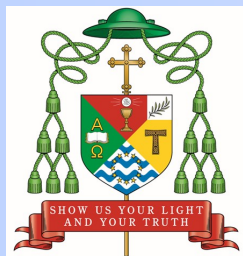


# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Te Pārihi Katorika ki Whanganui (2015)  
Diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand



**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
1 Campbell Street

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
22 Tawhero Street

**ST ANNE'S CHURCH**  
47 Raine Street

**TE RONGO O TE POI**  
(Beat of the Poi to the Gospel)  
584 Kaiwhaiki Road  
Kaiwhaiki Marae

**NGAKAU TAPU (Sacred Heart)**  
4491 Whanganui River Road  
Rānana (London)

**HĀTO HŌHEPA (St Joseph's)**  
600 Whanganui River Road  
Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 6th May

9.00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 7th May

9.30am Mass Holy Family  
12.05am Mass St Mary's

#### Wednesday 8th May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 9th May

9.30am Mass St Annes  
12.05pm Mass St Marys

#### Friday 10th May

10.00am Mass St Josephs Chapel  
11.20am Rite I St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 11th May

9.00am Rite I St Anne's  
9.30am Mass St Anne's  
5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 12th May

9.30am Mass St Mary's  
5.30pm Mass St Annes

### Upcoming Events

#### 6th May

Confirmation Session 1

**Sunday Readings:** Act: 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn: 4.7-10 Jn: 15.9-17

**Next Week:** Act: 1.1-11; Eph: 4.1-13 Mk: 16.15-20



### ROBERTS' RAMBLE

After the ANZAC Day Mass I told several people about my visit to Pontmain near Paris in 2015, the site of a visit by our Lady in time of war.. The best way to tell the story is to cheat and use the Wikipedia entry.

"Our Lady of Pontmain, also known as Our Lady of Hope, is the title given to the Virgin Mary following her apparition at Pontmain, France on 17 January 1871

During this tumultuous time, the Franco-Prussian War was raging, and France faced defeat after defeat. Paris was under siege, and two-thirds of the country was occupied by the advancing Prussians. In this context, the apparition occurred in the small hamlet of Pontmain, which lay between the oncoming Prussian army and the city of Laval.

Here's the remarkable account of the apparition:

The villagers had gathered every night to pray for the safe return on their men. After some months they were fed up and refused to pray. Eugène Barbedette, a young boy, gazed at the star-studded sky and suddenly saw a beautiful woman smiling at him. She wore a blue gown adorned with golden stars and a black veil under a golden crown. His brother, Joseph, also witnessed the apparition, but the adults present could not see it. The local schoolteacher, Sister Vitaline, confirmed that she too could not see the Lady. However, two girls, Françoise Richer and Jeanne-

Marie Lebosse, aged nine and eleven, respectively, described the vision in the same detail as the Barbedette boys did. The Lady appeared to the children, but adults saw only three stars forming a triangle in the sky.

As word spread among the anxious villagers, a crowd gathered to pray. The children saw the Lady's garment transform: its stars multiplied until it was almost entirely gold. A banner unfurled beneath her, and a message appeared: "But pray, my children. God will hear you in time. My Son allows Himself to be touched." Soon afterwards the war ended, with attribution to our Lady's prayers.

The apparition received approval from the Bishop Casimir Wicart of the Diocese of Laval on February 2, 1872. The Basilica of Our Lady of Hope in Pontmain now stands as a testament to this extraordinary event, and Our Lady of Pontmain continues to be a beacon of hope for those who seek solace and peace.

For you and for me I suggest that we invoke the prayers and help of Our Lady of Peace as we pray for an end to the terrifying wars in Ukraine and the Holy Land/Gaza.

Please remember Father Craig in your prayers, With my prayers for you and yours, Father John.

**Te Rōpū Tautoko would welcome your assistance.** Please consider completing our anonymous evaluation form! Te Rōpū Tautoko, the Church group established to engage with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is seeking your thoughts on the Church's engagement with the Inquiry. Feedback received will inform Tautoko's final report, as a reflection of the broad reality of peoples' experiences. Takes 5 to 20 minutes to complete. Closes Friday 24 May. <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/anonymous-evaluation/>

### Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis

### Anniversaries

Morrie Meynell, Pat Meynell, Frances Jones

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>. The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, “How can we be a synodal church in mission?” Find the document at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

### THE NZCBC ARE CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 DELARGEY AWARDS.

The Awards, named in honour of Cardinal Delargey, recognise significant and outstanding contributions made in the field of Catholic ministry with young people in Aotearoa New Zealand. The aims of the Awards are:

- To provide recognition for ministry workers and supporters of ministry with young people in New Zealand
  - To educate the community about ministry with young people
  - To raise the profile of Catholic ministry with young people in New Zealand
  - To recognise the place of long-term involvement in Catholic ministry with young people
- Visit [catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/delargey](http://catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/delargey) for details on the nomination process.

### ENROLMENTS FOR TE KUPENGA: CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE NOW OPEN

Want to make sense of the Old Testament? Enrol with Te Kupenga and if you can Zoom, then you are ready enough to do the paper with Sr Carmel Cole! Contact her at [carmelcole@rdm.org.nz](mailto:carmelcole@rdm.org.nz), but hurry because classes start on Thursdays (3:30pm to 5:30pm) throughout the second term. You can also contact Br Kevin [kdobbyn@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:kdobbyn@pndiocese.org.nz) or 021 755 270) for more info.

**HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH**—The **SOUP** roster for next week is Maureen Beard's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 12 – 19 MAY** The National Liturgy Office have sent round several resources to aid parishes in their preparations for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Find all their resources at: <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/04/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-12-19-may/> or on their website: <https://nlo.org.nz>

### JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3  
[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

#### Creative Card Making

Suitable for beginners and regular crafters alike with Julia Martin Sat 11 May, 10am -12.30pm or 1.30 – 4pm \$10. *Registrations essential.*

#### Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Five reflective Mondays to explore, nourish and enjoy your creativity within this peaceful environment. Topics include Mandalas, Drawing, Painting, Book/Journal making, Collage, Crafts etc. *BYO lunch and basic art supplies.* with Tracey

Young and Friends Mon 13 May, 10am-2.30pm Koha

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email [pam.hopper@soj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@soj.org.au)

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

6.30-8.30pm at Saint Mary's Church Hall.

#### YOUTH GROUP WILL

#### BE BACK ON THE 12TH OF MAY

If you're year 9-13 (or you're a super keen year 8 I'll sneak you in) this is for you!!

**What to expect:** Games, challenges, prizes, chocolate, learning about faith, making new friends, it's honestly so much fun!! Please come along and check it out. For more info contact Rain on 0212560608 or email [youth.cpow@gmail.com](mailto:youth.cpow@gmail.com)



### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email [admin@cpow.co.nz](mailto:admin@cpow.co.nz) to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6 May 7-8.30pm

### ST MARCELLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking

an enthusiastic principal release teacher to join our team and facilitate exciting learning programmes for an amazing group of Y5-8 students on Thursday and Friday. **Start Date: 13/06/2024, End Date: 13/12/2024** Please apply in writing with a letter of application, your CV to: [principal@stmarcellin.school.nz](mailto:principal@stmarcellin.school.nz) Applications close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 3:00pm.

### RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING

#### ENVELOPES

ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER

**\*\*YOU CAN GIFT YOUR REFUND BACK TO THE CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO \*\***  
**YOU WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH MY IRD TO DO SO...**

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WHANGANUI  
IRD NUMBER 012-080-832

### ROSTER FOR THE ROSARY STATUE OF MARY (from St.Mary's)

We would love you to join the list of people who receive the statue of Mary into their homes for one week every 6 months approx.. I am about to up-date the list & do a new roster. Existing members, please advise any change of address or phone numbers. Other parishioners, if you would like to be added to the roster please call or message me, Kathleen Orsborn. Tel: 3442245. By 7<sup>th</sup> May. Thankyou.

### The Holy Family Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society

wish to thank all parishioners for their support by buying raffle tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle.

Lucky winners are:-

1st Prize - Patrick O'Leary

2nd Prize- Maree Adams

3rd Prize - Russell Haddock



### BISHOPS CREATE SPECIAL WEBPAGE FOR JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

### HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

When taking Holy Communion to the homebound and rest homes, it is important to know that Fr John Roberts coordinates all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick and the list of those receiving the Sacrament. Please contact him directly on 027 634 6877 before taking Holy Communion to any new parishioners or if you have any questions .

#### St Marcellin School

Principal: Belinda Backwell  
7a Totara St, Wanganui  
06 349 0023

#### St Mary's School

Principal: Jacqui Luxton  
DRS: Cath Daignault  
30 London St, Wanganui  
06 343 1227

#### St Anne's School

Principal: Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick  
DRS: Jo Gichard.  
45 Raine St, Wanganui  
06 343 8389

#### Cullinane College

Principal: Tony McBride  
DRS: Helen Dougherty  
15 Peat St, Wanganui  
06 349 0105

#### Parish Priest

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#### Assistant Priest

Fr John Roberts  
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#### Parish Secretary

Office hours:8:30am-3pm  
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[admin@cpow.co.nz](mailto:admin@cpow.co.nz)

#### Youth Minister

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0212560608  
[youth.cpow@gmail.com](mailto:youth.cpow@gmail.com)

#### RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore  
[thecoot1944@gmail.com](mailto:thecoot1944@gmail.com)

#### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

#### Hospital Chaplain

Norma O'Connor  
027 233 4557

#### Prison Chaplain

Sean Ryan  
06 349 6887