



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

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 23 November 2025

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** and the last Sunday of the 2025-2026 liturgical year – next Sunday we begin Advent and a new Church year.

The image of Christ as King that we encounter in this Sunday’s Gospel is paradoxical: his throne is the cross; his crown is made of thorns; he has no sceptre, but a reed is put into his hand; he does not have luxurious clothing, but is stripped of his tunic; he wears no shiny rings on his fingers, but his hands are pierced with nails; he has no treasure, but is sold for thirty pieces of silver. Christ is the King we honour this day, and whom we seek to follow in our lives.

**Father Ritche** is on his way to his family in the Philippines, and will spend much of his holiday with them, helping in the task of rebuilding. A BIG thank you to parishioners for your generosity and prayers for Father Ritche and his family. Father texted me when I told him that the parishioners had donated over \$12,000: “It is a great help. I am touched with their gesture of kindness and generosity.” Thank you all.

Welcome to **Father Richard Pipe** who is helping with Masses here this weekend. (Father was an assistant priest here in the 1980s.)

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!

Every blessing on you and your families as we end this Church year

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## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

This afternoon, at 2pm – our Pilgrimage of Hope, starts 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). Make sure you wear a hat, slap on the sunblock, and carry water.

## STAR MAGAZINE

Material for the next issue (the final for 2025) is due on December 1. You can email the editors at [starmagazinegisborne@gmail.com](mailto:starmagazinegisborne@gmail.com)

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Pa Gerard Paterson will be visiting on the first weekend of December, and so he and Father Mark will be available for Reconciliation on **Friday evening, 5 December, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**. This is the only special opportunity for Reconciliation before Advent, but the usual times for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue.

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Advent begins next Sunday. Father James Lyons from the Wellington Archdiocese has published a book of reflections for Advent and Christmas. We have some copies, which we are selling at cost, \$5 per copy. If you would like one, contact Elaine in the Parish Office.

## BIBLE DIARIES

These are available at \$20 per copy. Cash is preferred, but you can –+deposit into the parish bank account instead – please put *Bible Diary* as the reference.

## RCIA

Those who are learning more about our faith, so that they can join us next Easter, finish the first part of the programme this week. At the 9am Mass this Sunday, we will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance** for them. Please keep Song, James, Sophie and Chrystal in your prayers.

## MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

**Gillian de la Perrelle**, formerly of this parish, was buried with her husband Philip last Thursday – may she rest in peace. Her Rosary was in Dannevirke on Tuesday, her Requiem in Havelock North on Wednesday, and her burial at Taruheru.

## HOME TO RENT

Three-bedroom home to rent. Contact 021 021 65483.

## 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.

## MORE COLUMBAN CALENDARS ON THE WAY

For those who missed out, the Legion of Mary have ordered 10 more Columban Calendars. They will be available at the office — first in, first served. Cash payment is preferred and the price remains at \$15.

## GOLDEN OLDIES SING-ALONG

Many thanks to Sister Meg for organising the U3a Ukalodeons' free Golden Oldies Sing-along last week. They played a wide range of favourites covering many eras. It was lovely to have the lyrics on the screen so everyone could sing-along.

## WEBINAR

Fifty Years of Proclaiming the Gospel: In December 1975, St Paul VI published his landmark apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. Join Bishop John Adams, Carly Mulqueen and Dr John Evangelista as they share their insights on the wisdom of the document and how it can be lived out in today's context. The event is live at 7pm on Tuesday, December 2. Register at: <https://bit.ly/december2webinar>

## REMINDER

Community Lay Ministers' meeting 2.30pm this Tuesday (25th) @ Sr Meg's home, 317 Ormond Road. Please bring your 2026 diaries.

## 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

## This Sunday's Readings:

*2Samuel 5:1-3*  
*Colossians 1:11-20*  
*Luke 23:35-43*

## Next Sunday's Readings:

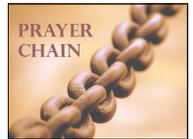
*Isaiah 2:1-5*  
*Romans 13:11-14*  
*Matthew 24:37-44*

## 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 **Chris Crowe** (027 2838936). 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 23</b>	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	6pm: Bill Tuetenberg (RIP) 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
<b>Monday November 24</b>	No Mass		St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
<b>Tuesday November 25</b>	4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm Mass		St Catherine of Alexandria
<b>Wednesday November 26</b>	9am	Laurie & Nancy Gray (RIP)	
<b>Thursday November 27</b>	9am		
<b>Friday November 28</b>	11am Adoration 12.10pm	Carol Harris	
<b>Saturday November 29</b>	9am		Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday November 30</b>	6pm Vigil (Saturday) Sunday 9am	6pm Sat: Special Intention 9am Sun: Parishioners' Intentions	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>

## 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*