



# PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

## ALL SOULS' DAY

2 NOVEMBER, 2025

What a big week it has been! The official farewell to Paul McGuiness, Principal of Campion College for 31 years. Truly remarkable! It was a wonderful acknowledgement of all that he has done at the helm of our College during that time. Good to have people from around the Diocese there to acknowledge Paul.

The Campion College Prizegiving was held on Thursday, and the Leavers' Mass on Friday, celebrated by Cardinal John Dew. A great privilege for the students and staff of the College.

And what a wonderful talk Cardinal John gave on Thursday evening also – a real blessing for us. Thanks to all who came along.

This weekend we celebrate All Saints' Day (Saturday) and All Souls' Day (at the Vigil Mass and on Sunday at the Miha). All Saints' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the saints we have known, as well as the saints we are called to be. (I have a long way to go, but you know that already!)

All Souls' Day is, of course, our remembrance of those who have gone before us. We pray for them, that they are at peace. The Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass expresses it well: "As our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength."

A remembrance candle for those who have been farewelled from our parish this past year will be lit at the morning Mass. (Because of the number present at Sunday morning Mass, it will not be possible to invite everyone to light a candle this year.)

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord!

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## CEMETERY BLESSING

A blessing of the graves at Taruheru Cemetery will take place at 2pm today, Sunday (weather permitting). Meet at the Sexton's Office.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Next weekend – it's not too late to sign up. Please contact Father Ritche or Father Mark if you would like to take part in the day. It is a wonderful opportunity.

## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Sunday 23 November, 2pm: our Pilgrimage of Hope, starting from Reads Quay – you can walk, take the car, or cycle. We will be stopping at the old church (Lowe St), the old Convent (Roebuck Rd), the former St Mary's School site (Childers Rd), the former St Pius X Church (now the hall at St Mary's School), the former St Joseph's Church (now "Wawatai", the drama room at Campion College), and finishing at St Mary, Star of the Sea Church (soon to be 30 years old).

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

From our meeting of Thursday, October 23:

- We will recognise the 30th anniversary of the opening of our present church.
- A register will be trialled for all who are using the Parish Centre or meeting room.
- Parish pilgrimage from Reads Quay on November 23 – Health and Safety requirements discussed.
- Father Ritche gave an update on how Port Chaplaincy is developing.
- Review of the recent family picnic .
- Need to update the Parish Roll.
- Report back from the recent Hope and Renewal Summit in Palmerston North.
- Alpha will be run in the parish next year.
- Discussion on how to keep parishioners safe in the event of a lockdown.

## MASS COUNT

The annual count of parishioners present at each Sunday Mass (including the Vigil), takes place throughout the Diocese during November. Our thanks to those who undertake this task.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE AT MASS

St Vincent de Paul will be selling packs of Christmas cards for \$5 at the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Masses.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Legion of Mary have the 2026 Columban Art Calendars for sale at Mass so remember to bring cash. The price remains at \$15.

## ST PATRICK'S PUTARURU CELEBRATES CENTENARY

The South Waikato community invites those across the diocese to help them celebrate 100 years of faith and service at St Patrick's on November 30, with Mass starting at 9.30am. This will be followed by a procession and blessing of the Sister Rose O'Meara Garden. Lunch will be in St Mary's Hall and a photographic exhibition will also be on display.

## GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY TOUR 2026

Fr Chris Friel, of Timaru, will lead a tour to Italy in May exploring major Catholic sites. The 13-day pilgrimage starts in Rome and ends in Venice.  
**INFO:** [www.thetourcompany.net](http://www.thetourcompany.net), [info@travlink.co.nz](mailto:info@travlink.co.nz) or 0800 997788.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Time: **1.30pm to 4pm**  
 Venue: **Parish Centre**



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

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

<u>This Sunday's Readings:</u>	<u>Next Sunday's Readings:</u>	<b>MASS OFFERING</b>
<i>Wisdom 3:1-6, 9</i> <i>Romans 8: 31-39</i> <i>John 14: 1-6</i>	<i>Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12</i> <i>1Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17</i> <i>John 2:13-22</i>	Mass can be offered for Holy Souls, Thank-giving, 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
<b>Sunday November 2</b>	6pm Vigil (Saturday)  9am (Sunday) Miha Maori 2pm Cemetery blessings	6pm Vigil: All Souls  9am: All Souls' Day	<b>All Souls' Day The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</b>
<b>Monday November 3</b>	No Mass		St Martin de Porres
<b>Tuesday November 4</b>	4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm	Beetham Healthcare Residents	St Charles Borromeo
<b>Wednesday November 5</b>	9am	Jonnette Kerekere (RIP) Helen Weigel Enrile (RIP)	
<b>Thursday November 6</b>	9am	Beetham Healthcare Staff	
<b>Friday November 7</b>	11am Adoration 12.10pm	Helen Weigel Enrile (RIP)	
<b>Saturday November 8</b>	9am		<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Sunday November 9</b>	6pm Vigil (Saturday)  Sunday 9am	6pm: Mick & Mary Rofe (RIP) Paddy & Peggy McCormack (RIP) 9am: Alexia English (RIP) anniversary	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>

<b>SUNDAY MASS AT OTHER CHURCHES —</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS —</b>
<b>Second Sunday:</b> Sacred Heart, Tolaga Bay (11am) <b>Third Sunday:</b> St James, Tokomaru Bay (11.30am) <b>Fourth Sunday:</b> St Bede's, Matawai (11am)	Friday 11.25 — 11.45am Saturday 9.30 — 10am <i>Or by appointment with one of the priests</i>