



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

TRINITY SUNDAY

31 May 2026

A blessed Trinity Sunday everyone.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three Persons, yet one God. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember that we belong to the Triune God. We are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin.” (CCC 234)

“The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God. To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his innermost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel’s faith before the Incarnation of God’s Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC 237)

May the Holy Trinity help us grow in faith, deepen our love for God, and become instruments of unity and peace.

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HONOURING MOTHER MARY

Today Sunday, May 31 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 will briefly talk on **“How the Blessed Mother Accompanies Us on Our Pilgrim Journey”**.

MIDWINTER SOUP & GARLIC BREAD

This year 2026 is the 75th birthday of the Catholic Women's League in Gisborne. We welcome members of the Parish to join us for our midwinter lunch on Thursday June 18 at midday. The meal will be served at 12.30. Members of the Catholic Women's League will provide the soup and garlic bread. Parishioners are welcome to bring a plate of finger food. Father Alliston will be the guest speaker.



WARM CLOTHING NEEDED



The St Vincent de Paul Society is currently seeking men’s warm jackets and warm clothing for babies up to two years old. We would be very grateful for any donation of these items.

JARS WANTED

If you have any spare small jars for jam please contact Sr Cynthia on 0272586378 or 8686378.

TWO-BEDROOM HOME WANTED

A parishioner is looking for a two-bedroom home to rent on a long-term basis. She and her husband are fully employed and have a child. If you can help please call Nyasha on 021 2213 599 or 021 0241 8062.

POPE LEO'S MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

In his first encyclical, entitled "Magnifica Humanitas – on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence", Pope Leo XIV challenges people to choose between a worldly selfishness dedicated to building a "Tower of Babel" or a Christian "civilisation of love in the digital age". He said: "Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." Pope Leo's encyclical can be read here: <https://www.vatican.va/.../20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html> Bishop Richard's first thoughts on Magnifica Humanitas: <https://hail.to/catholic-diocese-of-hamilton/article/KH7SXgo>

FULLY-FURNISHED 3-BEDROOM HOME TO RENT

Parishioners have a fully-furnished house available to rent on Wainui Rd, two blocks from Raglan Roast. The sunny, 3-bedroom home has 2 toilets and a big fenced yard. Pets are ok. Rent is \$750 per week. It comes with all the furniture, sheets, towels as well as all required kitchen content. Call Heather on 027 6208 008.

JOIN POPE LEO XIV IN GLOBAL PEACE ROSARY AT THE CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV is inviting Catholics around the world to join him in praying a **Rosary for world peace** at **5am today Sunday May 31 NZT**. The Holy Father is set to pray the Rosary live from the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens at 7pm on Saturday, Rome time. St Mary Star of the Sea will open its doors at 4.45am for parishioners who want to join Pope Leo praying the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join us. Pope Leo will pray the **Joyful Mysteries**, with each decade being dedicated specifically for those affected by war and violence and entrusting them to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace.



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:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Next Sunday's Readings:

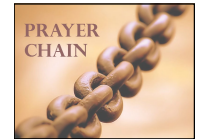
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

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 31	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	Thanksgiving Mass for family of Liju & Alphonsa 9am: John Quinn (RIP)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Monday June 1	6pm	Syro Malabar Malayalam Mass	St Justin, KING'S BIRTHDAY
Tuesday June 2	5.30pm	Jolene Rauhina (RIP)	Sts Marcellinus & Peter
Wednesday June 3	9am	Peter Toye (RIP 1st anniversary)	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Thursday June 4	9am	Mihara Jinson (RIP 2nd anniversary)	
Friday June 5	12.10pm	Robin & Mary Jefferson (RIP)	St Boniface
Saturday June 6	9am		St Marcellin Champagnat
Sunday June 7	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP) + Ruth & David Simpson (RIP anniversary) + Deceased Marist Members. 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

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