



# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 19 October 2025



#### MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF HOPE

#### NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

##### Monday 20 October

9.00am C/s Holy Family

##### Tuesday 21 October

9.30am Mass Holy Family

12.05pm Mass St Marys

##### Wednesday 22 October

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

##### Thursday 23 October

**12.05pm C/s St Marys**

##### Friday 24 October

10.00am Mass St Joseph's  
Cullinane

11.20am Rite I St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

##### Saturday 25 October

9.00am Rite I St Mary's

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Sun Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

##### Sunday 26 October

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

#### Upcoming Events

##### Sunday 19 October

10.30am Katarina Mitchell-  
Kouttab

##### Saturday 1 November

11.30am Car Boot Sale

##### Thursday 6th November

7.00pm Memorial Mass

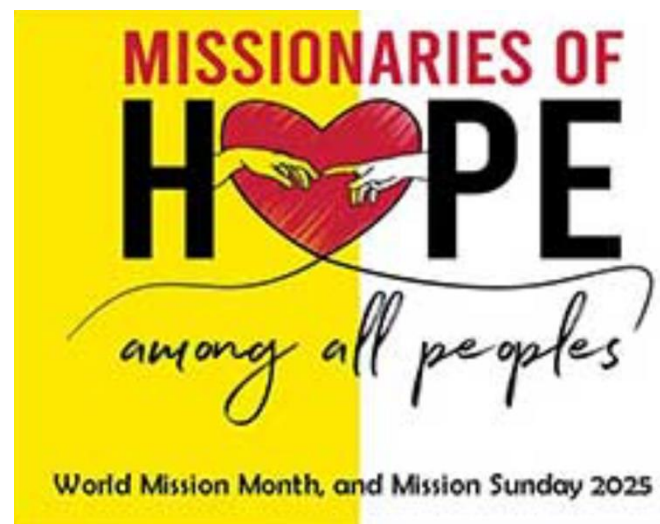
Before he died, Pope Francis wrote to the whole church, reminding us that we are all called to be "Missionaries of Hope". The following themes are taken from his letter. He begins by reminding us of our baptism call to walk in Christ's footsteps, by being messengers (and builders) of hope in our world - which, as you know is overshadowed by despair and uncertainty. As Catholic Christians, we believe that Christ is the source of our hope.

Christ not only proclaimed this Good News, he lived it, bringing healing and consolation to those in need. Even in moments of his own suffering (especially on the cross) Christ continued to trust in God's saving plan and brought healing and peace to others. Think of Jesus praying for the soldiers, even as they were nailing him to the cross! Christ continues his ministry of hope through his disciples. This universal call to mission is meant for all the baptised - including ourselves! The Vatican document *Gaudem et Spes* reminds us that the joys and sorrows of the world are also our joys and sorrows and that we all have a responsibility to care for each other. Pope Francis describes this process as more an artform than clinical activity in which we pray to the *source of our hope* - Jesus the risen Christ, who empowers us and gives us the grace to reach out beyond our own fears and concerns.

The kind of hope spoken about here is not limited to meeting material needs. In our world, marked by the use of technology, the irony is that many people experience terrible loneliness and a loss of true connection with others, despite the connectivity made possible by the very same technology. We live in a world in which we can use our phones to see and talk to people on the other side of the globe, but all too often we don't even know our neighbours, much less talk to them! This contemporary call to mission is one which invites a personal encounter with Christ, so that his love and hope may be shared with others - especially the stranger and anyone in any kind of need.

At the heart of all missionary endeavour is prayer. Pope Francis encourages renewal of the *missionary spirit* through prayer, especially with the Psalms, which sustain hope and inspire concrete acts of love. Today, Mission Sunday, we are encouraged to pray for all missionaries, especially those who live in foreign lands including those priests and religious who have come here to serve us! Lastly, please pray for a renewal of our own call to become Missionary Disciples right here. Go - be the good news! Fr Craig

Please be generous in supporting the mission of the church, either by making a donation using the envelopes provided or the QR code shown here.



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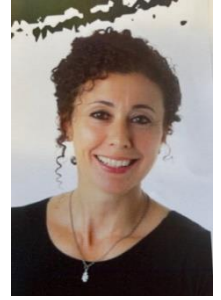
##### Youth Minister

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**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT THIS SATURDAY 18 October, 7pm** 📍 St Mary's Church Hall 💰 \$10 per ticket. Form a team of 3–6 people or come along solo and we'll help you join a team on the night. Come for a fun evening of laughter, friendly competition, and great community spirit — all while supporting our Parish and teens!

**KATRINA MITCHELL-KOUTTAB** is a Palestinian Christian writer, actress and mother who believes deeply in peace - peace rooted in justice, truth and accountability. Katrina has lived in different places throughout the world and she now lives in Palmerston North. Having heard about her presentation at the Cathedral earlier this year, we have invited Katrina to come and speak about her experience of honouring the struggles and wisdom of indigenous people. She will also offer us some hope-filled insight into the lives of Palestinian people at a time when they are suffering terribly.



**Sunday 19 October after the 9.30am Mass**

**NOSTRA AETATE WEBINAR** Celebrating 60 years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations will commemorate Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand today. Tuesday, 28 October 2025, 7-8pm. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

**CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST** The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

**SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH** from across New Zealand and Australia are gathering in Sydney for their six yearly Chapter - a three-week meeting of delegates, at which they will be making decisions about their future including the election of a new leadership team. Please pray for our own delegates, Sr Colleen Woodcock, Sr Marie Skidmore, Sr Liz Hickey and Sr Lee Tan.

🌻 **SUMMER'S COMING AND SO ARE OUR YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS!** Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes an amazing opportunity for our teens to encounter Christ and community at two life-changing Summer Camps. The cost to attend these camps is significant, so throughout October and November we're ramping up our fundraising efforts to help make this possible for our young people. **Car Boot Sale & Fair** Saturday 1 November, 11:30am 📍 St Mary's Church Grounds 💰 \$20 per car boot or table stall To book a space or find out more, email Rain at [youth.cpow@gmail.com](mailto:youth.cpow@gmail.com) or call 021 265 6068. Come along, grab a bargain, and enjoy a great community day out while helping our young people get to camp!

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026-** are available at the office. \$15 each

**SVDP Wanted:** soft toys for The Vinnies Shop. We are very low on toys stock. Please drop them into 217 Victoria Avenue.

**OCTOBER ROSARY** for the month of October will be prayed before Masses/Communion Services each day from Monday to Saturday morning. All urged to attend.

**HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH** - The SUMMER roster for next week is Angela Aspinall's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** – If you are year 5-8. Come along at 4-5.30pm on a Sunday at Saint Mary's Church Hall.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** – If you're year 9-13 come along on a Sunday night  
6.30-8.30pm Saint Mary's Church Hall.  
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**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** Our meetings are on Thursdays 7-9pm.  
8 Glasgow Street Whanganui



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Yvonne Meynell, Paul Vodanovich, Anne Murray, Pat Ryan, Amiria Beamsley, Sr Mary McKernan DOC, Peter Crotty, Jacinto Figueroa

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Colleen Cavanagh, Patrick McGonigle and Frances Tyler, Clodisa Oliva, Veronica McAfee, Margaret Connors, Maurice Gallagher, Muriel Fleming, Laurence and Maxine Conder, Florence Smith, Tiny Catherine Smith

**TODAY'S READINGS** First: Exodus 17.8-13 Second: 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.2 Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

**NEXT SUNDAY 26 October** First: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22 Second: 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18.9-14