the priests</i>
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