



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16 August 2026

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. It is a feast of great hope for us, that we, too, may one day be with Mary and all the saints in the joys of heaven. Pope Leo, in his Angelus message one year ago, said the following: *"Mary, who the risen Christ carried body and soul into the glory, shines as an icon of hope for her pilgrim children throughout history. . . Sisters and brothers, pilgrims need a goal that orients their journey: a beautiful and attractive goal that guides their steps and revives them when they are tired, that always rekindles in their heart a desire and hope. On the path of life, our goal is God, infinite and eternal love, fullness of life, peace, joy and every good thing. The human heart is drawn to such beauty and it is not happy until it finds it . . ."* As we continue our pilgrimage through life, may Mary our Mother be our constant and sure companion.

Speaking of hope, I have met with a number of people who will be taking part in the parish's **OCIA** programme, hoping to make the Catholic faith their own. (We used to call it a "Rite", but now it is to be referred to as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.) If you know of someone who could be invited to join our OCIA programme, pray for the courage and wisdom to speak to them – and be prepared to support them on their journey.

It was good to celebrate the **Feast of St Mary MacKillop** with the Campion College community earlier this past week. Well done to all who participated in the liturgy that day.

No Mass at St James Church in Tokomaru Bay this Sunday. Father Ritche and I will travel to **Ruatoria** on Saturday 22 August to meet with the community there, and we will say Mass with them on that day. And FYI, I will be away for the early part of this week, returning Thursday.

Have a good week everyone

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OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Why not invite them? We will begin the next programme in October.

STAR MAGAZINE

Articles for the September issue of the Star Magazine need to be in by **August 26**. Email it unformatted to starmagazinegisborne@gmail.com

PAST ISSUES OF THE STAR MAGAZINE

Father Mark has been tidying the Archives, and has noticed that there are no issues of the **2008** issues of the STAR. Maybe someone borrowed them? If you know where they are (or if you have any from that year) we would be grateful. Drop them in at the Office please.

CONGRATULATIONS

The 2026 Chanel Shield competition was held recently at St John's College in Hamilton, and our team from Campion College won the Religious Knowledge Quiz. Well done everyone!

MASS CHANGES

- No Mass at Tokomaru Bay this Sunday.
- Mass at Beetham this Wednesday at 10.30am.
- Mass next Saturday morning will be at the earlier time of 8am.

POMPALLIER PILGRIMAGE

There is still time to register for the Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage, taking place from 24-27 October 2026! Pilgrims will walk 100km over four days in Hokianga, following in the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier.

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LITURGY OF ANOINTING

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Ryman — Kiri Te Kanawa this Tuesday at 1.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last Tuesday evening's meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 15 at 6pm.

SAVE THE DATE—DEMYSTIFYING DEATH WITH DIGNITY

An Evening with Fr Shenan J. Boquet, President of Human Life International (HLI). The Hamilton Diocese is delighted to host Fr Boquet for a special evening session Demystifying Death with Dignity, which will be held at St Thomas More Church's parish lounge, in **Mt Maunganui**; 6 to 9pm, September 15. He will also be speaking at **Hope for the World**.

HOPE FOR THE WORLD — CONFERENCE ON LIFE, FAITH & FAMILY

In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from **conception to natural death**, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us from **Friday (Sept 25) to Sunday (Sept 27) in Auckland** to hear inspiring local and international speakers. There are several **sponsored registrations** (full or partial) for those who would genuinely benefit from attending but need a **helping hand**. Enquiries to Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz Info & registration here: <https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Our 13-day or 19-day pilgrimages will include: visiting key pilgrimage sites across South Korea, including Busan, WYD Week in Seoul with Pope Leo XIV, and a post-WYD mountain retreat near Jeonju. The pilgrimage is open to young adults aged 18–35 (as of 1 April 2027). wyd27.org.nz

POPE'S MESSAGE TO YOUTH

Pope Leo XIV encourages the 3000 participants in the National Youth Gathering on until today (August 16) in Ostrava, Czech Republic, to “turn with confidence to Jesus, who has overcome the world”. The Pope encouraged the young people to bear witness to God's love in every area of life and society.

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:

Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10
1Corinthians 15:20—26
Luke 1:39-56

Next Sunday's Readings:

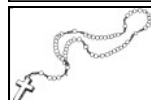
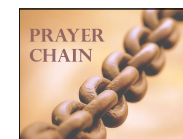
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

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 August 16	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am Sunday	6pm: Elaine Teutenberg (RIP); Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP). Parishioners' Intentions	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday August 17	NO MASS		
Tuesday August 18	5.30pm	Robin Jefferson (RIP)	
Wednesday August 19	9am	George & Esther Ryan (RIP)	St John Eudes
Thursday August 20	9am	Joy Reeves (RIP)	St Bernard
Friday August 21	12.10	John Unverricht (RIP)	St Pius X, Pope
Saturday August 22	9am		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday August 23	6pm: Saturday Vigil 9am: Sunday	6pm: Brent Gillard (Birthday RIP) Parishioners' Intentions	21st 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
Or by appointment with one of the priests