



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)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 17th July

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 18th July

10:00am Mass Holy Family
11:30am C/S St Anne's

Wednesday 19th July

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 20th July

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 21st July

10.00am Mass Cullinane
11.20am Rite I St Mary's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 22nd July

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

Sunday 23rd July

9.30am Mass St Mary's
12.00pm C/S Jerusalem
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

First Reconciliation Programme
Held at St Mary's Church

Tues 15th Aug
Tues 22 Aug
Tues 29 Aug
Tues 5th Sept
Thurs 7th Sept
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday Readings: Isa: 5.5.10-11; Rom: 8.18-23; Mt: 13:1-23

Next Week: Wis: 12.13, 16-19; Rom: 8.26-27; Mt: 13:24-43



This Sunday's gospel reading is the Parable of the Sower. Some of the seed falls on good soil and other seed on poor soil. The point is straightforward. Good soil produces a good crop and poor soil doesn't.

The Sower is Jesus and the seed is his Word. We know the seed itself is good. What about the soil of our heart, the recipient?

We know from experience that our hearts are often drawn in many different directions. Many of us live in a world of excessive activity and busyness, a world of entertainment and distractions, all of which demand our attention. Our response to God's generosity, is to create an open heart and mind for God to speak to us. An aggressive, overly busy, distracted person cannot receive the Word until they consciously slow down, give themselves space to be still and open their hearts and minds to God. It is when we allow ourselves to be transformed by God and let go of all that consumes us that we will hear His word and become fruitful in faith, hope and love.

This week, I encourage you take some time to read a passage from the scriptures and pray, asking God to help you hear. You will be surprised by what he has to say.

Weekday Masses Having received some thoughtful responses to the proposal to streamline our weekday Masses and in the light of my increased presence here in Whanganui, I have decided on the proposed changes which we will implement in

August:

Monday	C/S Holy Family	10.00am
Tuesday	Mass St Mary's	12.05pm
	Mass Holy Family	10.00am
Wednesday	Mass St Mary's	12.05pm
	Mass St Anne's	10.00am
Thursday	Mass St Mary's	12.05pm
Friday	Mass St Mary's	12.05pm

Weekend Masses will stay the same. This schedule will provide certainty about a regular Mass every day at St Mary's, and opportunity for Masses involving school children from St Anne's and St Marcellin's.

First Reconciliation Preparation Next month we will begin preparing our children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You may or may not know that of all the sacraments, this one has undergone the most change in its time. The focus of the church in this 21st century is the love of God expressed through his mercy and forgiveness. For many of us we grew up thinking in terms of Confession, which is only one aspect of the sacrament. I thank God we live in this current age which focusses on healing and renewal. This is what I want our children (and their parents) to focus on. I am in conversation with our three schools, so that we all work together. I'm also aware that there may be some children who are not at one of our Catholic Schools but would like to prepare for the sacraments. If you know someone in this situation, please encourage them to contact our parish office and complete a registration form. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Holidays I'm away this week and next ie Monday 17 through to Friday 28 July

Finance Update Last week I wrote briefly about our financial situation. You are very generous in supporting the work of our parish and the work of our church and I thank God for you. At the same time, we are all in a financially challenging time and our parish is not making ends meet. We are responsible for three churches all of which need ongoing maintenance and our expenses are consistently exceeding our income. We cannot continue to rely on the diocese as a "Needy Parish". As mentioned last week, we have some options open to us and we are exploring them. We will keep you informed. Fr Craig

Died Recently

Anne Butler, Josie Guthrie, Prudence Haddock, Barry Nichols (Auckland), Phil Wilkinson, Richard Lawrence

Anniversaries

Marion O'Neill, Thelma Campbell, Marie Laskey, Michael Coleman, Barbara Griffin, Marion Dorgan, Trevor Connors, Annemarie Connors, Gail Stewart, Annie Haddock, Margaret Gallen, Maurice Crowley, Teresa Crowley, Shaun Crowley, Fr Bill Corcoran, Rosina Gallagher, Lois Dougherty, Patricia Tasker, Barbara Griffin

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Community Liturgy – Changes and all that they bring

Sunday 16 July, 4 – 5pm

Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed.
Wednesday 19 July, 4 – 5.15pm

A Day with Henri Nouwen – Being the Beloved.

Dutch priest and theologian Henri Nouwen was a prolific and popular spiritual writer.

This day will focus on what is most affirming of all – That our lives are rooted in our spiritual identity and that despite everything “we are the beloved child of God.” *Please bring your lunch.*
This is a repeat of a workshop held in 2022.

Saturday 22 July, 10am – 2pm \$20
with David Scoullar

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

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4 **NZCatholic**

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Juliet Kojis' team.

Further information contact Maureen
027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.



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

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

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

Contact Kate Lynch 0272343430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

NZ's **BR PETER BRAY** receives Papal honour for his work as Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

New Zealander Br Peter Bray FSC – Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University in the Holy Land since 2009 – has been awarded the Papal Cross of Honor – officially the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ("For the Church and the Pope") – one of the highest honours that the Pope can bestow upon the laity and religious. A statement about Br Peter's papal honour and pending departure from Bethlehem is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/brpeter-bray/>

SYNOD UPDATE

Ka pai Manuel Beazley (Vicar for Māori Auckland Diocese and Fr Dennis Nacorda (Parish Priest, St Joseph Hāto Hōhepa Parish Levin). They've been selected by Pope Francis to attend the October Synod of Bishops in Rome as two of the 10 non-bishop attendees from the Church's Oceania Region. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM will attend as the NZ bishops' representative. Full details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod/>

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 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.

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