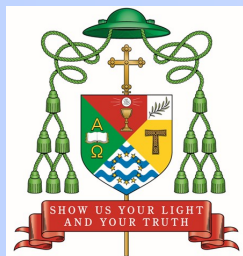


# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)

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



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 22nd April

9.00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 23rd April

9.30am C/S Holy Family  
12.05am Mass St Mary's

#### Wednesday 24th April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 25th April **Anzac Day**

9.00am Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 26th April

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

#### Saturday 27th April

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

#### Sunday 28th April

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

### Upcoming Events

#### 6th May

Confirmation Session 1

**Sunday Readings:** Act: 4.7-12; 1 Jn: 3.1-2 Jn: 10.11-18

**Next Week:** Act: 9.26-31; 1 Jn: 3.18-24 Jn: 15.1-8

### Who Cares - Jesus does



*Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.' John 10.11-18*

The image of the Good Shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, "who has no concern." He takes the time to get to know

others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others. We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; people caring lovingly for the sick and dying. What would happen if every single one of us cared, really cared, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

*No one is permitted to disregard the plight of another human being living in dire poverty, enmeshed in ignorance and tormented by insecurity.* Pope Paul VI, [Populorum Progressio](#) Irish Jesuits

**Thank you** to everyone who has expressed their support for me and my upcoming adventure in Romeland. I have been greatly touched by your generosity, your prayerful support and your encouragement. I'm very excited and at the same time, feel a great sense of responsibility about the meetings in Rome. Having said that, I know that I'm not alone and will be ok. I'm very grateful to Fr Vince, Bishop Peter and Fr Arthur Toothill who will fill in for me and Jo and John, who will together look after our ship while I'm away. This Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray that we listen even more closely to the Holy Spirit about how we provide shepherds for the future and how to recognise them and how best to support them in the future. One of our local shepherds, Rain Forrest will marry this weekend. We wish her every blessing for her future and a well earned honeymoon. Lastly, please be assured of my prayers for you when I'm in Rome, in Lourdes and all the unholy places I hope to visit. With every good wish and blessing. Craig

#### Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis

#### Anniversaries

Susan Frykberg, Noel Boyle, Yvonne Maniapoto, Steve Morahan, Timothy Morahan, Marlene Phillips, Sr Damian RSJ, Joyce Burrell, Shane Gallagher

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminarian Appeal 21 April 2024

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Time, 21 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons.

For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them.

Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email [vocations@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:vocations@pndiocese.org.nz)

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates.

Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

There are specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit BNZ 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Seminary Appeal' as reference.

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>. The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, "How can we be a synodal church in mission?" Find the document at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY 25TH AND FRIDAY 26TH APRIL.**

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3  
[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### Community Liturgy

Sunday 21 April, 4 – 5pm

### DVD Evening – Full Time (subtitled)

After finally getting an interview for a job that will help her provide for her family, a woman must contend with a national transit strike. Wed 24 April, 6.30pm, Koha

### A Day with C S Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis was a British writer, literary scholar and Anglican lay theologian—a man who went from being an atheist to a Christian. We will explore some of the ideas covered by him in the more than 30 books he wrote. with David Scoullar Sat 4 May, 10am-2pm, \$20 *Please bring your lunch.*

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

6.30-8.30pm at Saint

Mary's Church Hall.

### YOUTH GROUP WILL BE

BACK ON THE 12TH OF MAY

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)

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email [admin@cpow.co.nz](mailto:admin@cpow.co.nz) to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6 May 7-8.30pm

### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The SOUP

roster for next week is Juliet Koji's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

### CONGRATULATIONS -OUR VERY OWN...Fr

Craig Butler, Whanganui Parish Priest, who will represent the Catholic priests of Aotearoa New Zealand at a gathering of 300 priests from around the world at the Vatican at the "Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting" in Rome from 28 April to 2 May. Fr Craig was nominated by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference to attend the gathering, which is being held as part of the countdown to October's second session of the Synod on Synodality. Further information is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/300priests/>



## 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).

## 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

## THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL—

are running a Mother's Day Raffle to raise funds for local needs. The raffle will be on sale before and after Masses from 13 April - 5 May. Tickets prices:- \$2 for one ticket Or \$5 for 3 tickets

Thank you in advance for your loyal support.



## NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS CLIMATE ACTION WEEK—3 -12 May.

Following on from the immensely successful 'E tū te Mana o Te Ao - Building a Climate of Hope' Webinar Series and Palmy Climate Conversation Starters held in June last year, the Religious Diversity Centre's Climate Action Group have partnered with Greenfaith and other local groups to organise and promote 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels week' in Palmerston North. Everyone is welcome to attend, no registration needed. Two events are organised:

Fri May 3rd, 10am-1pm

A Solidarity March at Te Marae o Hine, in The Square with MP Teanau Tuiono as guest speaker, organised in conjunction with Extinction Rebellion Manawatu. Participants are invited to carry banners that call attention to the urgent need for a just transition to renewable energy, a sustainable future, an end to fossil fuels, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

Sunday, 5 May, 7:30pm

A Multi-faith Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Broadway organised in conjunction with Palmerston North Interfaith Group with the theme: "Hear the Cry of the Earth! Hear the Cry of the Poor!"

## RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER.

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