



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year I

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 2nd October

9:00am C/S Holy Family
7:00pm Confirmation Session 3
St Marys

Tuesday 3rd October

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

Wednesday 4th October

12:05am Mass St Mary's

Thursday 5th October

12:05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 6th October

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

Saturday 7th October

9:00am Rite 1 St Anne's
9:30am Mass St Anne's
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 8th October

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

9-13 Oct National Assembly of Priests
17 Oct First Communion Session 1
7pm St Marys Church
29 Oct Confirmation Mass
9:30am St Marys Church

November

12 Nov First Communion Mass
9:30am St Marys Church

Sunday Readings: Eze: 18.25-28; Phil: 2.1-11; Mt: 21: 28-32

Next Week: Isa: 5.1-7; Phil: 4.6-9; Mt: 21: 33-43



Today the church in New Zealand remembers the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa, aka Suzanne Aubert, aka Mother Aubert. This year the Sisters of Compassion highlight the 100-Year Anniversary of her setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Meri had a great love and care of all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society.

Meri gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, we are encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirmed and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words 'Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all'. The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer.

May you be blessed by Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. *Sisters of our Lady of Compassion*

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SUZANNE AUBERT

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

Amen

WEEKDAY MASSES

As from the week beginning the 16th of October the new Weekday Mass Schedule will be:

Holy Family Church on Tuesdays at 9.00am

St Anne's Church on a Thursday at 9.00am

Please keep an eye on the Weekly Calendar on the front page of this newsletter.

RETREAT—Fr John is on retreat this week. Please pray for him.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 2nd October and open from 8.30am-12pm Tuesday 3rd October through to Friday 6th October.

Office hours will resume as normal after those dates 8.30am-3pm.

Died Recently

David McEwen, Margaret Bonisch

Anniversaries

Michele Watson, Alison Bennett, Teddy Moore, Gordon & Marie Harrison

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

SCAM Someone is impersonating me and sending text messages to parishioners - seeking my help. See the example below. To be very clear, these messages are not coming from me. The phone number is from Tennessee in the US. Please ignore these messages or any suspicious looking emails and block the number on your phone. I can assure you if I ever need help, I will phone you or visit you in person. Please pray for the scammer who needs to get a life and a real job. Thanks Fr Craig

Hello, this is Fr. Craig Butler, I'm in a meeting right now, can't talk on phone but text me back when you get this message, your assistance is crucial and highly appreciated.

Blessings.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS Next week, Fr Craig and Fr John will attend the National Assembly of Priests in Rotorua. This event is only held every 5 years and brings together all the diocesan priests throughout the country. They will both be away from Monday through Friday 9 - 13 October.

GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

From the 2nd-14th October the General Election voting will be held in St Mary's Hall.

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



NO YOUTH GROUP—24th, 2nd or 8th of October. It's school holidays!! Enjoy your break and see you all on the 15th of October!

CONFIRMATION will continue through the school holidays. Session Three is on Monday 2nd Oct 7-8.30pm; it's not too late to register!!!

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

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

THE PRAYER TREE—Details: contact Anne Smith text 021 0488635 anytime. Anyone is welcome to join— no extra passing on of texts is required. Christian names only are used.

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

ROSARY—October - Month of the Holy Rosary For the month of October the Rosary will be prayed before Masses at St Mary's at 11.40am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 11.10am Friday. St Anne's 9.10am on Saturday. Holy Family 8.40am before Communion Service. All welcome to attend. 7-8.30pm; it's not too late to register!!!

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Support Life Sunday 2023 – A Consistent Ethic of Life | 7-8 October 2023

Each year, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ celebrates Support Life Sunday. This year, the Bishops' chosen focus is **The Consistent Ethic of Life**. The resources for parishes can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls23/>

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

What Makes a Good Death?

In this workshop we'll explore your concerns about your death, that of your own and loved ones. We will work with Advanced Care Plan resources. This day is suitable for anyone wishing to develop and add finer detail to their own planning. It is not a suitable day for anyone processing grief after a recent death- with Ann Jennison. Sat 21 Oct 9.30am -3.30pm, \$20 *Please bring your lunch.*

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

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.

St Marcellin School

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