# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 14 June 2026

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 15 June
9.00am C/s Holy Family

Tuesday 16 June
9.30am Mass Holy Family
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Wednesday 17 June
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 18 June
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 19 June
10.30am Mass Cullinane
11.20am Reconciliation St M
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 20 June
9.00am Reconciliation St M
9.30am Mass St Mary's
5.30pm Mass Holy Family

Sunday 21 June
9.30am Mass St Mary's
5.30PM Confirmation Mass St Mary's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Thursday 25 June First Reconciliation Celebration*

*Sunday 28th June St Annes School Mass*

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS


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**ST MARY'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** The following is an excerpt from a letter sent to school families earlier this week. A full copy of this letter is posted on our website. *It is with both gratitude and sadness that I write to inform you that our principal, Jacqui Luxton will resign from her position at St Mary's School, effective 26 January 2027. While we are deeply disappointed to be farewelling such a committed and faith-filled leader, we fully respect her decision. We are incredibly proud of the mahi (work) achieved under her leadership and profoundly grateful for the relationships she has built with staff, students, whānau and parish. Helena Anderson - School BOT Chair.* Please pray for Jacqui as she seeks a new direction in her life and the Board of Trustees as they seek candidates for this position.

**CONFIRMATION** Our Confirmation programme is nearing its conclusion, with 10 young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been exploring what it means to know Jesus, receive the gifts of the Spirit, be part of the Church, and live out their faith in everyday life. They also attended a Confirmation Camp alongside 33 other candidates from across Palmerston North. Our candidates will be Confirmed at the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 21 June. Thank you to their, sponsors, and families who have supported them on this journey. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**CULLINANE COLLEGE** We are absolutely thrilled to share that our latest Education Review Office (ERO) report is a glowing reflection of our school's clear, consistent approach to learning, behaviour, and student well-being. We are incredibly proud of our staff and students for their hard work in making our school such a thriving environment. We also want to highlight the remarkable growth of our music department. This term, we had two of our bands step up to compete in the Smokefree Rockquest and for the first time in 15 years, we had two ensembles compete in the Chamber Music competition. Thank you to our parish and school community for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and support as our young people continue to grow in faith, talent, and service.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL** Faith, Fun, and Photos: Our Epic House Day! Our school community was buzzing with excitement during our recent House Day, where students teamed up for an unforgettable, high-energy scavenger hunt! Armed with cameras and a list of clever clues, houses raced around the grounds to track down hidden spots and snap creative photos of their discoveries. The focus was themed around the Holy Trinity, giving our students a beautiful, hands-on way to explore how God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit connect us all. It was a wonderful joy to watch our student leaders guide the younger students, beautifully celebrating the vibrant spirit of our school community. Thank you to all the staff and house leaders who made this fantastic day of faith and fellowship possible!

**ST MARCELLIN SCHOOL** We are coming to the end of our major demolition works, where the Marist Block has been removed. The students are enjoying the newly refurbished space to play in. Once a date and time has been confirmed, there will be a blessing of our new space by the Bishop which parishioners will be invited to attend. Our students continue to enjoy celebrating Mass fortnightly at Holy Family on a Tuesday morning; inspired by the example of St Marcellin Champagnat, we strive to help our students encounter Christ daily through prayer and continue to work together to form disciples who are rooted in the Gospel and eager to share Christ's love with the world. We invite our parish family to join us in prayer as we continue to grow together in the grace and wisdom of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ST ANNE'S SCHOOL** has been a hive of activity as we move through the year, with students fully engaged in rich, inquiry-based learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom. Our recent House Day brought our school community together to celebrate the inspiring lives of our House leaders, grounding our learning in faith, service, and connection. Alongside this, our tamariki continue to demonstrate our PB4L values of Aroha and Courage, with a strong focus on kind words, kind actions, and being up-standers for one another. We are also looking forward to upcoming events, including our Colour Run and Matariki Liturgy, which will provide further opportunities to gather in celebration and reflection. As always, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our parish community in strengthening the special character of our school.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK** if you or a family member or friend is admitted to hospital or a rest home please let the Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or Chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken to them.

**THE HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at The Vinnies Shop in Victoria Avenue at 4pm. We welcome any new members who may wish to join us in prayer and discussion about our work. We visit sick and lonely members of our community, help with transport and food where needed and provide support to schools and students, by way of equipment, financing camps and uniforms. We provide tinned fish regularly to The Food Bank. We are very proud that our shop prices remain the lowest in town to provide for families and individuals. There are slots in the foyers of both churches where donations can be left to St Vincent de Paul. These donations are used to financially support families. We thank Parishioners for their material donations to the shop and ongoing prayers of support. God bless The Vincentian Team

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every Tuesday at Holy Family Church. New members most welcome. Contact: Anne Smith 0210488635 (Secretary)

**EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS** Monday Morning Group-Monday 10am during at St Mary's Church. We explore a variety of content which keeps us up to date on matters concerning the faith. Contact Barbara Vine on 3457757. Monday Evening Group via zoom from 7:30pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Brian & Nancy Quigley 0275347814 or email twoquigs@hotmail.com

**The LYRIC SINGERS** present 'Songs Around the World' at Trinity Methodist Church, Saturday, 27 June at 2 pm Special Guest Leah Thompson. Admission $20 Children free.

**PLANNED GIVING FOCUS GROUP COMMUNITY** A good functioning parish needs parishioners to work together to support the mission of the church. Planned giving is not only a personal act of faith but also a collective expression care within the body of Christ. Through faithful giving, the church is able to serve the community, help those in need, support ministry efforts, and create opportunities for spiritual growth and outreach. When parishioners give generously and sacrificially, they strengthen the bonds of fellowship and demonstrate the biblical principle that everyone contributes to the well-being and growth of the church family.

**HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH** – the SOUP roster for next week is the Marianne Vine's team. For further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 227 491 9637

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** 6.30-8.30pm at Saint Mary's Church Hall**.** Please bring a gold coin
**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Junior Youth Group is on hold temporarily.**

**YOUNG ADULTS** Young Adults will now be meeting the 1st and 3rd and if there's a 5th Sunday of the Month at Saint Mary's Church for 5.30pm Mass followed by a Young Adult Night meeting in the foyer after Mass. The location for the night might change but the meeting spot is always the foyer after Mass. All Young Adults welcome.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tom Martin, Fr Walter Cooke

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES** Patrick Dillon, Brian Vaughan, Claudia Petronelli, Paul Novak, Noeline Bradley, Lake Falconer, Paul Gleeson, Una Phillips, Bill Phillips, Catherine Bidwell

**TODAY'S READINGS** First: Exodus 19.1-6a Second: Romans 5. 6-11 Gospel: Matthew 9.36-10.8

**NEXT SUNDAY 21 June** First: Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13 Second: Romans 5. 12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10.26-33