



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)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 20th November

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 21st November

9.00am Mass Holy Family
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Wednesday 22nd November

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 23rd November

9.00am Mass St Anne's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 24th November

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

Saturday 25th November

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

Sunday 26th November

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

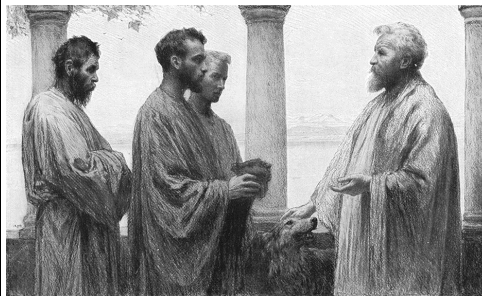
UPCOMING EVENTS

December

10 Dec Parish Annual Meeting
11.00am St Mary's Church

13 Dec Advent Reconciliation
Rite II 5.30pm
St Marys Church

Sunday Readings: Prov: 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; 1 Thess 5.1-6; Mt: 24:36; 25.14-30
Next Week: Exe: 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15.20-26,28; Mt: 25.31-46



THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Today's gospel is about an employer who entrusts his property to three servants to administer while he is away. They are not given the same amount, implying that they have different abilities and that different returns are expected from different abilities. The first two, of whom one received five talents and one received two talents, traded with what they had been given and doubled their capital. The third however, the one who received the least, ...went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. In the Greek text, the word used for "gained" was used in religious contexts for winning converts. Thus the parable suggests that we are talking about the kind of profit a Christian is meant to be aiming at, which has nothing to do with dollars and cents. The man, therefore, who dug his single talent into a hole was guilty of keeping it purely for himself and not risking its exposure to others who could have benefited from his efforts. The scripture scholar, William Barclay offers us a substantial interpretation of this parable. God gives each person different gifts: Despite our tendencies to compare ourselves with others, the actual number and quality of the gifts we are blessed with is not important. We are only asked to make full use of what we have been uniquely given, and to use our talents for the benefit of the community as a whole. When everyone does that, the community is enriched. Our work is never completed: When the first two servants showed how much they had earned, they were not told they could sit back and rest. No, because of their trustworthiness, even greater responsibilities were given to them. The one who will be punished is the one who does nothing. The man with one talent did not lose it. He did not do anything at all with it. If he had tried and failed, he would have met compassion and forgiveness. Even the person with just one talent has something to offer to others. It is a sober warning that it is not just those

who do evil deeds who will lose out, but also those who have no positively good works to show for their lives. Lastly For to all those who have, more will be given, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. This may seem unfair, but it's not. Jesus is saying that those who generously share the gifts they have been given are likely to find themselves constantly enriched. Those who jealously preserve what they have been given, hoard it and go into their shell in fear of the outside world are likely to shrivel up and die. Those who save their lives, will lose it; those who share generously what they have with others, will find themselves immeasurably enriched. It is the law of the Gospel; it also a law of life which many of us, in practice, find hard to believe.
The Irish Jesuits

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who made their first communion on Sunday the 12th of November.



On behalf of the First Holy Communicants and their parents - thank you to all those who contributed to a wonderful celebration on Sunday..... the flowers/pew decorations in our Church, the food, the willing helpers, all made for a memorable occasion. Thank you.

Died Recently

Patrick & June Todd, Joyce Cummings, John Roache, Yuko Irving, Christopher Kendall, Margaret Walsh, Sr Francesca Bourke, Trevor Barnes

Anniversaries

George Janes, Augustus Hoeflich, Blair Gleeson

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

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

SUNDAY MISSALS— are now available from the office \$16.00 each

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION—Thursday morning 7-8am at St Mary's Church.
Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.
All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The summer roster for next week is Maureen Down's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

Invitation to the Priest Jubilee Mass – Tuesday 28 November 2023—All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the **Jubilees of Priestly Ordination**. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating Jubilees this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

PLEROMA CHRISTIAN SUPPLIES is on the hunt for a new Manager. We are looking for someone who would welcome the chance to relocate to Central Hawkes Bay and lead this well-established and respected ministry business. Further details can be found in the position advertisement here: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 3 December 2023

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh Chairperson
Clergy Trust Fund
Diocese of Palmerston North

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

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4

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

OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM PROGRAM—

This programme is for primary school children and their parents and will consist of two sessions - **Tues 21 November and Tues 28 November**. You can download a form here : [OCB Baptism Registration 2023](#) and email to: admin@cpow.co.nz or pick one up from the office.

HOME OF COMPASSION—visit their website

www.compassion.org.nz
To make a donation bank account details are:
BNZ 02 0500 0017474 00

SPRING CLEANING—for all 3 churches.
Saturday 2nd December at 9am.
Please bring rags and scones. :)

MARIST RUGBY AGM

Monday 4 December 7pm at 25 Hatrick St. All are most welcome.



FOR SALE—copies of Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane's engagingly insightful autobiography, called **Knowing my Place** at \$20 each. Please phone Sue Seconi on landline 3437384 to buy one.

World Day of the Poor | 19 November 2023

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor>

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

ADVENT REFLECTION TIME

How do you prepare for Christmas? Do you check your car before travelling? Do you decorate your tree, buy gifts and special foods?

Make time to prepare for Advent & Christmas by gifting yourself time and space spiritually. All are welcome. **Where:** the Josephite Retreat Centre 14 Hillside Tce. **When:** Sat 25 Nov 10am-12noon. (Koha) **Facilitator:** Liz Hickey
Community Liturgy Sunday 19 Nov, 4 – 5pm
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3
Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE—The Holy Family Conference of St Vincent de Paul Wanganui will be selling its Christmas Raffle before and after every Mass on the following dates:- Sat 11/Sun 12 Nov Sat 18/Sun 19 Nov Sat 25/Sun 26 Nov Sat 2/ Sun 3 Dec Tickets :-\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets
Raffle drawn on Monday 4 Dec.
Results will be in the Newsletter 9/10 Dec.
There are some great prizes as usual.

BAPTISM—Congratulations to Areia Bennik and her family. Areia was baptised on Sunday 19th November at St Marys Church.

BISHOP JOHN ADAM'S PRAYER CARDS— Commemorating his ordination. As we have limited supply-if you would like a prayer card they are available at the office.

St Marcellin School

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