



# 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)

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 18th September

9:00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 19th September

10:00am Mass Holy Family  
12:05am Mass St Mary's

#### Wednesday 20th September

12:05am Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 21st September

12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 22nd September

10:00am Mass St Joseph's  
11:20am Rite I St Mary's  
12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 23rd September

9:00am Rite I St Anne's  
9:30am Mass St Anne's  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 24th September

9:30am Mass St Mary's  
12:00pm Mass Jerusalem  
5:30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

- 18 Sept Confirmation Session 2  
7pm-St Marys Hall
- 20 Sept Anointing Mass at 12.05pm  
St Marys Church
- 30 Sept Episcopal Ordination &  
Installation of Bishop Elect John  
Adams. Held at 11am -The Cathedral  
of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

#### October

- 17 Oct First Communion Session1  
7pm St Marys Church
- 29 Oct Confirmation Mass  
9.30am St Marys Church

**Sunday Readings:** Sir: 27.30-28.7; Rom: 14.7-9; Mt: 18: 21-35

**Next Week:** Isa: 55.6-9; Phil: 1.20-24,27; Mt: 20: 1-16



**FORGIVENESS** This week, the good news is about forgiveness. Two weeks ago our young people experienced the love of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their experience of forgiveness and healing was profoundly expressed in the way they skipped back to their seats with great big smiles on their faces. As Catholic Christians we are very familiar with being forgiven. Today, we are encouraged to think about our own forgiveness of others. With little time to prepare this week, I have enclosed below a few thoughts from the Irish Jesuits. Forgiveness is a 'nice' word, in the sense that just about everyone would be pleased to be described as forgiving. That should be enough to put us on the alert; we can suspect straight away that some vicious attitudes attempt to dress up like forgiveness. The following is a good example. A person once said that revenge makes you even with the person who has harmed you; but forgiving them sets you above them. Can this be real forgiveness, when it only serves to make you feel superior? But there are subtler ones than this. Sometimes we choose not to do anything. In this case, someone does me harm, perhaps unknowingly. I lack the courage simply to point it out. Over time, I become full of silent anger. But I am now more afraid than ever to point out the wrong, because anger tends to be explosive and I am afraid of explosions. Instead I swallow it. If I'm a religious person, I might 'spiritualise' it and tell myself that I have forgiven him or her. Of course I have not. Instead I have swallowed a dose of poison that will kill my relationship with that person. Fear has been masquerading as forgiveness. Then there is the person who keeps count; there is the person who claims to forgive but not forget; the person who is always on the lookout for something to forgive; and a host of others. There are many counterfeit forms of forgiveness.

THE MARK OF REAL FORGIVENESS is a lively awareness that I am in need of forgiveness myself. That is what is missing in the counterfeit forms. By contrast Jesus' prayer is very clear, it works both ways. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." We are set free to forgive others in an uncomplicated way when we accept that we are just as much in need for forgiveness as the everyone else, that every human being needs another chance, and another: seventy times seven; in others words, endlessly.

Then there are the over-polite people who are always begging your pardon; you often feel they are just side-stepping you, they don't want to meet you or relate to you in any real way. Probably the most frequent evasion under this heading is when someone *makes excuses* in the guise of asking forgiveness. To give an explanation or make an excuse is not the same thing as asking for forgiveness. Such excuses are really excuses for *not* asking forgiveness. If there is a need to ask forgiveness, I shouldn't half do it, mixing it with excuses. I should just do it. It is the free flow of forgiveness – giving and receiving it – that keeps our life simple and free from futile self-justification. The deepest source of this simplicity and freedom is my awareness that God utterly forgives me. Meister Eckhart said, "Whatever God does he does completely, like the cup running over. Those whom God forgives, he forgives utterly."

**Weekday Masses** Negotiating change is never straightforward - even a relatively small change. I have consulted all interested parties, including our schools, about weekday Masses at Holy Family and St Anne's and have come up with a schedule, which will hopefully meet most people's needs. I propose the following:

**Holy Family Church on Tuesdays at 9.00am**  
**St Anne's Church on a Thursday at 9.00am**

We will trial this new schedule **starting the week beginning the 16th October**. Please keep an eye on the *Weekly Calendar* on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you for your feedback which helped me come to a decision. Fr Craig

#### Died Recently

Merle Manson, Ray Osborne, Rie Dekker, Stephen McNally, Pinanti Sivatia, Janet Kazcon, Enid Girven

#### Anniversaries

Margot Gresham, Anthony Wilson, William La Pouple, Stuart Tasker, Colin Tasker, Joan & Anita Boyle, Tony Wilson, Patricia Moriarty, Anne Connors

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### Waiata, Kōrero and Karakia

Join us for a morning of learning Te Reo for **Maori Language Week 2023**.

Monday 11 September, 9.30am – 12pm with Maramapai Simon & Lynaire Simon

### Community Liturgy – We're in this together

Sunday 17 September, 4 – 5pm

### Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed. Wednesday 20 September, 4 – 5.15pm

with Liz Hickey rsj

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

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### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Joan Sullivan's Team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

**DID YOU KNOW? ROSARY**—is held every Friday at 11.10am at St Marys Church. . All are most welcome to come and join in.

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

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

## 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)

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Registrations are open for the Confirmation Programme for 2023 for those 15 and over.

To find out more email:

[info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz) for a registration form.

**DATES: Monday evening** from 7-8.30pm from the 11th of September - 16th of October.

**Weekend Camp** from 20th - 22nd of October

**Confirmation Mass:** 29th of October 9.30am and will be celebrated by our new Bishop John Adams! How exciting.

You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends.

Honestly you won't regret signing up!

## Celebration Sunday Resources from the Sisters of Compassion | 1 October 2023

This year, this special day to celebrate the life, spirituality, and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert will be celebrated on the 1st of October. These resources are available at <https://compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday/>



**FIRST RECONCILIATION**—Congratulations to all the children who made their first Reconciliation on Thursday 7th September At St Mary's Church..

**Episcopal Ordination & Installation of Fr John Adams** | 30 September 2023 at 11am | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

To stay updated on all the important details for this exciting occasion, you can follow diocesan social media platforms: [centralcatholic.nz](http://centralcatholic.nz) on Facebook, [@centralcatholicnz](https://www.instagram.com/centralcatholicnz) on Instagram, [Diocese of Palmerston North](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) on YouTube and check out the website [www.pndioocese.org.nz](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz)

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

**CHURCH LIGHTING** We have finally secured a company who will renew the main lights, here at St Mary's, including the lights over the Sanctuary area. This work will require the use of scaffolding and will take a couple of days. Our hope this work will begin soon. Thank you to everyone who has contributed money towards this project. Finance Committee

**CAR PARKING**— Our parish has entered into an arrangement to lease some of our car parks to Te Oranganui. They have exclusive use of the bottom car parks, Monday to Friday. This agreement is on a month to month basis and will give us some much needed income to supplement what we are already receiving. This change should not affect anyone, with the main carpark still available weekdays and all the car parks on weekends.

## 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 1.30pm 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.

### Parish Priest

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Fr John Roberts

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### Parish Secretary—Office hours:

8:30am-3pm

Jo Boulton

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### RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore

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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

Norma O'Connor

027 233 4557

### Prison Chaplain

Sean Ryan

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### St Mary's School

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