



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)

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

11th June 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 12th June

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 13th June

10:00am Mass Holy Family
11.30am Mass St Anne's
2.00pm Baptisms St Mary's

Wednesday 14th June

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 15th June

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 16th June

11.20am Reconciliation St Mary's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 17th June

9.00am Reconciliation St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's
5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 18th June

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th June

6.30-8.30pm Life Teen Wanganui
(Youth Group for Year 9-13)
St Mary's Hall

11-20 June

Church Life Survey. See details in
newsletter

Sunday Readings: Deut: 8.2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor: 10.16-17; Jn: 6.51-59
Next Week: Ex: 19.1-6a; Rom: 5.6-11; Mt: 9.36-10.8

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Once upon a time there was a Rabbi. Whenever he wanted to be with God, he went to a special place in the woods, lit a fire and said some prayers. Then God would appear to him. When he died, his disciple carried on the tradition. When he wanted God's presence, he went to the same spot in the woods and lit the fire, but he didn't know the prayers, but it still worked. God came. Then he too died. This Rabbi also had a disciple. Whenever he wanted God's presence, he too went to the same place in the woods, but nobody had taught him how to light the fire or say the prayers, but it still worked, God appeared. In the end, he also died, but he too had a pupil. This man searched for the place in the woods, but couldn't find it. And he didn't know how to light the fire or say the prayers. All he knew was how to tell the story. But it worked. He discovered that whenever he told the story of how the others had found God, God would appear. In essence, this story speaks to how sacred rituals, work. Christians call it "remembering" or, put another way re-remembering. The idea is that a past event can be remembered or ritually recalled, in such a way that it becomes present again and most importantly can be participated in. In today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate what our Lord did for us and for all people. In particular, we ritually re-member Christ's death and resurrection to make him truly present. (When we use the work sacrifice here, we mean those actions of self-denial which help others)

We all know parents who make sacrifices for their families, for their well-being. Children mature more fully and healthily when their parents make genuine sacrifices for them. In exactly this way, Jesus was not unlike any truly loving mother or father. As Catholic Christians we believe that we are saved by Christ's death, and every time we celebrate Eucharist (Mass) we believe he is truly present in four ways - in his Word proclaimed, in the congregation (the people gathered to pray), in the priest and most especially in the bread and wine which becomes Christ's body and blood. At our celebration of Mass we ritually tell the story of Jesus' sacrifice (in the Eucharistic prayer, the very heart of liturgy) we experience the "real presence" of the event of Christ's dying and rising. Critically, when we participate as fully as we can we, like Christ we too allow ourselves to be broken and poured out (transformed) for the sake of our

world. In other words we become what we receive. Occasionally when St. Augustine was giving the Eucharist to a communicant, instead of saying, "The body of Christ," he would say: "Receive what you are." That puts things correctly. What is supposed to happen at the Eucharist is that we, the congregation, by sacrificing the things that divide us, should become the body and blood of Christ. Like the bread and wine, we, the people, are meant to be changed, to be become more fully the Body of Christ for others. Why? To feed the world and bring healing to every person we meet.

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY - we are participating in a national survey of church attendees to gain a better understanding of the life of our church here in Aotearoa New Zealand. This survey is confidential and gives you an opportunity to have your say in the life of our church. It will be open from 6 - 20 June 2023. Please use one of the two options below to download the survey questions. If you don't have a computer or a mobile smartphone, we have made some printed copies available. This can be dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Office between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm Monday to Friday before 20 June. For more information, please contact Jo in the Parish Office. Download link here: <https://clsnz.org/dataentry/paper/questionnaires/01H1372VRMZHT723SK8DY47P6K>

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Died Recently

Johanna Spittal, Lucy Kendrick, Jim Martin, Ria Koning, Carmel Carter

Anniversaries

Dawn Heap, Molly Cleary, Julie O'Leary,
Bill Phillips, Una Phillips, Catherine Bidwell,
Andrea Channings

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Four reflective Mondays left to explore, nourish and enjoy your creativity within this peaceful environment. Topics include Mandalas, Drawing, Painting, Book/Journal making, Collage, Crafts etc. *BYO Lunch and basic art supplies.*

with Tracey Young and Friends

Monday 12 June, 10am – 2.30pm, Koha

Community Liturgy – Matariki, Celebrating the Maori new Year.

Sunday 18 June, 4 – 5pm

Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed.

Wednesday 21 June, 4 - 5.15pm

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

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HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is the Pat Garforth's team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

Youth Group—at Cullinane College on Friday 9th June, bring your friends and family too have some fun! Pizza will be provided!!!

Theme: Team Bonding From 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Anyone in Year 7-9 welcome

Location: School Chapel (Front of School)



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

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

Our new senior Youth Group **LIFE TEEN**

WHANGANUI is all set to kick off on Sunday the 18th of June 6.30-8.30pm. If you're Year 9-13 at School this is for you! Youth group will run every week in term time!!

GOSPEL REFLECTION—

Helen Dougherty and Kate Lynch invite you to join them in a weekly Gospel reflection (using the Lectio Divina prayer approach) focusing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading.

Thursday 7-8am in St Mary's foyer.

Begins Thursday 22nd June

All very welcome. Coffee available ☺

Please contact Helen Dougherty 027 4136273

or Kate Lynch 027 2430430 for further information

Fr Craig's Corner Every so often, it is good for us who are ministering in the church to be renewed in our faith and practices. Ministering Holy Communion during Mass is a sacred thing and it's helpful for all of, priests and people to reflect on what we're doing, how we're doing it and why.

For this reason, I'm inviting all Ministers of Holy Communion to attend a refresher on Sunday 2 July at 11.00am, after the 9.30am Mass. Please register with Jo in the parish office. If for some reason you cannot make it on this occasion, there will be another opportunity. This invitation is also extended to anyone who would like to know more about this ministry.

A refresher for Minister to the Sick/homebound will be held at another time.

On Tuesday this week, 5 students from Cullinane College will be baptised here at St Mary's church. They will be supported by the college community. I would love for parishioners to come and support them as they receive this sacrament and mark their welcome into the church. For their sake, they need to see us supporting them. Please come along at 2.00pm to support them and show that we care.

I had a good break and pleased to be back on deck. Please continue to pray for a bishop for our diocese. All the very best for the week.

Fr Craig

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 4pm 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 Begins Sunday 18th June

6.30-8.30pm 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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