



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 5th 2026

Ngā mihi ki a koutou kātoa.

We hear Jesus speak those beautiful words from Matthew's Gospel today: "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest." We might associate those words with a funeral, but they are more about living our lives in an attitude of resting in the Lord's love and care, and being assured of his support. If you are heavy burdened, may you know the Lord's strength as he walks with you and lifts you up.

They are appropriate words also for our school students and staff, who have a break now after a long term. May it be a time of rejuvenation for you all – let's hope you have some fine weather!

The **Parish Council** met on Tuesday evening, and we will have a brief report from that meeting after Communion. Next Friday (July 10) is **Matariki** and is a public holiday, so Mass will be at 9am.

And next Sunday is **Sea Sunday**, and I have invited Father Ritche to say a little about his work at the port, and some of the challenges faced by seafarers he meets. It is also **Caring Sunday**, and some of the Campion students will speak to us about the work of the **Common Good Foundation** in our Diocese. Their appeal envelopes are included in this newsletter – please support this ministry as you are able.

May God bless you all.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday evening and discussed a wide range of topics. A short report will be given at Mass this Sunday. We are pleased at the number of activities and groups that are operating in the parish. As well, there are some events coming up which we hope parishioners will consider taking part in, ALPHA in particular.

MATARIKI

Next Friday (July 10) is Matariki, a public holiday, and so Mass will be at 9am that day. (There will not be a Holy Hour.)

HOLY COMMUNION

Because of the number of winter colds and bugs around at present, we will suspend receiving from the chalice until the beginning of August. Thank you for your understanding.

CARING SUNDAY APPEAL JULY 11 & 12

Giving to the Common Good Foundation **Caring Sunday 2026 Appeal** means that you are making it possible for groups across our Diocese to serve the most vulnerable. The Foundation (Catholic Care in Action) gives grants to a range of groups and organisations including those that offer counselling and social work, serve the homeless and those in need at foodbanks, deliver powerful parish-based initiatives, and many more whanau-centred programmes that enable families to thrive. Donate by grabbing an envelope from the foyer or contact Caroline at admin@commongood.org.nz or donate online at www.commongood.org.nz

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. It is on Thursdays from 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.

STUDENTS SHOW APPRECIATION FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Campion students laid on afternoon tea for the Catholic Women's League last Thursday. "What a treat," said CWL president Sue Baker. "The Impact Project students made everything themselves; muffins, scones, brownies, an amazing ring lemon cake — right down to the pastry for the savouries and sausage rolls. A selection of sandwiches, mini pizzas and crustless quiches were also enjoyed. It was all beautifully presented and we were waited on with tea and coffee. We felt very special. Well done everyone, keep up the great work! Your hospitality and baking skills are very impressive. Thank you to Tamin Simmer and your students for a lovely afternoon."

SUPPORT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WAREHOUSE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Catholic Women's League will be sausage sizzling at the Warehouse next Saturday, July 11. They are raising money for their Mission projects - local, national and beyond! If you are able to join them and help sizzle, please let Helen Geard know by emailing cwlgisborne@gmail.com or contact Sue Baker on 027 330 4982.

LEGION OF MARY HOSTS SENATUS AUCKLAND REPRESENTATIVES

We are pleased to announce that two officers from the Senatus Auckland of the Legion of Mary will be visiting our Praesidium from July 10—12. The purpose of this visit is to carry out the regular Senatus review following the presentation of St Mary's Annual Report. We warmly welcome the visiting officers and kindly ask all members to be present and supportive during the visitation period. Please keep the success of this visit in your prayers. Visitors: ● Louise Valladares, President; ● Marlene Parejas, Treasurer Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium, Auckland.

GATHERING OF SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS

Sr Cynthia Kearney joined her peers, at the national meeting of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Napier last week. With 60 sisters in NZ —29 met in Napier and the others joined via Zoom. She said this week they farewelled two sisters from Myanmar. They have gone to Davao in the Philippines for their final vows before being missioned.

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:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Next Sunday's Readings:

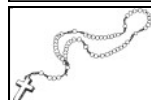
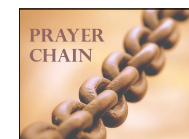
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

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 July 5	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP) + Wade Grave (RIP) Parishioners' Intentions	FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
Monday July 6	NO MASS		St Maria Goretti
Tuesday July 7	5.30pm	Wade Grave (RIP)	
Wednesday July 8	9am	Irene Rau (RIP anniversary) + Tony Parker (RIP)	
Thursday July 9	9am		St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Friday July 10	9am 6pm	Syro Malabar Malayalam	Matariki Public Holiday
Saturday July 11	9am		St Benedict
Sunday July 12	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	Myles Walters (RIP) Parishioners' Intentions	FIFTEENTH 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