



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9 November 2025

Today the Sunday Liturgy is replaced by another special feast, the **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**. Bishop Steve of Auckland recently led a pilgrimage to France and Italy, and wrote the following about the church whose feast we celebrate today: *“The basilica of St John Lateran is the Pope’s cathedral and the cathedral church of Rome. Founded by Emperor Constantine in the early 4th century, it is the oldest public church in Rome and holds the title ‘Mother and Head of all Churches in the City and the World’. Spiritually, St John Lateran embodies the unity and authority of the universal Church. As the Pope’s cathedral, it is a symbol of his pastoral mission and the continuity of apostolic succession.”*

Our prayerful best wishes to **Pope Leo** as he celebrates the dedication of his cathedral this day (and not St Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican City). We now have four people taking part in **RCIA** – Sophie, James, Christine and Song – please keep them in your prayers. How blessed we are! I’ll be away this week, catching my breath before Father Ritche heads away for retreat and his annual vacation. Sadly, I’ll miss the Ukulele Singalong next Sunday – I hope it goes well.

We continue to pray for those who have gone before us during this month of the Holy Souls: eternal rest grant to them, O Lord!

God bless you all,
Father Mark

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PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Just two weeks away— 2pm Sunday 23 November— our Pilgrimage of Hope, starts from Reads Quay. You can walk, take the car, or cycle. We will stop at the old church in Lowe St; the old Convent in Roebuck Rd; the former St Mary’s School site in 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 finish at St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, which will soon to be 30 years old.

STAR MAGAZINE

Heather and Ron Stallmach have generously agreed to take on the editing of the STAR Magazine. Our thanks to them – and a BIG word of thanks to Chris Goodwin who has looked after the magazine for some years. Chris has generously agreed to continue to print the STAR. Any material for the next issue (the final for 2025) is due in on December 1.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

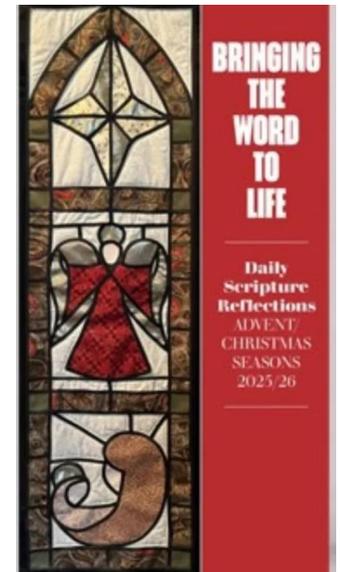
The new Methodist minister, Rev Sioa Letalu, is looking for a three-bedroom home to rent from January 16 next year. If you can help, please contact him on 021 255 2446.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Father James Lyons from the Wellington Archdiocese has published a book of reflections for Advent and Christmas. We have ordered 30 copies, at \$5 each. If you would like a copy, contact Elaine in the Parish Office.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Julian Avisenis who received a Citizens' Civic Award "for Outstanding Community Service to the Gisborne District through voluntary work with Gisborne Rotary and Life Education Trust and for actively serving his parish and the Tairāwhiti Community". Well done Julian, and thoroughly deserved! Our congratulations from all your parish family. Ngā mihi.

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 seven Columban Art Calendars left. They are available at the office—first in, first served. Cash payment is preferred and the price remains at \$15. We can order more, so if you want one, please let Elaine in the office know.

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. Highlights include Mass at St Peter's; the audience of the Holy Father; Assisi, the home of Saints Francis & Clare; and insights into the life of St Padre Pio. **INFO:** www.thetourcompany.net, info@travlink.co.nz or 0800 997788.

SEEKING USE OF A SLIDE PROJECTOR

Huia White would like to borrow a slide projector that shows the old slides onto a screen, wall etc. If you have such a thing, could you please contact Huia on 027 551 7621.

GOLDEN OLDIES SING-ALONG

Don't forget to book your seat for the U3a Ukalodeons' free Golden Oldies Sing-along being held in the Parish Centre on Sunday November 16 from 1.30pm to 4pm. The performance will be followed with afternoon tea. Reserve seats by texting Sr Meg on 021 027 87993 or ring Elaine at the office on 0686 77224.

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:	Next Sunday's Readings:	MASS OFFERING
<i>Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12</i> <i>1Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17</i> <i>John 2:13-22</i>	<i>Malachi 3:19-20</i> <i>2Thessalonians 3:7-12</i> <i>Luke 21:5-19</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 November 9	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	6pm: Mick & Mary Rofe (RIP) Paddy & Peggy McCormack (RIP) 9am: Alexia English (RIP) anniversary	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Monday November 10	No Mass		St Leo the Great, Pope
Tuesday November 11	4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm Mass	Erica Jones (RIP anniversary Nov 10)	St Martin of Tours
Wednesday November 12	9am	Frank Williams (RIP) Lola Cross (RIP anniversary)	St Josaphat
Thursday November 13	9am	Melva Mary Atkins (RIP)	
Friday November 14	11am Adoration 12.10pm 5.30pm	Gerard Lynch (RIP anniversary) Syro Malabar Malayalam Mass	
Saturday November 15	9am	Harington & de Jong families	St Albert the Great Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday November 16	6pm Vigil (Saturday) Sunday 9am	6pm: Gladys Wootton (RIP) 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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