



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)

The Ascension of the Lord

21st May 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year I

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 22nd May

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 23rd May

10:00am Mass Holy Family
11.30am Communion Service
St Anne's

Wednesday 24th May

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 25th May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 26th May

11.20am Reconciliation St Mary's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 27th May

9.00am NO Reconciliation
St Anne's
9.30am Communion Service
St Anne's
5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 28th May

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st May

6.30-8.30pm Youth Group Info Night
St Mary's Hall

11th June

6.30-8.30pm Life Teen Wanganui
(Youth Group for Year 9-13)
St Mary's Hall

6-20 June

Church Life Survey

Sunday Readings: Acts: 1.1-1; Eph: 1.17-23; Mt: 28.16-20

Next Week: Acts: 2.1-11; 1 Cor: 12.36-7, 12-13; Jn: 20.19-23

Craig's Corner: last week, I was invited to be part of the NZCBC (New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference) in Auckland. These conferences include a full schedule and take four days. As you might imagine they have a lot to deal with, including meeting with various representatives of our Catholic organizations such as Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, Prison chaplaincy services, our schools CEO and others. One of the groups we met with deals with safeguarding. As you know this is a very important topic in the light of the Royal Commission into abuse in state and faith-based institutions. The commission has announced their findings will be made public early next year. I encourage you to please pray for all involved, especially the victims of abuse.

On Sunday we are hosting a hui (meeting) here at St Mary's to clarify the situation surrounding the former Te Rau Oriwa Trust's decision, made last year, to dissolve. Unfortunately, communication around this was not clear. The reasons for this lack of clarity are not clear to me (and I know there are others) so I called this hui to bring some much needed clarity. Please pray for all involved and please come along to listen and have your say. Details about this hui can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Previously, I have talked about our need for a Parish Council and would like to begin this process of elections soon. We also have a need for a Parish Liturgy Committee. Please keep in mind, who you would like to be part of both these groups, keeping in mind, we need people who have a bigger vision of church (and our needs as a parish) and not just single issues. I would rather be straight to the point about this and up front before we begin this work.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my invitation to comment on the current weekday Mass schedule. I've received some very helpful input which will help us moving forward. More about this to come.

I am taking two weeks annual leave beginning next week. I'm grateful to Jo in the office and Fr John for looking after everything while I'm away.

There are other issues which we as a parish face and I know we will get through them all in time. On this feast of the Ascension of Christ into heaven, where we believe he prays for us, may you know his peace, a peace that our world cannot give. With every good wish and blessing for the week ahead. Fr Craig

Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe is the new President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

The Bishop of Auckland, Stephen Lowe, is the new President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, the national body for the bishops of Aotearoa NZ. Bishop of Dunedin Michael Dooley is the new Vice President. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM is the new General Secretary. The bishops decided on the positions while meeting this week at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Kohimarama, Auckland, in the second of their four standard formal meetings of the year. A statement about the appointments is available here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc/>

Meeting This Sunday 21 May at 2.00pm to be held in Te Rau Oriwa

When I arrived here in Whanganui, it became clear that the issues surrounding the closure of Te Rau Oriwa marae last year are not clear to everyone, especially iwi from here in Whanganui and up the river, and some of our own parishioners.

This Sunday, our parish is hosting a hui to speak to what has happened and why. I have asked two people to facilitate the meeting and they have a clear agenda, to inform people about the decisions which were made by the former marae trust and our own parish. This will necessarily involve hearing some of the history behind the marae and the reasons why, we as a parish must continue to move forward.

This hui will also resolve the issue of who owns the taonga including the carvings and the tukutuku panels and who they will go to. I encourage you to come and be part of this meeting.

Fr Craig

Died Recently

Noel Boyle, Yvonne Maniapoto, Terry Gray, David McKenzie, John Mitchell, Harry Keenan, Judith Parkinson, Patricia Meynell

Anniversaries

Maurice Kenny, Winston Te Tana, Loma Herring, Margaret Day, Deidre McBride, Mary Monaghan, Bill Connors, Bernard Connors, Frances Jones, David Hartley, Pat Haddock, Frank Smith, Margaret & Patrick Vaughan, Stephen Gallen

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

Community Liturgy – Life's Harvest

Sunday 21 May, 4 – 5pm

Retreat in Daily Life: *Encountering God in a Distracted World – Looking Ahead With Hope.*

A 25 day Retreat, meeting each week on a Monday and the rest done at home with Juliet Kojis

Week 4: Monday 22 May, 7–8.30pm, \$25 for 5 nights or Koha

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

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HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is the Kaiwhaiki team.

Further information contact Maureen
027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

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



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

WE NEED YOU!

Do you love Christ and Young People? Do you want to see Youth find a place of belonging in the Church? We're looking for some fantastic adults to join our Volunteer Youth Ministry team!! Come along to an info night Sunday the 21st of May 6.30-8.30pm-St Mary's Church Hall to find out more.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

Our new senior Youth Group **LIFE TEEN WHANGANUI** is all set to kick off on Sunday the 11th of June 6.30-8.30pm. If you're Year 9-13 at School this is for you! Youth group will run every week in term time!!

PLEASE COLLECT:

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES—are now available for collection in the St Mary's Church foyer



Our Lady Queen of Peace

We call on Mary's
Intercession for the people of
Ukraine and lasting peace.

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.

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.

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

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

LEGION OF MARY

Meets Tuesdays 4pm at Holy Family Church. Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Watch this space

St Marcellin School

Principal: Belinda Backwell
7a Totara St, Wanganui
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www.stmarcellin.school.nz






St Mary's School

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DRS: Mrs Cath Daignault
30 London St, Wanganui
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St Anne's School

Principal: Mrs Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick
DRS: Mrs Jo Gichard.
45 Raine St, Wanganui
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office@stannes.school.nz
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Cullinane College

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RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore
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Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

Hospital Chaplain

Norma O'Connor
027 233 4557

Prison Chaplain

Sean Ryan
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