



# 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)

## Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 11th December

9:00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 12th December

9.00am Mass Holy Family  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Wednesday 13th December

12.05pm Mass St Mary's  
7.00pm Reconciliation Rite II  
St Mary's

#### Thursday 14th December

9.00am C/S St Anne's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 15th December

11.20am Rite I St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 16th December

9.30am C/S St Anne's  
5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 17th December

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Christmas  
Mass Times**

#### Sat 23rd December

7.00pm Vigil Mass Jerusalem

#### Sunday 24th Dec

7.00pm Vigil Mass St Marys  
9.30pm Vigil Mass Holy Family

#### Monday 25th December

9.30am Mass St Marys  
10.30am Mass Kaiwhaiki

**Sunday Readings:** Isa: 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3.8-15; Mk: 1.1-8

**Next Week:** Isa: 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thess 5.16-24; Jn: 1.6-8, 19-28

#### ROBERTS' RAMBLE

I decided that I should do a little research into the origin of the Advent Wreath. In 1839 a Lutheran pastor, Johann Hinrich Wichern, was pestered by the children of his mission school, asking how long until Christmas. He produced a visual teaching aid: four large candles, between them seven smaller candles. On the first Sunday he lit the first large candle, on Monday he lit the first large candle and the first little candle. Day-by-day he lit the appropriate candles! It was a brilliant way of helping the children to know when the Christmas celebrations would begin.

In medieval times Advent was a period of fasting during which people's thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ; but in modern times this meaning has been forgotten and the Season has instead been primarily seen as the lead up to Christmas, and in that context the Advent wreath serves as a reminder of the approach of the feast.

However, Mother Church is inviting us to restore the ancient meaning of the Season in the first weeks of Advent.

I'm trying a little light fasting between the various pre-Christmas events I have to attend. I'm also trying to spend a little more time in prayer so that I am better fitted to greet the Lord. I'm seeking to do my bit with the Sunday Foodbank collection (of which, thank you for the wonderful generosity I noticed last Sunday). I am beginning to think of presents for my family and realised that my care with these might be seen as another way of revealing Christ's gracious love for all people. It also gives me a chance to pray for those I see as I walk along the Avenue.

I hope you will continue to enjoy the Season of Advent. Father John.

#### FOODBANK

Thank you to all who brought contributions to the Foodbank last Sunday. They are greatly appreciated. Those who run the organisation tell us that the things they have to buy in are: Tuna, potatoes, sweet biscuits, crackers, dishwashing materials, toothpaste, coffee, tea and toilet paper. It is hoped that this will guide us as we purchase items. Also brown paper bags and empty dishwashing fluid bottle are helpful. Again, grateful thanks for all contributions.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—to all the children who were baptised last Sunday 3rd December at St Marys Church.

**BAPTISM**—Congratulations to Trixcel Morga and her family. Trixel was baptised at St Marys Church on Friday 8th December.

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**— will be held on Sunday 10th December at 11am at St Marys Church.

**A HUGE THANK YOU**— to all who helped out at last weekends springclean of our 3 Churches. Special thanks to Allison, Audrey and Pat who helped co-ordinate each church. It is lovely to see all the sparkling windows again.:) **Thank you.**

**TE KAHU O TE ORA | A CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE**— The landmark bishops' teaching document Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/>

#### Died Recently

Fiona Stobie

#### Anniversaries

Philomena Kingstone, Maria Watts, Wendy McGarva, Joyce Poka, Sr Catherine Ryan

*Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord*

**DON'T MISS OUT.....**

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS**—are now available at the office. \$15.00 each.

**AND....**

**SUNDAY MISSALS**— are now available from the office \$16.00 each

**ADVENT | NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE**—The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

### PREPARING FOR ADVENT?

Join us each Thursday morning (7-8am) for Scripture Reflection and lively discussion ☐  
St Mary's church. All welcome. Coffee provided ☐.  
Contact Kate Lynch 027 2430430 or Helen Dougherty 027 4136273

**BISHOP JOHN ADAM'S MEMORIAL CARDS**— Commemorating his ordination. As we have limited supply-if you would like a memorial card they are available at the office.

**ENROLMENT FOR THE BACHELOR OF DIVINITY AND GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY** is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024. For courses offered on campus, online and each diocese, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables). To enrol, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply).

### NEED EXTRA PRAYER ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for. Christian names only are used, so it is confidential.  
Please call either Maureen Ph 345 5480 or Barbara Ph 342 5812

### THE PRAYER TREE

Details: contact Anne Smith text 021 0488635 with Christian name of person to be prayed for.

**RCIA**—If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is, please contact Tony Hore 0273425516. This is an opportunity to ask any questions and to find out about the process of exploring the Catholic faith.

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Runs every week

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

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)

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR YOUTH SPACE

Do you want to keep in touch with what's happening for young people in our parish??

Find us on social media:

Facebook - Life Teen Whanganui


Instagram - Lifeteen\_Whanganui

### LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AOTEAROA 2024

Life Teen Summer Camp is a national Catholic camp for teens. It's held between 16th-20th of January in Cambridge. 5 day of epic fun, faith, inspiring speakers, praise and worship, sports, messy games, team building and so much more!!  
If you are a teen or know a teen who would be interested in attending this please get in touch with Rain on 0212560608 or email [youth.cpow@gmail.com](mailto:youth.cpow@gmail.com)

### SPONSOR A TEEN TO ATTEND CAMP

Life Teen Summer Camp costs \$250 for a teen to attend which is a barrier for some families especially when more than one teen from the same family is attending. We're inviting the wider parish community to support our young people by sponsoring or part sponsoring a young person to attend. Sponsorship forms will be available in the Church foyer with more details.

**ON SALE** NZ Catholic \$4 

**FOR SALE**—copies of Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane's engagingly insightful autobiography, called **Knowing my Place** at \$20 each. Please phone Sue Seconi on landline 3437384 to buy one or copies are available at the office.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER—

For persons with disabilities Let us join the Holy Father in praying that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



### JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

### Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed. Wed 17 Dec, 4 -5.15pm with Liz Hickey rsj

### Meri Kirihimete – Christmas Liturgy

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.) Sun 17 Dec, 4 -5pm  
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### St Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference of Wanganui Christmas Raffle Results 2023

1st Prize:	No 110	Jo Limpus
2nd Prize:	No 108	Brian Vaughan
3rd Prize:	No 449	Barbara Smith
4th Prize:	No 30	Hannah Quayle
5th Prize:	No 428	Collen Woodcock
6th Prize:	No 406	Patricia Russell
7th Prize:	No 253	Paul Watkins
8th Prize:	No 140	Pat Garforth

A huge THANK YOU is extended to all parishioners who supported our Christmas Raffle by either providing prizes or buying tickets in our raffle. We were delighted to raise \$1068.00 which will go straight back into the community in the work that we do. Thank you, also, to all parishioners who support The Vinnies Shop by providing goods for sale and purchasing goods through out the year. We wish you all a blessed, holy and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones.

**DID YOU KNOW? ROSARY**—is held every Friday at 11.10am at St Marys Church. All are most welcome to come and join in.

### St Marcellin School

Principal: Belinda Backwell  
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### St Anne's School

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### Cullinane College

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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

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### Prison Chaplain

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