



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

06 September 2026

This Sunday is one of the highlights of our liturgical year, when our young people will be confirmed and make their First Communion. Our prayers are with them this day, that the gift of the Holy Spirit always give them a deep reverence for the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We thank those who have prepared them so well.

This Sunday also marks the beginning of the **Season of Creation**, a time for us to remember to care for the earth, which is our Common Home. Our thanks to the Josephite Companions who will companion us through this time, and have assembled for this season a beautiful focus in the church foyer.

Fathers! A happy **Father's Day** to you today! May you continue to be the image of our loving Father in heaven for those in your care. Enjoy this special day.

Social Justice Week begins today also – so much happening today! We are encouraged to look for ways to build peace together.

Finally, the **STAR magazine** is available in the foyer – feel free to take a copy. Thank you Ron and Heather for another fine production!

Every blessing to you all on this very special day – especially those who complete their Christian initiation, and all of our fathers.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki – may God bless you all

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WELCOME SEMINARIAN NHAT!

Nhat Cao is training for priesthood for our Diocese, and arrives in Gisborne this evening. Nhat will be with us for the next two weeks. It is a good opportunity for him to experience Catholic life in this “farthest outpost” of our Diocese, and will be involved in a number of pastoral encounters during his short time here. I know that you will all make Nhat feel very welcome amongst us.

WORKING BEE

Now that we have new chairs for the Parish Centre, we need to take the best of the existing chairs in the Parish Centre and “crying room” and make 30-40 chairs in good condition (and discard the damaged cushions and damaged frames). We will have a **working bee next Saturday morning, 12 September, at 10am**. If we get 10 people, it should only take one hour. All you need to bring is a Phillips screwdriver. Please let Elaine know if you will be there. (If someone could volunteer to coordinate the working bee, that would be great also.)

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Garth Easton, husband of Mary and father of Paul, died last Saturday evening and was buried on Wednesday – may he rest in peace.

KITCHEN DOOR

The **code** is available for parishioners – speak to Elaine or one of the priests. Please ensure that all the doors into the kitchen are locked after use.

OCIA

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Why not invite them? We will begin the next programme in October. A good number have already expressed interest.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Isabella Eve Robinson was baptised earlier this week, the daughter of Antonia and James. May Isabella always know that she is a beloved daughter of our loving Father.

BRING CASH FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Cash donations are collected in the foyer after Mass on the second Saturday & Sunday of the month, which is next weekend. "Vinnies" spends about \$1000 a month on groceries for food parcels, so every little bit helps. Please give generously.

Bank details: SVDP Bay of Plenty Area Council 02-0506-0378043-011. Society of St Vincent de Paul AGM will be held on Sunday September 13 after the 9am Mass. Anyone interested in Vinnies' work is warmly welcome.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SALE

Save the date: Sunday, September 20

The CWL will be hosting their Annual Courtyard Sale after Mass on Sunday, September 20. Parishioners are encouraged to donate baking, plants and crafts to this good cause. Come along with cash and treat yourself to some goodies and a sausage sizzle. Money raised goes to the parish's three education centres Campion College, St Mary's and Stella Maris.



SEASON OF CREATION

Runs from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi). In this season, Christians worldwide unite in prayer and action to protect the environment and care for creation. See the display in the foyer for more information.



PARISH CENTRE

Please make sure that any spillages in the oven are cleaned up. Thanks

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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

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 September 6	6pm Vigil 9am Sunday	6pm: Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP) 9am: Confirmation	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Monday September 7	NO MASS		
Tuesday September 8	5.30pm	Jovannah John (Birthday); Lennore Simpson (RIP)	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday September 9	9am	Rhian (RIP)	St Peter Claver
Thursday September 10	9am		
Friday September 11	12.10	Kelvin Summersby (RIP)	
Saturday September 12	9am		Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday September 13	6pm: Saturday 9am: Sunday	Parishioners' Intentions Rhian (RIP)	24th 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