



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

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 2026

Easter greetings! In our Gospel today, we listen to the story of the two disciples encountering the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. There is so much for us to reflect on in this narrative. As we gather this Sunday, let us remember that we also do what Cleopas and his companion did that day: we bring our struggles and disappointments; we read the Scriptures and hear what the Lord might be saying to us; we break bread together, and encounter the Risen Lord; and we set out to tell others what we have seen and heard . . . “Go and announce!”. Such gift, such beauty, such blessing – may our hearts also burn within us this day. Thank you everyone for the sensible way in which we responded to the challenges of last weekend’s weather. I think we dodged the worst of it this time, thanks be to God!

Best wishes to our school staff and students as the **second term** begins tomorrow. We hope you have a good term.

Mass at **St James, Tokomaru Bay**, later this morning, at 11.30am.

There will be a Liturgy of Anointing at Kiri Te Kanawa - Ryman on Tuesday this week, at 1.30pm.

Finally, let us continue to pray for our Holy Father, **Pope Leo**, as he visits African countries – we pray the Lord’s strength in his ministry, and protection from all harm. Kua ara te Āriki! The Lord is risen!

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## NAU MAI, HAERE MAI – WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Congratulations to David Jones and Roimata Kautai on the baptism of their son, **Taiāhuru**, later this morning. As we have renewed our baptismal promises over the Easter Season, so may the baptismal promises made on his behalf today bring him joy and belonging throughout his life.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The **Parish Finance Committee** met on Wednesday. We welcomed Corin Heath as a new member, and appreciate the background in Civil Engineering that he brings to the Committee. We discussed the need to update the parish roll, and also noted some of the increased costs we are (all) facing. On a positive note, the giving on Easter Sunday was noticeably greater, and our bank balance is somewhat healthier. The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets this coming Tuesday, after the 5.30pm Mass.

Please pray for the work of these committees.

## KETE KŌRERO

If you didn’t get a copy of the Easter issue of the Diocesan magazine, it is available online at [www.cdh.org.nz/kete-korero](http://www.cdh.org.nz/kete-korero)

## CHURCH ACCESS

During these cooler months, the church will be locked around 5pm (except on Tuesday). The doors are usually open by 7am, if you want to come and pray before work (or school!).

## ANZAC DAY

Next Saturday is **ANZAC Day** – we will have Mass in the church at 9am. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday, so the Parish Office will not be open that day.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The Saint Vincent de Paul monthly meeting will be held in the parish centre after 9am Mass this Sunday, April 19.

## VOICE FOR LIFE MEETING TODAY

The local branch of Voice for Life will be holding a special meeting at the Central Baptist Church at 237 Palmerston Road today (Sunday April 19) from 2pm to 4pm. The committee will provide a pro-life update for 2026. There will be Q & A time and afternoon tea will be provided. The meeting is open to all pro-life people. For more information contact:

Patricia on 027 395 6484 or Sue on 021 253 9835.

## CWL EXCURSION INCLUDES MASS AT MATAWAI

The Catholic Women's League will be going to Matawai next weekend (Sunday 26th April) for Mass, followed by a shared lunch and, weather permitting, afternoon tea at Motu Falls. All are welcome to join us. We plan to meet in Campion Rd (Bridge end). Bring something for a shared lunch and afternoon tea, warm clothes and a raincoat! If you are intending to come along, please text Helen on 027 369 0962 and we can organise transport.

## VACANCIES AT STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC ECE FROM JUNE

Anyone looking for early childhood education for two, three or four-year-old children should check out Stella Maris. Positions will be available in June. The centre is across the road from St Mary's Star of the Sea Church. Visit the centre to find out more information or go to <https://sites.google.com/stellamaris.cdh.nz/stellamaris-gisborne/home>



## 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>	Karyn Sadler (Principal)	(06) 867 9309

### This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-28  
1Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:14.36-41  
1Peter 2:20-25  
John 10:1-10

### **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 before Mass.

Date	Mass Times	Intentions	Feast / Saint
<b>Sunday April 19</b>	<b>6pm Vigil</b> (Saturday) <b>9am</b>	<b>Vigil: Richard Jackson (RIP)</b> <b>9am: Erica Jones (RIP birthday)</b> <b>Baptism of Taiāhuru Jones Manny &amp; Emma Carag-Boriga (10th Anniversary)</b>	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>Monday April 20</b>			
<b>Tuesday April 21</b>	5.30pm		St Anselm
<b>Wednesday April 22</b>	<b>9am</b>	Mark & John Crocker (RIP)	
<b>Thursday April 23</b>	<b>9am</b>		St George and St Adalbert
<b>Friday April 24</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>	Derek Allan (RIP)	St Fidelis of Signaringen
<b>Saturday April 25</b>	<b>9am</b>	ANZAC DAY MASS Effie & Patrick Parker	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>
<b>Sunday April 26</b>	<b>6pm Vigil</b> (Saturday) <b>Sunday 9am</b>	<b>Vigil: Flora Gillies (RIP birthday)</b> <b>9am: Parishioners' Intentions</b>	<b>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</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*