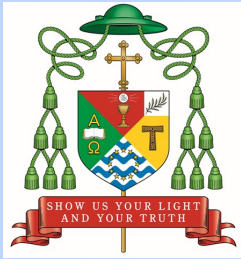


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Te Pārihi Katorika ki Whanganui (2015)
Diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand



ST MARY'S CHURCH
1 Campbell Street

ST ANNE'S CHURCH
47 Raine Street

NGAKAU TAPU (Sacred Heart)
4491 Whanganui River Road
Rānana (London)

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
22 Tawhero Street

TE RONGO O TE POI
(Beat of the Poi to the Gospel)
584 Kaiwhaiki Road
Kaiwhaiki Marae

HĀTO HŌHEPA (St Joseph's)
600 Whanganui River Road
Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)

First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 19th February

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 20th February

9.30am Mass Holy Family

12.05am Mass St Marys

6.00pm Reconciliation Session 1
St Marys

Wednesday 21st February

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 22nd February

9.30am Mass St Annes

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 23rd February

10.00am Mass St Josephs Chapel

11.20am Rite 1 St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Stations of the Cross
St Marys

Saturday 24th February

9.00am Rite 1 St Anne's

9.30am Mass St Anne's

5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 25th February

9.30am Mass St Mary's

12.00pm Mass Rānana

5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Programmes

Sunday Readings: Gen : 9.8-15; 1 Pet: 3.18-22; Mk: 1.12-15

Next Week: Gen : 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom: 8.31b-35, 37; Mk: 9.2-10



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. Mark 1.12

The fact that you are reading this means you are on the road, on the journey we call Lent, in preparation to celebrate the great Christian feast of Easter. In this Sunday's gospel we're told Jesus was *driven out into the wilderness* where he was tempted by the evil one. On occasion, we may find ourselves driven out into the desert by illness or misfortune, or any number of situations beyond our control. In these 40 days of Lent, we are invited to voluntarily go into the desert to spend some time with our Lord, freeing ourselves as much as we can from the usual cares of life.

In earlier times Lent was seen primarily as a time of severe penance - a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits. Even though we are no longer asked by the Church to observe the severe penances of former times, it is very appropriate that we make some of form of preparation. Lent is a gift, it's a great time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians. Only a little reflection will show us that, there are times when we fail to be the kind of people that the Gospel challenges us to be.

What kind of a person am I in relation to my family, friends, working colleagues and other people I

come in contact with? How active am I as a member of my Christian community e.g. my parish? What difference do I make to other people's lives? How is my prayer life? Is prayer a regular part of my day? What do I do, within my limitations, to help eradicate the abuses, which are part of our society?

These are just some of the questions we can ask ourselves during these six weeks. And, it is never too late to get started, but the earlier we start the better.

Some of the things you might do include:

- Beginning your day with personal prayer. You might think of this time as an appointment to meet with the creator of our universe, who wants to meet with you!
- Reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. The Scripture readings for each day in Lent provide excellent material.
- Attending Mass on at least one day during the week.
- Setting aside some money that you might otherwise spend on yourself for a meal, entertainment or clothes and giving it to an organisation which takes care of the less fortunate in our society such as any one of the multiple appeals which are in front of us at this time.

Attend one of the Lenten Reflection Groups on offer.

Lent is a grace filled time of our church year. Please make the most of it.

Fr Craig

Died Recently

Sr John Bosco Kendall (rsj) Kevin Edmonds,
Dennis Russell (Ireland) Gloria Duncan,
John Kavanagh, Laurence Conder,
Bernie Gudsell

Anniversaries

Craig Shore, Nat O'Neill, Joan Phillips, Maureen Hopkins, Tania Smith, David Haddock

Stations of the Cross with a Difference

This Lent, I encourage you to join our parish in making a pilgrimage around our Stations, outside St Mary's church each Friday evening at 5.30pm. Please arrive early and gather by the front entrance of the church. If it is wet, we will pray inside the church.



FIRST RECONCILIATION —The first session starts on **Tuesday 20th February at 6.00pm** at St Marys Church. If you child has been baptised you can register for this sacrament by emailing the office or picking up a registration form. Or download here:

[2024 Enrolment First Reconciliation Holy Communion Registration email.pdf](#)

LENT—This year, Pope Francis has chosen the Book of Exodus as the focal point for his Lenten message. Find resources for your reflection for your reflection at <https://tumanako.pndioocese.org.nz/2024/02/through-the-desert-god-leads-us-to-freedom-lent-2024/>

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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HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The summer roster for next week is Mary Crowley's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

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

SUNDAY MISSALS— \$16.00 each

FOUND—Rose gold bracelet in the St Marys Church car park. Contact the office for more details.

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

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

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Community Liturgy Sunday 18 Feb 4 – 5 pm

Soul Pages Join us for a five-week course that will connect you with the rich soul world of the visual journal with Tracey Young

BYO craft supplies and your lunch. \$10 per session. Session 2: Mon 19 February, 10am – 2pm

Caritas Lenten Sharing Group

The Time is now! Ko tēnei tonu te Wā!

with Liz Hickey rsj & Pam Hopper

Monday 19 February, 2 – 3.30pm

Woman Who Dare: Film – The Quiet Girl

Set in 1981, this film tells the story of a young girl, Cáit, who is sent away for the summer from her dysfunctional family to live with "her mother's people" with Marie Skidmore rsj

Tuesday 20 February, 2pm, Koha for a cuppa

Tui Motu Group Where articles from the current

Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed.

Wed 21 February 4 -5.15pm with Liz Hickey rsj

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

CHILDRENS MASS—On Sunday 3rd March is Children's Day so we are going to have a children's Mass at St Mary's 9.30am. If you would like your child or grandchild to help with the ministries i.e. reading, greeting, collectors and offertory please email Paula Carter : paula.john@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—

Thanks to all who expressed interest in making a one-off donation or regular contribution. Our bank account no is 03 0791 0554578 000. For more info please call Henry on 027 471 2242 or Margaret on 027 277 0336.

FOODBANK—Desperately need items. You can leave in the baskets in the foyer of St Mary's Church or drop off at 7 Park Place.

ROSTERS— if you are able to help out with any of the mass duties on a Sunday we would really appreciate your help.— We desperately need extra data projectors for Holy Family. If you feel you could help out with reading/offertory/ collection/ greeting or data projector in all the Churches please let Jo know in the office by email or phone. Thank you.

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).

NEED EXTRA PRAYER ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for.

Christian names only are used, so it is confidential. Please call either Maureen Ph 345 5480 or Barbara Ph 342 5812

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