



Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 October 2025



VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

Today is designated Celebration Sunday by our bishops to celebrate the life, spirituality, and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. Together with the Sisters of Compassion including our own Sr Litia Vakameitangeke, Sr Lusiana Peleosi and Sr Mary Graham. We remember the way Mother Aubert put love into action. We pray that her example of compassion in difficult times, her generosity of spirit, her advocacy for the poor and her reliance on God's love, will continue to inspire the people of our country. Please find enclosed some prayers, which I encourage you to pray, including for Mother Aubert's beatification.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Venerable Meri Hōhepa, our mother Suzanne, I give thanks for your compassionate heart modelled on Mary at the foot of the Cross. Guide me as I seek to follow to be kind open without weakness, to the call of suffering, your way: to be gracious, joyful and welcoming. Help me live as you lived, with humility and courage, treasuring and sharing the gift of compassion te pūaroa. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Fr James Lyons



PRAYER FOR BEATIFICATION

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers for Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, that she may soon be recognised as a saint. Amen

'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love' Mother Aubert

PRAYER FOR US AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

God of compassion and love, may the example of the life of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert guide us in our lives with al tenderness.

May our actions reflect your love O Lord,

May we show your love in our eyes,

May your truth be on our lips,

May we welcome the lost and lonely,

May we feed the poor and hungry,

May we shelter the homeless in our society.

May we give freely with true generosity and may we look compassion too, and understand your abounding and infinite love for us.

We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 6 October

9.00am C/s Holy Family

Tuesday 7 October

9.30am Mass Holy Family

12.05pm Mass St Marys

Wednesday 8 October

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 9 October

12.05pm Mass St Marys

Friday 10 October

10.00am Mass St Joseph's
Cullinane

11.20am Rite I St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 11 October

9.00am Rite I St Mary's

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Sun Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 12 October

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Upcoming Events

Saturday 18 October

7pm Parish Quiz Night

Sunday 19 October

10.30am Katarina Mitchell-
Kouttab

Thursday 6th November

7.00pm Bereavement Mass

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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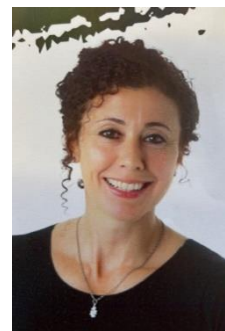
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KATRINA MITCHELL-KOUTTAB is a Palestinian Christian writer, actress and mother who believes deeply in peace - peace rooted in justice, truth and accountability. Katrina has lived in different places throughout the world and she now lives in Palmerston 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**



PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday evening 18 October 7pm. This fundraiser is being organised by our Youth Ministry team, to help fund our young to attend youth events in November this year and in January 2027. It was a great success last year. Please come along and support our young people and have a great night with friends.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2025: Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life

Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: “We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions.” Support Life Sunday 2025 provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.nz/resources>

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.

NOPS Review and Feedback

As part of the National Office for Professional Standards’ commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents. They are currently reviewing the ‘Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church’ and the ‘Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church’. They welcome and encourage everyone to submit feedback through their reviews page: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews/> with submissions open until 31 October 2025.

Stay Informed on National Safeguarding efforts

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church’s safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue at [https://mailchi.mp/nops/an-update-on-safeguarding-across-aotearoa-new-zealand?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/nops/an-update-on-safeguarding-across-aotearoa-new-zealand?e=[UNIQID])

TE KUPENGA Catholic Theological College | Enrolment and Upcoming Webinar

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run from September 22 – November 21, 2025. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/ apply to enrol.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites everyone for the webinar on “Raising a Catholic family in the Third Millennium” with Cameron & Cheryl Surrey on Wednesday, October 8, 5 - 6pm on Zoom. To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/250418045698059>

Finance update September 2025

Parish Income	\$ 26,002.21
Parish Expenditure	\$ 24,910.27
Total	\$ 1,091.94

Profit or Loss Y.TD: **\$ -15,101.39**

Parish Debt	
Diocese P/N	\$130,374
Waverley Parish	\$200,000

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

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP WILL RETURN 12 OCTOBER
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP WILL RETURN 12 OCTOBER
 6.30-8.30pm Saint Mary's Church Hall.
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Our meetings are on Thursdays 7-9pm.
 8 Glasgow Street Whanganui



RECENTLY DECEASED: Yvonne Meynell

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Colleen Cavanagh, Patrick McGonigle and Frances Tyler, Clodisa Oliva, Veronica McAfee

TODAY’S READINGS First: Habakkuk 1.2-3, 2,2-4 Second: 1 Timothy 1. 6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17.5-10

NEXT SUNDAY 12 October First: 2 Kings 5.14-17 Second: 2 Timothy 2. 8-13 Gospel: Luke 17.11-19