



## PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2026

Blessed Sunday everyone!

Today is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 100th World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme: **“One in Christ, united in mission.”** The Holy Father says, “I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.”

In today’s Gospel, the Herodians and Pharisees set aside their differences to try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. As followers of Christ, we too can struggle to balance our worldly concerns with our loyalty to God. May this Eucharist help us put God above all things and use our freedom to remain faithful to Him.

We belong to God, and everything we have comes from Him. Our time, talents, resources, and even our lives are entrusted to us so that we can contribute to the mission of the whole Church. We can participate in this mission through our prayers and practical support.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, let us offer our prayers and generous support for the Church’s mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.

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### SPECIAL COLLECTION: MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday today (October 18). The day is set aside to pray for the Church’s mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer. Please give generously today. Find out more at: <https://missio.nz/>

### OCIA—BECOMING CATHOLIC

We have eight candidates who will begin their formation in our faith on Wednesday October 21. Please keep them and the team in your prayers.

### CAMPION COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2027 TO 2028: HAVE YOUR SAY!

As we plan for the future of Campion College, we warmly invite our parish community to share their thoughts and aspirations for our College. Please join Principal Karyn Sadler for an informal **Parish Kōrero on Sunday, 18 October, at 10:00 am in the St Mary’s Parish Foyer**, immediately following 9:00 am Mass. This is an opportunity to tell us what Campion College is doing well, what we could improve, and what you hope for the young people who leave our College. We value the voice of our parish community and look forward to hearing from you.



## Stella Maris Catholic Early Childhood Centre

*We have vacancies!!!*



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Do you have or know of a child aged 2 - 4 years of age that needs care?

Contact us 027 210 8996 or [admin@stellamaris.cdh.nz](mailto:admin@stellamaris.cdh.nz)

<https://www.stellamaris.cdh.nz/>

## LEIGHTON HOUSE LITURGY

The first monthly ecumenical liturgy at Leighton House will be next Thursday (October 22, the 4th Thursday of the month) at 2.30pm. It will consist of hymns, readings, prayers, but will not be a sacramental liturgy. Thank you to those who have offered to help with this. Father Ritche will work with them to prepare the first liturgy.

## REMINDER

The Community Lay Ministers of Communion meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday, October 20.

## GOLDEN OLDIES SING-A-LONG

The U3a Ukalodeons will host a Golden Oldies Sing-a-long on November 1 from 1.15pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## YEAR 10 RETREATS AT CAMPION

Jess Samaila, the Youth Worker from the Hamilton Diocese led the Year 10 Retreats at Campion this week. The theme of these retreats was "Look Again". Students were encouraged to consider the social pressures in their lives and how these either support or limit their living relationship with God. They participated in activities that enabled them to reflect on how God works in their lives and also to realise that God is always with them.



## SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING YEAR FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League held its AGM on Thursday. We reflected on last year's work and thanked everyone that helped us reach our fundraising goals. A big "thank you" goes to Eileen Melville who retired from the executive committee. We appreciate all you have done for us. We welcomed Ria Nicolson onto the committee. Thank you Ria, it's always great to have new ideas and a fresh outlook when making plans for the future. The Catholic Women's League meet at the Parish Centre on the third Thursday of every month. All are welcome!

### EDUCATION

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| <b>Stella Maris Early Childhood Centre</b> | Bridget Armstrong (Centre Leader) | (06) 863 0428 |
| <b>St Mary's School</b>                    | Helen McGuigan (Principal)        | (06) 868 8332 |
| <b>Campion College</b>                     | Karyn Sadler (Principal)          | (06) 867 9309 |

### This Sunday's Readings:

*Isaiah 45:1,4-6*  
*1Thessalonians 1:1-5*  
*Matthew 22:15-21*

### Next Sunday's Readings

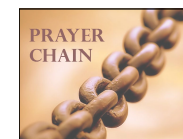
*Exodus 22:20-26*  
*1Thessalonians 1:5-10*  
*Matthew 22:34-40*

### **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                                                |
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| <b>Sunday October 18</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6pm Vigil</b><br><b>9am Sunday</b>         | Vigil: Darrin Berry (RIP)<br>+ Special Intention<br>Parishioners' Intentions                                                      | <b>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><b>Mission Sunday</b> |
| <b>Monday October 19</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>NO MASS</b>                                |                                                                                                                                   | Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions              |
| <b>Tuesday October 20</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>4.30pm Adoration</b><br><b>5.30pm Mass</b> | Special Intention                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday October 21</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9am</b>                                    | Special Intention                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Thursday October 22</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>9am</b>                                    | Special Intention                                                                                                                 | St John Paul II, Pope                                        |
| <b>Friday October 23</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>11am Adoration</b><br><b>12.10pm</b>       | Robin Jefferson (RIP)                                                                                                             | St John of Capistrano                                        |
| <b>Saturday October 24</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>9am</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                   | St Anthony Mary Claret;<br>Blessed Virgin Mary               |
| <b>Sunday October 25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6pm: Saturday</b><br><b>9am: Sunday</b>    | Iain & Flora Gillies (RIP)<br>Parishioners' Intentions                                                                            | <b>30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                          |
| <b><u>SUNDAY MASS AT OTHER CHURCHES —</u></b><br><b>Second Sunday:</b> Sacred Heart, Tolaga Bay (11am)<br><b>Third Sunday:</b> St James, Tokomaru Bay (11.30am)<br><b>Fourth Sunday:</b> St Bede's, Matawai (11am) |                                               | <b><u>CONFESSIONS —</u></b><br>Friday 11.25 — 11.45am<br>Saturday 9.30 — 10am<br><i>Or by appointment with one of the priests</i> |                                                              |