



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12 October 2025

Springtime greetings! Lovely to have some sunshine and warm days this past week. Today is **Protect Life Sunday**, a day when our Bishops ask us to remember the sacredness of all human life, from conception to natural death. In this year of Jubilee, and on this day when we recall the unconditional dignity of human life and the respect we owe all of God’s creation, let us pray for a world that will better reflect God’s vision for all life; a vision for peace and harmony throughout the world.

This Sunday is actually the first feast day of **Saint Carlo Acutis**, the “Millennial Saint” canonised by Pope Leo in September. May his faith and devotion to the Eucharist be an inspiration to our young people.

It has been a busy week in the parish with meetings, preparation for funerals, College retreats and reconciliations, visits to the sick and Mass at Beetham, house blessings – and all the usual things as well. The **Finance Committee** had a very full agenda also: church roof cleaning, insurance, carpark lighting, cottage renovations, lawn mowing contracting, parish roll challenges . . . and, again, all the usual things as well! We are conscious that we have some big expenses coming up, and are grateful for your financial support of the parish. Father Ritche and I met with one of the staff at **Eastland Port**, and we hope to begin ship visits next month, once we have completed Health and Safety induction. We even went and bought our steel-capped boots! It will be good for St Mary, Star of the Sea, to have a presence at our port once again.

I have a meeting in Auckland and will be away during this coming week – but Father Ritche will continue to look after you well. See you at the picnic next Sunday! Every blessing

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SPRINGTIME FAMILY PICNIC

Next Sunday, October 19, 11.30am (weather permitting), in the church grounds. We will have a “bouncy church” and face painting for the kids; coffee, tea and a BBQ available for you to use.

ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

Thanks to all who joined in the procession last Sunday – it was a lovely, prayerful experience. Pope Leo asks us to pray in a special way for peace, as we continue to recite the Rosary during October.

OUR SYMPATHY

Dianne Hamilton died early last week and her funeral service was celebrated in the church on Saturday (11am October 11). May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to Bruce, Ann, Karen and their families.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We begin this week our journey to Easter 2026. Please pray for Sophie and James, and for the team who will lead them.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The Marriage Enrichment Programme is taking place in our parish on **Saturday November 8**, beginning at 8am, and concluding at 5pm. Please contact Father Mark if you would like to take part in the day, or have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 30 October, 7pm: Cardinal John 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

OUT OF COURTESY . . .

- Please turn your mobile phones off or onto silent before Mass
- If you shift furniture in the church, please return it to where it belongs

INVITATION

TO A GOLDEN OLDIES SING-A-LONG

In gratitude for the use of the Parish Centre throughout the year the U3a Ukalodeons invite you to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Date: Sunday 2nd November

Time: Sing-along 1.30 - 3pm followed by afternoon tea

Venue: Parish Centre

Interested??

If so, please text Sr Meg 021 027 87993 or leave a message at the Parish Office so we can ensure there's a seat and a cuppa reserved for you 😊



HOME VISITS

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AGM

The CWL will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday October 16 in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm. This will be a chance for members to reflect on and celebrate their great work over the past year. Everyone is welcome!

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Legion of Mary will have the 2026 Columban Art Calendars for sale at Mass so remember to bring cash. The price remains at \$15, the same as last year. They make wonderful Christmas presents.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Oct 19)

Catholics worldwide will join Pope Leo XIV in prayer, solidarity and support for the Church's missionary effort next week. On Mission Sunday a collection will be taken up for the Pontifical Mission Societies.

CARITAS DONATIONS X4 THANKS TO NZ GOVT

Make an impact when donating to Caritas Aotearoa NZ. The NZ Govt will contribute \$3 for every \$1 donated by the public to Caritas.

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:

2Kings 5:14-17

2Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 17:8-13

2Timothy 3:14-4:2

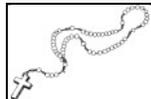
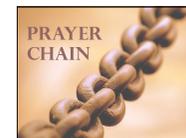
Luke 18:1-8

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 every day before Mass.

Date	Mass Times	Intentions	Feast / Saint
Sunday October 12	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	Sat 6pm: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Frances Baumann (Legion of Mary)	28th Week of Ordinary Time
Monday October 13	No Mass		
Tuesday October 14	4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm		St Callistus 1, Pope
Wednesday October 15	9am	Special Intention	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin
Thursday October 16	9am		St Margaret, Mary Alacoque, St Hedwig
Friday October 17	11am Adoration 12.10pm	Peter Toye (RIP)	St Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday October 18	9am		St Luke, Evangelist
Sunday October 19	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am	6pm Vigil: Michael Liddell 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mission Sunday

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

Or by appointment with one of the priests