



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 12th 2026

Blessed Sunday everyone!

The Church celebrates the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Day of Prayer for Seafarers. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the Parable of the Sower, reminding us that the Word of God is sown into every heart and expected to bear fruit. As we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Seafarers, we remember the men and women who spend months at sea, missing family special occasions in order to provide for their loved ones and help sustain communities around the world. We acknowledge their sacrifices and their invaluable contribution to the world.

Amid the challenges of life at sea—loneliness, storms, uncertainty, and long periods away from home, they are called to remain rooted in faith and hope. As a Christian community, we are invited to pray for their safety and well-being. This is our simple way of expressing our gratitude and support for their dedicated service. We remember them in our prayers regardless of their religious affiliation, asking God to protect and guide them on every voyage.

Finally, may we allow God's Word to take deep root in our hearts, so that we may bear abundant fruit through lives of faith, charity, compassion, and selfless service.

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Warren Barry died in late April and has left the parish a generous bequest, for Masses to be offered for the repose of his soul, and “for the general usage of the parish”. We are grateful to Warren for his kindness – the reality is that it is gifts like this that enable us to “break even” financially. Masses will indeed be offered for Warren's happy repose.

MASS AT TOLAGA BAY

Mass this Sunday at Ūawa–Tolaga Bay at 11am.

MASS AT BEETHAM

This Wednesday at 10.30am.



ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 2015 of Father Phelim Keane, former Parish Priest of Makaraka – may he rest in peace. His former parish church is now the drama room, “Wawatai”, at Campion College.

HOLY COMMUNION

Because of the number of winter colds and bugs around at present, we will suspend receiving from the chalice until sometime during 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

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Call Patrick (027) 335 5873



TOKOMARU BAY MASS

There is no Mass at Tokomaru Bay next Sunday (July 19).

SUPPORT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WAREHOUSE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be sausage sizzling at the Warehouse on Saturday, July 11, to raise money for their Mission. If you are able to join them 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 Legion of Mary officers from the Senatus Auckland will be visiting our Praesidium from Friday July 10 — 12. We warmly welcome the visiting officers and kindly ask all members to be present and supportive during the visitation period.

ALPHA STARTS SOON—JOIN US

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 KOREA

Expressions of Interest for WYD27 are being taken now. Register here:

www.cdh.org.nz/wyd2027

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:

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

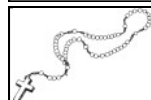
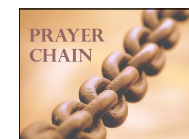
Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

MASS OFFERING

Mass can be offered for Holy Souls, Thanks-giving, 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 12	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	Myles Walters (RIP) Parishioners' Intentions	FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
Monday July 13	NO MASS		St Henry
Tuesday July 14	5.30pm	John Byrne (RIP)	St Camillus de Lellis
Wednesday July 15	9am	Connie Utting (RIP)	St Bonaventure
Thursday July 16	9am	Kerry Tattersfield (RIP)	Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Friday July 17	12.10	Wade Grave (RIP)	
Saturday July 18	9am		Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday July 19	6pm Saturday Vigil 9am Sunday	Parishioners' Intentions Eileen Parker (anniversary RIP)	SIXTEENTH 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