



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau,

Today, we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". True love is shown not only through words, but through faithful actions. Jesus also promises that He will not leave His disciples alone. He will send the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and comfort them.

Moreover, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we thank God for the gift of all mothers. A mother's love often reflects the love of God — patient, sacrificial, faithful, caring and enduring.

Today, we honour and pray for all mothers, both living and deceased. May the Lord bless them for all the sacrifices they make for their families. Happy Mother's Day to our beloved mothers.

Lastly, let us also keep our parish priest, Fr Mark in our prayers as he begins his sabbatical journey.

May God bless you, Fr Mark, and may our Blessed Mother protect and keep you safe always.

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Brothers Warren and Brian Barry have recently passed. Warren Barry was laid to rest on Tuesday. They were faithful brothers in the parish and devoted disciples of Christ. May their memory remain alive in our hearts, and may we continue to keep them in our prayers. May they rest in peace.

LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATES ACIES

The Legion of Mary celebrated the "Acies" - the most important event of their year last Sunday. In Latin, "Acies" means "standing army". The "Acies" is when members renew or make their consecration to Our Heavenly Mother, Mary. Legion members prayed the Rosary and offered Benediction, prayers and hymns to Our Lady. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary for World Peace as instructed by Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.



FATHER MARK AWAY

Father Mark has gone on sabbatical and will be away from the parish until June 19. While Father Mark is away, Father Ritche will be in charge and Father Alliston Fernandes will assist him. Please make Father Alliston welcome. The parish is grateful that a car has been offered for Fr Alliston to use. Please keep Fr Mark in your prayers while he is away.

TOLAGA BAY MASS

Mass is being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tolaga Bay this Sunday, May 10. Mass will start at 11am.

PLEDGE RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOYER DESK

Please collect your 2025-26 pledge receipts from the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

A meeting for St Vincent de Paul will be held after Mass today (Sunday May 10). Anyone interested in helping or being part of the organisation is welcome to come along.



SPECIAL MASS FOR WUCWO DAY 2026

The Catholic Women's League invite parishioners to attend Wednesday's Mass, which will be offered for deceased members of the CWL. Members will be providing morning tea after Mass and encourage parishioners to stay for a cuppa. The CWL is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations and Wednesday is international WUCWO Day 2026.



CATECHISTS DAY 2026 —SUPPORTING DISCIPLES WHO FORM DISCIPLES

Catechists from across the diocese are invited to a day of formation, encouragement, and renewal in their ministry. This year's focus is **the thresholds of conversion** — understanding how people grow in faith and how catechists can better accompany children, parents, and adults as they move from curiosity about God to intentional discipleship. At the heart of the day is a simple vision: *supporting disciples who form disciples*. The one-day event runs from 9.30am to 3pm at St Mary's School Hall, Putāruru. The day will include teaching, breakout discussions, Mass together, and practical workshops. In the afternoon, participants can choose between two focused sessions: **Foundations of RCIA** or **Family Formation and Sacramental Preparation**. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5edcmdsh>

WYD SEOUL 2027

The Hamilton diocese is taking expressions of interest from people who want to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027. They are only gathering basic information to gauge numbers. Parishioners can register their interest here: <https://tinyurl.com/464s336x>

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	Karyn Sadler (Principal)	(06) 867 9309

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Next Sunday's Readings:

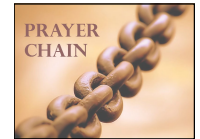
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

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 027 2586378) 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
Sunday May 10	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	6pm: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Bill Hocquard (RIP 53rd anniversary) & grandson Ben Hocquard (RIP)	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday May 11	NO MASS		
Tuesday May 12	5.30pm	Lenore Simpson (RIP)	Sts Nereus & Achilleus, St Pancras
Wednesday May 13	9am	Deceased members of the Catholic Women's League	Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday May 14	9am	Warren Barry	St Matthias, Apostle
Friday May 15	12.10pm	Special Intention	
Saturday May 16	9am	Father Mark	
Sunday May 17	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	Vigil: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Winnie Tuohy (RIP)	ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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