



# 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)

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

19<sup>th</sup> March 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 2

**Sunday Readings:** 1 Sam: 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13; Eph: 5.8.14; Jn: 9.1-41

**Next Week:** Eze: 37.12-14; Rom: 8.8-11; Jn: 11.1-45

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 20th March

9:00am Mass Holy Family

#### Tuesday 21st March

10:00am Mass Holy Family  
11:30am Communion Service  
St Anne's

#### Wednesday 22nd March

5:30pm Mass St Mary's  
6-7pm Adoration St Mary's

#### Thursday 23rd March

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 24th March

11.20am Reconciliation  
St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's  
5.30pm **Stations of the Cross**  
St Anne's

#### Saturday 25th March

9:30am Communion Service  
St Anne's  
5.30pm Mass Holy Family

#### Sunday 26th March

9.30am Mass St Mary's  
12.00pm Mass Hiruharama  
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday 28 March

7.00pm Reconciliation Rite II  
St Mary's

#### Wednesday 29th March

5.30pm The Letter St Mary's

#### Tuesday 4th April

12.00pm Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
Palmerston North

### CRAIG'S CORNER



#### The light of the World

Today's gospel reading from John, is about a man who was born blind and who is healed by Jesus. The Pharisees refuse to believe that Jesus has healed the man because he, Jesus did so on the Sabbath. Their conclusion is that Jesus cannot be of God because he has broken the commandment (no work on the Sabbath day). In a complete turnaround the Pharisees prove to be blinded by their own lack of openness to God's power and ways. Sometimes we too can be so consumed by "keeping the rules" (which are in and of themselves good and helpful) that we miss our spontaneous God who is not bound by our rules. *Lord, open our eyes that we may truly see what is true and good.* Fr Craig

#### Cyclone Relief Appeal

The Cyclone Relief Appeal has received many generous donations to help those in desperate need following Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations have now surpassed \$100,000 and the process of distributing these funds to those most in need is now in progress, in collaboration with local leaders across impacted areas of the diocese. We are immensely grateful to all those who are providing support to those in need in many ways. Donations can still be made directly online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer to 02-0630-0237950-010 with references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" (Please email [reception@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:reception@pndiocese.org.nz) with your email details for a receipt.) Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/cyclone>



Dear fellow disciple of Christ, Pope Francis has created a compelling video which affects every one of us. It's called "The Letter - a Message for our Earth" and it's all about our home.

You can find the link to the video here <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

We encourage you to watch it and then attend a presentation by Mary Eastham and Mary Nash here in Whanganui

#### Opening up "The Letter"

**St Mary's Church – One Campbell St**  
**5.30 - 8.30pm**  
**Wednesday 29 March**

There will be a break for light shared meal. Please bring along some finger food to share. Our planet is changing, and our lives are being affected. We encourage you to deepen your Lenten journey by getting involved.

Fr Craig Butler  
Parish Priest

Sr Liz Hickey  
Sisters of St Joseph

### Died Recently

Philippa Campbell, Margaret Te Arararoa  
Robinson, Alan Cameron, Fr (Dom) Dominic  
Heslin, Thomas Tamayo

### Anniversaries

Barbara Fahy, Pat Benseman,  
Robbie Gembitsky, Thomas Sullivan &  
Ella Sullivan, Gordon & Anne Wham, Kathryn  
Haddock, Timothy Morahan, Steve Morahan

*Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord*

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

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

### Community Liturgy – St Joseph,

#### A Man of all Seasons.

Sunday 19 March, 4 -5pm

### Caritas Lenten Sharing Group

#### I am the Light of the World.

Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of the remaining Wednesday gatherings during Lent.

with Liz Hickey rsj & Pam Hopper

Wednesday 22 March, 2 – 3.30pm

### Wander to Wonder

You're invited to join us on a contemplative

Walk in the peaceful setting of Roto Mokoia

Westmere Lake. **Bring:** water, sturdy shoes, an extra layer, walking poles( opt.) some lunch items to share together. Meet at the lake.

Monday 27 March, 10am – 12.30pm, koha

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

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

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

**RCIA**—If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is, inquiry

afternoons are held at St Anne's Church on

**Sundays at 4:00pm every fortnight**. To find out

more please contact Tony Hore 0273425516. This

is an opportunity to ask any questions and to find

out about the process of exploring the Catholic

faith.

**CAITAS ENVELOPES**—are now available in all the Church foyers

**HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH**—The summer roster team for next week is the Marie Pye's team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

### STAYING SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

New Zealand's Catholic bishops are supporting a campaign to help people stay safe on social media. The campaign follows diocesan communications and pastoral staff around the country noticing increased suspicious activities on Church social media pages they manage.

If you run a Catholic social media page, please download the campaign resources from <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/> and share them across your pages during the campaign week. They are clearly labelled so you will know which one to put up on which day. Alternatively you can share them from our Central Catholic Facebook page.

For your newsletters

Monday 20 March is the start of a nation-wide campaign aimed at raising awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms. Check our Facebook and Instagram pages each day during the week of 20-26 March for tips on how to keep yourself safe. More information here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/>

### CYCLONE GABRIELLE GARAGE SALE

**FUNDRAISER**—Saturday 18th March 8-12pm in the Parish Hall. Sausage sizzle and devonshire morning tea will be available to purchase also.



### PARISH GROUPS

<b>SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b> 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.		<b>EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS</b> 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.
<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b> On hold at this time		<b>LADIES COFFEE CLUB</b> Meets Wednesdays at 10.00am at Mitre 10 Cafe. All welcome
<b>MEN'S FAITH-SHARING</b> Fridays 7:00am. For further information and venue contact Peter 06 342 5812		<b>CLC (CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY)</b> For information on meeting locations and dates please contact Karyn 0278348352
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b> Meets Tuesdays 4pm at Holy Family Church. Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170		<b>PARISH YOUTH GROUP</b> Watch this space

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#### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

#### Hospital Chaplain

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