



# 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)

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 11th September

9:00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 12th September

10:00am Mass Holy Family  
12:05am Mass St Mary's

#### Wednesday 13th September

12:05am Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 14th September

12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 15th September

10:00am Mass St Joseph's  
11:20am Rite I St Mary's  
12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 16th September

9:00am Rite I St Anne's  
9:30am Mass St Anne's  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 17th September

9:30am Mass St Mary's  
5:30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

11 Sept Confirmation Session 1  
7pm-St Marys Hall  
20 Sept Anointing Mass at  
St Marys Church  
30 Sept 11am  
Episcopal Ordination & Installation of  
Bishop Elect John Adams  
Held at The Cathedral of the Holy  
Spirit, Palmerston North

#### October

17 Oct First Communion  
Session 1 St Marys Church  
29 Oct Confirmation Mass  
9.30am St Marys Church

**Sunday Readings:** Eze: 33.7-9; Rom: 13.8-10; Mt: 18:15-20

**Next Week:** Sir: 27.30-28.7; Rom: 14.7-9; Mt: 18: 21-35

#### ROBERTS' RAMBLE

I usually see something that inspires me when I write these columns, or someone talks about something that sparks my interest. This time it was the delightful days of sunny, warm weather we have been enjoying. Spring is a time when we look forward to the joys of summer, the arrival of our celebration of the birth of Christ and the hope of a good and well-deserved holiday. It also reminds me of the early morning starts in the south westerly gales of the South Wairarapa on the lambing beat. And the joy of helping another little creature into the world. Both are causes for wonder and joy. They are causes for thanksgiving. A spiritual author reminded me that our daily prayer should always include thanks for all God's mercies to us. It is relatively easy to remember the big causes for giving thanks; less easy to remember the wonderful little things that happen to us. I'm thinking of the smile someone gave me this morning as I arrived for coffee, the cheery good morning I received when I arrived at the Office for our weekly meeting. The chat I had with a shop assistant when I collected repaired clothes. Also the listening heart when I had a little grumble. I know they are tiny things but they make up the warp and woof of daily life. As I think of them I hope that I returned them with interest. These are the little things of christian community life. They are the glue that holds us together and remind us of the love our Triune God has for us. And, importantly they, and many other things, are a reflection of the divine love we share with others around us. I thought too that we should not only give thanks for the beauty of creation but always ensure that this thanksgiving is accompanied by care for God's creation placed in our charge. I made the point at Mass on Wednesday that each of us is like the little candle we carry into the darkened Church at the Paschal (Easter Vigil). As I stand before the Altar for the final repetition of "Christ our Light" I see all the little lights coalescing together making great light which warms us during the Paschal Praeconium (the great Easter song of thanksgiving). Sometimes I think of the "light" we bear into the world and, like moths attracted to the light, others being welcomed into the Light of Christ. And for this, too, I give great thanks to God, for I see his people about the work Christ left us. Keep me in your prayers as I keep you and your families in mine. Father John.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** On Wednesday evening Rain Forrest, our Youth Minister, gave a very good and thought provoking presentation about her experiences as a pilgrim to World Youth Day in Lisbon in Portugal. Her enthusiasm for what she and her fellow pilgrims experienced, including visiting both Lourdes and Fatima and of course, meeting with Pope Francis at Mass made for a fascinating presentation. A pilgrimage is not like being a tourist and it was clear to us that Rain went as a pilgrim and has returned home transformed by her experience. This experience and all the blessings which came with it will carry her for many years to come and enhance her work with our own young people. Please pray for her as she makes this transition back to life here in Whanganui.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Further to my message last week, we have not yet resolved the issue of Mass days and times at St Annes and Holy Family. A second proposal was made during the week. Mass at St Annes at 10.00am on a Tuesday and Mass at Holy Family at 9.00am on a Thursday. Again, please let me know directly, either by phone or email. Thanks Fr Craig [craigbutler@xtra.co.nz](mailto:craigbutler@xtra.co.nz)  
**PARISH COUNCIL** I am still receiving nominations for our new Parish Council and I'm grateful to everyone who has taken this process to heart and either nominated or accepted nomination for this body. Please continue to pray for the process that it will bear fruit.

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Registrations are open for the Confirmation Programme for 2023 for those 15 and over. Come along to an information evening on Monday the 11th of September 7pm to register and find out more; or email: [info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz) for a registration form.

**DATES:** Monday evening from 7-8.30pm from the 18th of September - 16th of October.

**Weekend Camp** from 20th - 22nd of October  
**Confirmation Mass:** 29th of October 9.30am

#### Died Recently

Merle Manson, Ray Osborne, Rie Dekker, Stephen McNally, Pinanti Sivatia, Janet Kazoon, Enid Girven

#### Anniversaries

Margot Gresham, Anthony Wilson, William La Pouple, Stuart Tasker, Colin Tasker, Joan & Anita Boyle, Tony Wilson

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3

[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### Waiata, Kōrero and Karakia

Join us for a morning of learning Te Reo for **Maori Language Week 2023**.

Monday 11 September, 9.30am – 12pm

with Maramapai Simon & Lynaire Simon

**Community Liturgy – We're in this together**

Sunday 17 September, 4 – 5pm

### Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed. Wednesday 20 September, 4 – 5.15pm

with Liz Hickey rsj

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

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### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Maureen Beard's Team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

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

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**—Thursday morning 7-8am at St Mary's Church.

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

## 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)

## YOUTH GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

Join us **this Sunday** for an EPIC QUIZ NIGHT!

gather a group of 4-6 and all come along together or just turn up and we'll put you in a team. Pizza and snacks provided. Winning team will win a prize!!

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023. (15 years and over).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a continuation of the graces you receive at Baptism. When you receive the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**How to register:** Please pick up a form from the Parish office, from your School, or email: [info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz) to be sent a copy. This needs to be returned to the Parish office, your school or emailed back to: [info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz)

**Dates:** The sessions are held weekly from Monday the 11th of September 7-8.30pm Confirmation Mass will be 9.30am on October 29th and will be celebrated by our new Bishop



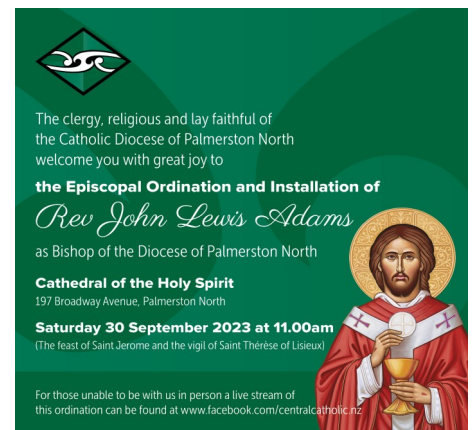
John Adams! How exciting.

You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends.

Honestly you won't regret signing up!

## MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

It begins on Monday, 11 September, and ends the following Sunday, when we will enjoy our monthly Miha Māori. We preceded the week last Sunday as we celebrated Miha on Kaiwhaiki Marae. And, of course, on the final Sunday of the month Mass will be celebrated at Hiruharama (Jerusalem). We are very fortunate that we are able to participate in these Miha and the fellowship which follows. A special and heart-felt "thank you" to the music makers, those who encourage the priests who use as much te reo as they are able and the makers of the delightful kai which accompanies the cuppa tea afterwards.



## PARISH GROUPS

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Catholic Parish of Whanganui Holy Family Conference of the Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at The Vinnies Shop, 217 Victoria Avenue @ 4pm. Enquiries: Margaret Gudsell 027 2770336 or Kevin Foley 027 3264275 We welcome new Vincentians.



### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

On hold at this time

### MEN'S FAITH-SHARING

Fridays 7:00am. For further information and venue contact Peter 06 342 5812

### LEGION OF MARY

Meets Tuesdays 1.30pm at Holy Family Church. Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170

### EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

Mondays 7:30pm-9pm Zoom meeting & Tuesdays 10:00am-Noon. St Marys' Meeting room. Contact and enquires to Nancie & Brian Quigley 06 347 8177 (Evening Group) Jo Smillie 06 345 0609 (Morning Group) Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj.

### LADIES COFFEE CLUB

Meets Wednesdays at 10.00am at Mitre 10 Cafe. All welcome

### CLC (CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY)

For information on meeting locations and dates please contact Karyn 0278348352

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Senior Year 9-13 6.30-8.30pm weekly Sundays St Mary's Hall

Junior Year 7-9 at Cullinane College. Check FB and newsletter for dates and times.

### Parish Priest

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Fr John Roberts

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### Parish Secretary—Office hours:

8:30am-3pm

Jo Boulton

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### RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore

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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

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Sean Ryan

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### St Mary's School

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