



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)

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 13th November

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 14th November

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

Wednesday 15th November

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 16th November

9.00am Mass St Anne's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 17th November

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

Saturday 18th November

9.00am Rite I St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's
5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 19th November

World Day of the Poor

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

10 Dec Parish Annual Meeting
11.00am St Mary's Church

14 Dec Advent Reconciliation
Rite II 5.30pm
St Marys Church

Sunday Readings: Wis: 6.12-16; 1 Thess 4.13-18; Mt: 25: 1-13

Next Week: Prov: 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; 1 Thess 5.1-6; Mt: 24:36; 25.14-30

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our children who will receive their First Holy Communion this morning. Our hope is that the gift they receive today will create a hunger in them for the bread of life which will never go away and, having made this second step towards becoming full and active members of our church and parish they will grow into loving and generous disciples of Christ. Thank you to the staff of St Mary's for all their great work helping the children prepare for this sacrament.

Cassius Ngatai-Martin, Ciara Ngatai-Martin, Thomas Jellyman, Skyla-Jade Worrall, Hazel Lewis, Frankie Anderson, Olivia Sony, Evania Sony, China-Lee Potaka Osborne-Whale
Kaemani John Potaka-Osborne, Princess Muller
Sophie Louise Kenny, Jayden Te Awhe
Arturo Tamarapa, Stuart Tamarapa, Constance Tamarapa, Steve Jithin, Zakiah Luoni Richards
Annamarriya Jijo and Ella Adams.

THE POWER OF LOVE

Right now, our world is in the middle of yet another crisis of war and violence. This time, in Palestine/Israel. In every age, people ask, what is God doing? The following piece is an adaptation of Canadian writer Ronald Rolheiser's work to make sense of this important question.

The cross of Christ is more than just an instrument of death. It has many meanings. In Christian understanding, the cross is the deepest word that can ever be spoken about love and therefore about God. What the cross tells us, more clearly than any other revelation, is that God is absolutely and utterly non-violent.

We often connect God to coercion, threat, guilt, reckoning, and to the idea that a power should somehow rise up and crush by force all that's evil. That concept is the main reason why so many of

us either fear God, hate God, try to avoid God, or are disappointed in God, asking ourselves, "Why doesn't God do something about the world?" What scripture reveals about God, is that God is not the great avenger of evil and sin. Rather God is love, light, truth, and beauty; a gentle, though persistent, invitation, that's never a threat. God is like a mother, gently trying to coax another step out of a young child learning to walk ("Come on, try, just another step!"). God exists as an infinite patience that endures all things, not as a great avenger, a Rambo or John Wayne type, who kills all the bad guys when he has finally had enough.

The cross of Christ reveals that God is nothing like our imagination or the imagination of filmmakers. God never overpowers anyone. Of course, God could. God has all the power. However God's power to love and therefore loving communities, paradoxically, works precisely by refusing to ever overpower. It works instead, through vulnerability.

The Gospels tell us that when people witnessed Jesus' life and ministry they saw something that sharply differentiated him from others. "He spoke with great authority, unlike the scribes and pharisees." The gospel writers use a curious Greek word to name that power, EXOUSIA, a word with no English equivalent, but whose meaning can be conveyed in an image: *put the strongest man in the world with a little baby and the baby possesses a different kind of power, a far deeper one, one that can move things muscles can't.* A baby doesn't need to out-muscle anyone. A baby is helpless and vulnerable but unlike the strongman, the baby will ultimately soften rather than break hearts.

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Died Recently

Patrick & June Todd, Joyce Cummings, John Roache, Yuko Irving, Christopher Kendall, Margaret Walsh

Anniversaries

Augustus Hoeflich, Blair Gleeson

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

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This kind of power enables us to overcome any desire to give into bitterness or anger when we are slighted and can't defend ourselves, when our dreams get crushed and there's nothing we can do about it, when we so desperately want to do something that stands out but haven't the talent to do so, or when we find ourselves a minority of one before a jeering crowd.

The cross of Christ tells us that, at those moments of painful helplessness, when we can't impress or overpower anyone, we are acting in a divine way, non-violently, and in that vulnerability lies the secret to our encountering Christ and becoming like him.

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

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

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

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The summer roster for next week is Kaiwhaiki Group. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

Invitation to the Priest Jubilee Mass – Tuesday 28 November 2023—All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the **Jubilees of Priestly Ordination**. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating Jubilees this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—Tia Doidge. Tia was baptised at Kaiwhaiki on Sunday 5th November. Otis and Arlo McGee and their families. Otis and Arlo were baptised on Friday 10th November at St Marys Church.

CONGRATULATIONS—Matthew White will be ordained this Sunday 12 November in Wellington. Congratulations to his parents Pat and Mary White.

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


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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DID YOU KNOW? ROSARY—is held every

Friday at 11.10am at St Marys Church.

All are most welcome to come and join in.

BAPTISM PROGRAM—This programme is for both older children and parents and will consist of two sessions - **Tues 21 November and Tues 28 November**. (I will also be running another programme early-ish next year). The baptisms will be held on **Sunday 3 December**.

You can download a form here : [OCB Baptism Registration 2023](https://www.OCB.org.nz/Registration/2023)

and email to admin@cpow.co.nz or pick one up from the office.

OLD GIRLS OF SACRED HEART WHANGANUI

A pot luck luncheon will be held at the Stratford Parish Centre. Sunday 26th November at 12.00pm.

For all those interested please bring an item for the Foodbank instead of a gift.

Any enquiries and RSVP to phone Linda Whittington 0274535891 or Colleen Moore 0272307589

SAVE THE DATE— Parish Annual Meeting on

Sunday 10th December at 11am at St Marys Church

SPRING CLEANING—for all 3 churches.

Saturday 2nd December at 9am.

Please bring rags and scones. :)



JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3
www.marymackillop.org.nz

ADVENT REFLECTION TIME

Make time to prepare for Advent & Christmas by gifting yourself time and space spiritually. All are welcome.

Where: Josephite Retreat Centre 14 Hillside Tce

When: Sat 25 Nov 10am – 12noon. (Koha)

Facilitator: Liz Hickey

Creative Card Making Suitable for beginners and regular crafters alike. Sat 18 Nov, 10am -12.30pm or 1.30-3.30pm, \$10 with Julia Martin *Bookings essential*

Community Liturgy Sunday 19 Nov, 4 – 5pm

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE—The Holy Family Conference of St Vincent de Paul Wanganui will be selling its Christmas Raffle before and after every

Mass on the following dates:- Sat 11/Sun 12 Nov

Sat 18/Sun 19 Nov Sat 25/Sun 26 Nov Sat 2/ Sun 3 Dec

Tickets :-\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets

Raffle drawn on Monday 4 Dec.

Results will be in the Newsletter 9/10 Dec.

There are some great prizes as usual.

ST MARCELLIN TEACHERS AIDE POSITION

If this sounds like something you would be interested in please email:

principal@stmarcellin.school.nz

Applications close on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 3:00pm.

St Marcellin School

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