



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

31 May 2026

Today is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration invites us to reflect with gratitude and wonder on the greatest gift of Jesus to His Church—the Holy Eucharist.

In the Gospel (John 6:51–58), Jesus declares: “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will

live forever.” This reminds us that the Eucharist is not a symbol. It is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, given for the life of the world. Through the Eucharist, Jesus continues to nourish, strengthen, and remain with His people.

St Thomas Aquinas expressed the greatness of this sacrament when he wrote: “What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it, sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift.” The Eucharist deepens our union with Christ, and strengthens us to live holy lives.

As we celebrate this solemnity, let us become more conscious of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. May we approach the altar with deep reverence, gratitude, and love, recognizing that in the Holy Eucharist, Christ gives Himself completely to us as our spiritual food and nourishment.



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CLERGY FORMATION DAY IN HAMILTON

Fr Ritche and Fr Alliston will away in Hamilton for two days to attend a workshop by theologian Dr Mary Healy. Mass will be at 9am on Tuesday instead of 5.30pm. There will be no Adoration at 4.30pm. Mass will be back to 5.30pm next Tuesday (June 16) as per the regular schedule. While they are away there will be Communion Services on Wednesday and Thursday at 9am. They will be back on Thursday afternoon.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS JUNE 12

All Filipino parishioners are invited to the Filipino Mass to celebrate Philippine Independence Day on June 12. The Mass will start at 6pm and be followed by dinner in the Parish Centre. *Please bring a plate for a shared meal.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE MIDWINTER SOUP & GARLIC BREAD

The CWL welcomes Parish members to join them for their midwinter lunch on Thursday June 18 at midday. The meal will be served at 12.30. Members of the CWL will provide the soup and garlic bread and parishioners are welcome to bring a plate of finger food. Fr Alliston will be the guest speaker.



BEDDING NEEDED



St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for bedding. Stocks are down after helping an extended family, who were victims of a fire. All bedding is needed - sheets, blankets, duvets - especially for single beds. Warm clothing for men and babies is also needed. They would be grateful for any donations.

CALLED AND GIFTED—DISCOVER THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

The Holy Spirit has gifted each of us with unique charisms (spiritual gifts) for the service of others and the mission of the Church. Called and Gifted is a practical workshop in Tauranga on Saturday, July 25. For more info and registration go here: www.cdh.org.nz/events

POPE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION IS FOR THE 'VALUES OF SPORTS'

Pope Leo XIV has invited Catholics to pray 'for the values of sports', that all sport may promote peace, fraternity and communion. He thanks the Lord for "the gift of sport, for those who glorify God through the exercise of their bodies, for the friendships born on the field, and the joy of playing as a team". The June Pray With the Pope video can be seen here: [Pray with the Pope - For the values of sports](#)

REMINDER TO COMMUNITY LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm this Tuesday.

ATTEND REBUILD MY CHURCH: A MISSION WITH DR MARY HEALY

Join renowned theologian Dr Mary Healy (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit) for a powerful multi-day journey at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Whether you are seeking personal renewal or are called to lead others, these sessions will move you from information to true transformation. Admission to the three-night mission from Tuesday (June 9) to Thursday (June 11) is free. The themes for the evening missions (from 7pm to 9pm) are: The Power of God's Word, The Holy Spirit Brings Life and For Such a Time as This. The Leaders' Workshop being held on Thursday from 9am to 3pm costs \$50 and includes materials and refreshments. Homestays may be available. If cost is holding you back from registering contact organisers who would rather have a conversation than have someone miss out. Registrations close at midnight on Sunday. Register here — www.cdh.org.nz/events



DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY IN ROTORUA

Those attending the Hamilton Diocesan Youth Day in Rotorua on Sunday June 14 have the chance to see a **MAJOR first class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis** and spend time in veneration - a powerful moment of prayer, reflection, and encounter. Youth groups are coming together for an epic gathering from 12noon to 7pm. The event is open to Year 7 to Year 13 students and food will be provided. Register here — www.cdh.org.nz/events

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

<u>This Sunday's Readings:</u>	<u>Next Sunday's Readings:</u>	MASS OFFERING
<i>Deutonomy 8:2-3, 14-16</i>	<i>Exodus 19:2-6</i>	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.
<i>1Corinthians 10:16-17</i>	<i>Romans 5:6-11</i>	
<i>John 6:51-58</i>	<i>Matthew 9:36-10:8</i>	

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 June 7	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday Miha	6pm: Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP) + Ruth & David Simpson (RIP anniversary) + Deceased Marist Members 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
Monday June 8	11.30am	Marcellin Champagnat Mass (Campion College)	
Tuesday June 9	9am	John Thomas (50th birthday)	St Ephrem
Wednesday June 10	9am	Communion Service	
Thursday June 11	9am	Communion Service	St Barnabas, Apostle
Friday June 12	12.10pm 6pm	Thanksgiving Mass Gennie Arahill 6pm: Filipino Mass	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Saturday June 13	9am	Rex Martin (RIP)	THE Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday June 14	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	6pm: Special Intention 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 <i>Or by appointment with one of the priests</i>
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