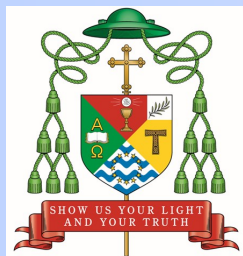


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)



Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 15th April March

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 16th April

9.30am Mass Holy Family
12.05am Mass St Mary's

Wednesday 17th April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 18th April

9.30am Mass St Annes
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 19th April

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

Saturday 20th April

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

Sunday 21st April

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

Upcoming Events

25th April
Anzac Day

6th May
Confirmation Session 1

Sunday Readings: Act: 3.13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn: 2.1-65 Jk: 24.35-48

Next Week: Act: 4.7-12; 1 Jn: 3.1-2 Jn: 10.11-18

ROBERTS' RAMBLE

I received an e-mail from an old school friend who lives in England. He included several photographs, one of which captured some jonquils and daffodils bursting into flower. It reminded me that Easter in the northern hemisphere is enhanced by the arrival of spring. The darkness of winter is overcome by the ever increasing light of spring; the bare trees are gradually clothed with new leaves; the snow melts and lambs and calves are born. No wonder our northern ancestors marvelled at the new life of Easter with all its promise of salvation.

You and I find ourselves in the midst of harvest time: jam, relishes and pickles being made and shared with friends. Daylight "saving" ending and the colours of autumn surrounding us tells us of seasonal change. It started me thinking of the things I tried to achieve in Lent – the christian "growing season". The harvest I hoped for has not eventuated: COVID and a couple of other events put paid to that. I had to lower my personal expectations and hopes. However, there is fruit to be harvested; just not as much as I had hoped! One of my attempts to be more like Christ my Lord has begun to come to pass; and I was reminded that the daily reflection to look for causes of thanksgiving helps me see the ever present generosity of our God. It may be that some of the actions at which I failed will bear fruit if I am prepared to put in some extra effort now.

As I write I wonder what you have harvested from your Lenten "growing season". I hope it is giving you cause for thanksgiving and a little pride of achievement too.

I find it's a good idea to make sure that I continue to practice these improvements so my spiritual/temporal life is changed for good. The Sacrament of Penance is a good moment to check up on progress!

I will keep teachers, students and families in my prayers these next few weeks as holidays are enjoyed. I shall pray for holiday happiness, safety on family trips and entertainment and refreshment to begin our two winter terms.

God bless you all. Father John.

ROME - HERE I COME Earlier this year, the Vatican announced that the Synod on Synodality organisers are inviting 300 parish priests to come to Rome for a meeting of listening, prayer and discernment that will help shape the next synod assembly discussions. The international meeting of priests will take place from 28 April to 2 May, with the goal of listening to and valuing the experience of parish priests and providing them with an opportunity to experience the dynamism of synodal work at a universal level. The first synod report, identified the need for more active involvement of deacons, priests and bishops in the synodal process during the coming year. During the five-day meeting, we will participate in roundtable discussions, liturgical celebrations, workshops on pastoral proposals, and dialogue with experts. We will also have the chance to speak with Pope Francis in an audience on 2 May. I cannot even call this a dream come true, because I never even imagined it as a possibility. As you can imagine I'm very excited. The results of this meeting are expected to be taken into account by the drafters of the Instrumentum Laboris - the working document for the second synod assembly in October later this year. To help me prepare, I have written to each of the Bishops and priests here in New Zealand and have received some interesting responses. The weight of this responsibility is only now becoming apparent. Please say a prayer.

Lastly, Bishop John suggested I take some extra time to have a look around while I am there and I have grabbed this opportunity with both hands. I hope to visit Assisi - the home of St Francis, Lyon in France (where many of our missionaries came from including Suzanne Aubert, Bishop Pompallier) Lourdes and Ireland - my family's homeland. I leave on 23 April and will return on 31 May.

Craig

Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis

Anniversaries

Susan Frykberg, Noel Boyle, Yvonne Maniapoto,
Steve Morahan, Timothy Morahan,
Marlene Phillips, Sr Damian RSJ

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminarian Appeal 28 April 2024

On the 5th Sunday of Easter Time, 28 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree.

Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons.

For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them. Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates.

Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

There are specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit BNZ 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Seminary Appeal' as reference.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>. The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, "How can we be a synodal church in mission?" Find the document at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed with Liz Hickey rsj Wednesday 17 April, 4 – 5.15pm

Community Liturgy

Sunday 21 April, 4 – 5pm

DVD Evening – Full Time (subtitled)

After finally getting an interview for a job that will help her provide for her family, a woman must contend with a national transit strike.
Wednesday 24 April, 6.30pm, Koha

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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email admin@cpow.co.nz to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6th of May 7-8.30pm

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The SOUP

roster for next week is The Laurie Team.
Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARY'S CHURCH FOYER.

FOODBANK—would like the following items please: crackers, biscuits, noodles, dishwashing liquid, tea bags, coffee, tuna, toothpaste and spreads.

PROLIFE FACTS Voice for Life 09 443 0995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

ATAWHAI O AOTEAROA SISTERS OF MERCY

NEW ZEALAND | Sunday 14 April

Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand would like express their gratitude to the Diocese of Palmerston North for the support and hospitality we have received since we arrived there in 1894. A group of sisters will attend the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 14 April, as we say farewell and thank you to the Diocese. This will be followed by morning tea.

Anyone who would like to join us for this time of thanksgiving is welcome.

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS—Mondays

7.30pm - 9pm Zoom meeting & Tuesdays 10am- Noon St Mary's Meeting room. Contact and enquires to Nancie & Brian Quigley 06 347 8177 (Evening Group) Jo Smillie 06 345 0609 (Morning Group).

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

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL—

will running a Mother's Day Raffle to raise funds for local needs. The raffle will be on sale before and after Masses from 13 April - 5 May. Tickets prices:- \$2 for one ticket Or \$5 for 3 tickets

Thank you in advance for your loyal support.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—

to Grace Jellyman and Milly-Anne Hewton and their families.
Grace and Milly-Anne were baptised on Sunday 7th April at St Mary's Church.

St Marcellin School

Principal: Belinda Backwell
7a Totara St, Wanganui
06 349 0023

St Mary's School

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault
30 London St, Wanganui
06 343 1227

St Anne's School

Principal: Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick
DRS: Jo Gichard.
45 Raine St, Wanganui
06 343 8389

Cullinane College

Principal: Tony McBride
DRS: Helen Dougherty
15 Peat St, Wanganui
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