



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 2026

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10).

In the coming week (June 22nd) we celebrate the Memorial of St Thomas More, who was not supportive of King Henry VIII's decision to divorce Catherine of Aragon. The King repudiated papal religious authority which St Thomas opposed. So, he was tried on the charge of high treason for denying the King's supreme headship of the Church, found guilty, and sentenced to death. "The king's good servant, but God's first", is what he told his onlookers before being beheaded.

We see Jesus, in this Sunday's gospel instructing his disciples to let go of their earthly fear in order to have the supernatural fear of sin, that is, so that even if it may cost them their natural life, their soul will be safe for eternity. This is the fear that stems from the love of God i.e. *filial* fear and is concerned with offending God. To sin against an all-holy God is to risk being separated from Him forever.

The *Catechism* states: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven – through a purification or immediately, – or immediate and everlasting damnation." (CCC no. 1022).

May we ask for this Gift of the Holy Spirit every day of our lives.

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FAREWELL TO FR ALLISTON

The St Mary Star of the Sea parish community is grateful for the service of Father Alliston during Father Mark's absence. We thank you for your pastoral service, sharing your wisdom and knowledge, and providing training for the different ministries in the parish. We thank you and hope to see you again. May God bless your ministry.

Fr Alliston: *He thanks the parish for all the support extended to him in his ministry here at St Mary Star of the Sea.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEED AND APPRECIATE HELP

St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for the recent clothing donations. Secretary Helen Geard said: "We had another request this week for clothing for a two-year-old. It was lovely to be able to give some warm pyjamas and other items. However, we are still short of clothing for two-year-olds and we have also had a request for a bassinet and high chair, which we have been unable to supply. If anyone has these items to spare, we would be very grateful to receive them." SVDP is also busy with food parcels, spending \$1000 a month on groceries. Cash donations are collected in the foyer after Mass on the second Saturday & Sunday of the month.

FOND FAREWELL TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sr Cynthia gave her final service at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church last Sunday. She has been helping out with their services over the past eight years and is sad to see the church close down. She said: "I was always welcomed with warmth and appreciation, and I'll miss the friendship of the St Andrew's parishioners." This Sunday, June 21, at 2pm an open meeting will be held in the church to discuss its future. There will be several speakers including the mayor. Everyone is welcome.

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 to: www.cdh.org.nz/events

HEARTY SOUPS AND GOOD COMPANY

Delicious soups offered soothing comfort at the Catholic Women's League annual Mid-winter Soup Luncheon on Thursday. The tasty two-course meal was followed by an interesting talk by Fr Alliston. He shared a beautiful composition "Father's Love Letter" - an intimate message from God to you. Everyone got a copy to take home. You can find it here: FathersLoveLetter.com – Home

ALPHA IS FOR EVERYONE

Nau mai, haere mai ki Alpha. You're warmly invited to Alpha—a place to share a meal, meet new people, ask questions, and explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Whether you're curious about faith, returning to the Church, new to the parish, or simply looking for connection and conversation, Alpha is for you.

On Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm, from July 23 – September 24, 2026, at Campion College (Marcellin 1). Register at the sign-up table before or after Mass, or via alphagisborne@gmail.com, or by scanning the Alpha QR code. Everyone is welcome. We would love you to join us.



YOUTH MASS JUNE 27

The Youth Mass is next Saturday night and will be followed by the Campion College Youth Group. The numbers are growing each month and the introduction of a sausage sizzle went down a treat in May.

STELLA MARIS CELEBRATING MATARIKI

The early childhood centre is having an evening Matariki celebration with their whanau on June 30. The children will be doing a small performance for their whanau. Stella Maris Gisborne Portal

TOKOMARU BAY MASS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Mass will be held at St James Church in Tokomaru Bay at 11.30am.

LOVE GARDENING—OUR GARDENERS NEED A HAND

One of our volunteer gardeners is out of action due to a knee injury. If someone can fill-in while she recovers, that would be awesome. Please contact the office on 0686 77224 and Elaine will pass on your details.

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:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Next Sunday's Readings:

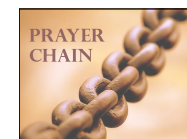
2Kings 4:8-11
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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 June 21	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	6pm: Parishioners' Intentions 9am: Derek Parker (RIP anniversary)	TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
Monday June 22	NO MASS		Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
Tuesday June 23	5.30pm		
Wednesday June 24	9am		The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thursday June 25	9am		
Friday June 26	12.10pm	Peter Toye (RIP) & Greg Fawcett (RIP)	
Saturday June 27	9am		St Cyril of Alexandria, Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday June 28	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	6pm: Rosalie Campbell (RIP) 9am: Parishioners' Intentions	THIRTEENTH WEEK OF 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
 Or by appointment with one of the priests