



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 May 2026

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church. In the first reading (Acts 2:1–11), the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. This shows that the Gospel is meant for all people and nations. St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:3–7, 12–13), reminds us that although we have different gifts, they all come from the same Spirit. We belong to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Each of us has an important role in the Church, and our gifts should be used for God’s glory and the service of others. In the Gospel (John 20:19–23), Jesus gives His disciples peace and breathes on them, saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit”. The Holy Spirit gives courage, strength, unity, and life to the Church.

Pentecost reminds us of the Church’s mission. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: “Thus the Church’s mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: her whole being and all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity. . .” (CCC 738). May the Holy Spirit continue to renew and guide the Church. May God bless you all.

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HONOURING MOTHER MARY

Sunday, 31 May at 4.30pm

As the month dedicated to Mother Mary comes to a close, we invite our parish community to join the Legion of Mary on May 31st at 4:30 pm for a special time of prayer and reflection in honour of The Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith, seek Mary’s intercession, and come together as a community in prayer and devotion at the Church. Father Alliston Fernandes will briefly talk on “**How the Blessed Mother Accompanies Us on Our Pilgrim Journey.**”

MATAWAI MASS

Mass will be held at St Bede’s Church in Matawai at 11am today (Sunday May 24).



ARTICLES FOR THE STAR

The deadline for the June issue of the STAR magazine is Friday May 29.

Please send articles to: starmagazinegisborne@gmail.com

A BIG ‘THANK YOU’ FROM MONSIGNOR FRANK



Monsignor Frank Eggleton says he was overwhelmed by the love and support he received for his 80th birthday. “I didn’t have just a birthday, it feels like I’ve had a birthmonth,” he said. “I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the birthday wishes. I can’t thank everyone personally, but just know I am so grateful to you all.”

YOUTH MASS AND YOUTH GROUP

The youth Mass will be held this Saturday night (May 23) followed by the Campion College Youth Group meeting. Students are encouraged to come along for some prayer and fun.

SOLEMN VESPERS TODAY

Everyone is warmly invited to join the Pentecost Sunday Solemn Vespers (evening prayers) tonight (5pm, Sunday May 24) at the Church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPDATES

Anyone who would like to receive a monthly update on CWL projects and activities, just email Helen Geard at cwlgisborne@gmail.com and she will add you to our growing mailing list. You don't need to be a member to subscribe. You will find out more information about upcoming events such as the Mid-winter "Soup and Garlic Bread" Lunch and the Sausage Sizzle at the Warehouse in July for one of our special projects.



WORLD YOUTH DAY REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be among thousands of young people at World Youth Day. The Hamilton Diocese is taking expressions of interest from those wanting to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea next year. For now they are only gathering basic information to gauge numbers and to add to the "keep-up-to-date with developments" database. Korea has had a 1200% increase of Catholics in the last 50 years. Additionally, Catholicism in Korea began with lay people rather than missionary priests! Since 1985, **World Youth Day (WYD)** has been a gathering of young people from around the world with the Pope. It is a pilgrimage, a celebration of young people, and a beautiful moment of evangelization for the youth world. Register your interest here — https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCglcsARhvbUfGgpIP-D8F_IyItp2U5LRD6QoGDLwPvzed_Q/viewform

HELP PRESBYTERIANS CELEBRATE THE END OF AN ERA

Parishioners are invited to celebrate and give thanks for the life of the Gisborne Presbyterian Parish before closure at the end of June. A big King's Birthday weekend is planned and the programme can be viewed here — <https://www.standrewsgis.org.nz/>

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:

Act 2:1-11
1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23

Next Sunday's Readings:

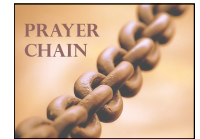
Acts 2:1-11
1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

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 24	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	Vigil: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Frank & Jo Gavin (RIP)	PENTECOST SUNDAY
Monday May 25	5.30pm		OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Tuesday May 26	5.30pm	Thanksgiving Mass Liju Paul & Alphonsa Antony (20th anniversary)	St Philip Neri
Wednesday May 27	9am	Gerard Lynch (RIP birthday) Thanksgiving Mass Gennie Arahill 90th birthday	St Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday May 28	9am	Deceased members of the Clark & Bottrill families, Augusta Fernando (RIP)	
Friday May 29	12.10pm	Ponnamma Varghese (65th birthday)	St Paul VI, Pope
Saturday May 30	9am	Thanksgiving Mass for the family of Liju & Alphonsa	World Day of Prayer for Children
Sunday May 31	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	Parishioners' Intentions John Quinn (RIP)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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