

# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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



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

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

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

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
22 Tawhero Street

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

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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 12th February

9.00am C/S St Marys

#### Tuesday 13th February

9.30am Mass Holy Family

#### Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday)

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

1.30pm Mass St Annes

5.30pm Mass St Marys

#### Thursday 15th February

9.30am Mass St Annes

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 16th February

11.20am Rite 1 St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 17th February

9.00am Rite 1 St Anne's

9.30am Mass St Anne's

5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 18th February

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday 14 Feb

First Reconciliation Session 1  
Tuesday 20 Feb 7.00pm

Lenten Programmes

**Sunday Readings:** Lev: 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Cor: 10.23-11.1; Mk: 1.40-45

**Next Week:** Gen : 9.8-15; 1 Pet: 3.18-22; Mk: 1.12-15

### THE ROBERTS' RAMBLE

Lent approaches! It begins on Wednesday this week, Ash Wednesday, when we receive the Ashes as a sign of our longing and deep desire to put away all that hinders us from being good disciples of Christ.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All between the ages of 18 and 60 are bound to this fast and to abstain from meat. Those outside these ages are encouraged to join in some way. For myself I try to keep the fast. Even when health and age intervene we can do a little something: perhaps less for morning or afternoon tea. Such acts encourage and support the rest of us.

I have been trying to think what I should be doing for Lent. There are several things I realise simply are "not good enough" in my life. I have been working on them for some time, but will be re-doubling my efforts during Lent. And I shall be listening to the Holy Spirit to remind me of anything else the Lord wants me to improve or change.

I am aware that I should ensure that I must make sure that my fasting, abstinence and alms-giving are done for Christ and his holy Church. Uniting them with his concern for those in any sort of need is important, as is our awareness that we share in his sufferings for the salvation of the world. If you are thinking from what to fast look up the hints Father Craig found in a contemporary contemplation of Lent in last Week's newsletter: "Fasting from ..."

As I was thinking I became conscious the challenge of Lent for me: for it to be an adventure into a more deeply attached love and friendship with my Lord. This, in part means, making more time for prayer. (I remember an adage of St Francis de Sales who said [something like] "I pray for half an hour every day, except when I am going to be very busy; then I pray for an hour."). Good advice, I find.

I pray in hope that Lent for you and yours will be a fruitful adventurous time in the journey to eternal life.

Father John.

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

A gentle reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence which apply to all between the ages of 18 and 60. Those younger and older are encouraged to undertake some way of joining the Church's intent.

All Fridays of the year (which includes Lent) are days of penance. In New Zealand we can fulfil this by extra prayer, visits to sick elderly and lonely, going to Mass, assigning ourselves extra time in prayer.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

While it is not a day of obligation it is one on which we should make every effort to attend Mass and receive the Ashes as a sign of our desire to undertake a life of prayer, penance, alms-giving and charity.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**—The first session starts on Tuesday 20th February at 7pm at St Marys Church. If your child has been baptised you can register for this sacrament by emailing the office or picking up a registration form.

Or download here:

[2024 Enrolment First Reconciliation Holy Communion Registration email.pdf](#)

**BAPTISM**—Congratulations to Kylie Penafllor-San Juan and her family.

Kylie was baptised at St Marys Church on Sunday 4th February.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—To Danny and Tammy Forsyth-Oosthuizen upon their Reception into Full Communion of the Church on Friday 9th February at St Joseph's Chapel by Bishop John Adams.

### Died Recently

Sr John Bosco Kendall (rsj) Kevin Edmonds,  
Dennis Russell (Ireland) Gloria Duncan,  
John Kavanagh

### Anniversaries

Craig Shore, Nat O'Neill, Joan Phillips, Maureen Hopkins, Tania Smith

## 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

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## 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

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

**SUNDAY MISSALS—** \$16.00 each

**PALMS—** If you have old palms to be burnt for ashes please bring these to the office.

**FOUND—**Rose gold bracelet in the St Marys Church car park. Contact the office for more details.

## 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.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION—**An opportunity to better understand the Scriptures throughout Lent.

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



## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

**Soul Pages** Join us for a five-week course that will connect you with the rich soul world of the visual journal. with Tracey Young  
*BYO craft supplies and your lunch. \$10 per session.* Monday 12 February, 10am – 2pm

**Shrove Tuesday** Come and celebrate the beginning of Lent leading up to Easter. *Please bring palms to burn for Ash Wednesday.*  
Tues 13 9.15 -10.30am

**Women Who Dare - Film:** God of the Piano  
For Anat, music is everything. Having never been able to reach her father's musical standards, she rests her hopes on the child she is about to have. with Marie Skidmore rsj  
Tuesday 13 February, 2pm, Koha for a cuppa  
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3  
Or email [pam.hopper@soj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@soj.org.au)

**ROSTERS—** if you are able to help out with any of the mass duties on a Sunday we would really appreciate your help.— We desperately need extra data projectors for Holy Family. If you feel you could help out with reading/offertory/ collection/ greeting or data projector in all the Churches please let Jo know in the office by email or phone. Thank you.

## St Marcellin School - Caretaker (part-time)

St Marcellin School is looking for a part-time caretaker for 10 hours per week: Monday – Friday - start and finish times are negotiable.  
Please send a cover letter, CV and the name of three contactable referees  
to: [principal@stmarcellin.school.nz](mailto:principal@stmarcellin.school.nz)

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Tuesday 13 February

Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day. Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

## ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL OR LONELY?

You can borrow our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to assist you in your prayer time. Contact Kathleen Orsborn. 344 2245 or 021 079 0374 and she will deliver it to you.

## Everyone is invited to a Zoom with three Church attendees from October 2023 's Assembly of the Synod on Synodality

The three Catholic Church of Aotearoa NZ participants at the Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome last October are holding Zoom talks next week to share their experiences.

Everyone is invited to join one of the two evening Zooms to hear Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley, St Joseph's Levin parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda and Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM.

The three were part of the wider Oceania group from Australia and the Pacific who attended the first session of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome. Their shared experiences are very topical because we will all be preparing over the coming months for the Second Assembly of the Synod in October this year.

Register now to attend one of these special one-hour Zoom sessions:

Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm. Register here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/yc8c2s28>

Thursday 15 February 7:30pm. Register here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4e2hnf9p>

The Synthesis Report from October's assembly is available here.

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synodsynthesis/>

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## Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

## Hospital Chaplain

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