



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)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22nd May 2022; Year C / Weekdays Year 2

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Whanganui

Holy Family (HF) Vigil (Sat)
5:30pm

Malayalam Mass
(Syro-Malabar Rite)
5:30pm (1st Sun of month)

St Mary's (SM)
9:30am

Maori Miha
(3rd Sun of month)

St Anne's (SA)
5:30pm

Kaiwhaiki

11:00am (1st Sun of month)

Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)
Rānana (London)

12:00pm (4th Sun; alternating venue)
Next Mass 22 May: Rānana

Weekday Masses

Mon	9:00am	HF
Tues	10:00am	HF
	11:30am	SA
Wed	5:30pm	SM
Thurs	12.05pm	SM
Fri	12.05pm	SM
Sat	9:30am	SA



ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Wed 6:00pm—7:00pm SM
Fri 9:00am—11:50am SM
concluding with Benediction on Fridays

RECONCILIATION (Rite I)

Fri 11:20am—11:40am SM
Sat 9:00am—9:20am SA
or by appointment

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Sunday Readings: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29; Rev 21.10-14, 22-23; Jn: 14.23-29

Next Week: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

CHILDREN'S LITURGY— will be starting up again in June, it will be the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Anyone who is able to help can you please contact Paula Carter 027 324 6029.

ST MARCELLIN SCHOOL - ACTING PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

Congratulations to Mr Kieran Udy who has been appointed to this position for the rest of 2022. Mr Udy is well known to us all in the Parish and we are very grateful to him for stepping into this position to support St Marcellin School, and Cullinane College for supporting this through releasing him from his present position as Deputy for a period until his return to the College. Let us remember him and the St Marcellin community in prayer as they embrace this new opportunity to grow the school, elect a board and appoint a principal.

CORPUS CHRISTI 2022 (JUNE 19)– 40 HOURS OF ADORATION

To celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, we will have 40 Hours of Adoration (Fri-Sun) as we did last years: 5pm Friday 17 June to 9am to Sunday 19 June, ending with Benediction. Sign up sheets will be out early June, so please think about doing an hour or two during these hours as we need at least 2-people for every hour.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—

Parish resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, so this year's Week is from 29 May to 5 June. The resources are also handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is "*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him,*" and is based on Matthew 2:2. Click here for the full resources: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>

PARISH MEETING: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT & HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

A final meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31 May, 5:30pm** at Holy Family in light of the Q&A attached to the newsletter. Following the meeting the Finance Committee will make its recommendation to the Apostolic Administrator regarding the proposal.

VOCATION & DISCERNMENT RETREAT—

26-28 August at Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Registrations email: Fr Trung Nguyen petrtrung89@gmail.com

SYNOD 2021-2023 Update | May 2022

More than 230 group and individual submissions have been received since the synod journey began in our diocese, presenting the considered reflections, concerns and aspirations of a variety of age groups, ethnicities and parishes. The diocese wishes to thank all participants for opening their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit and engaging in this process.

To find out more about the next stages of the local phase of the Synod in the Diocese of Palmerston North, please visit www.pndiocese.org.nz/synod



Our Lady Queen of Peace

We call on her Intercession for the withdraw of Russia from Ukraine and the return to peace of sovereign states



Died Recently

Peter Potaka-Osborne, Marie Carroll, Valerie Matheson, Michael La Pouple, Callum Hickey & Maurice Kenny

Anniversaries

David Hartley, Tom Matthews, Pearl Matthews, Jenny Fore, Pat Haddock, Francis Smith, Stephen Gallen & William Leslie

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ex3
www.marymackillop.org.nz

How Films Impact Our Spirituality

(Hope and Trust in the midst of confusion and Covid-19)

Film 5: Beasts of the Southern Wild

Thursday 26 May, 7-9:30pm, Koha

with Marie Skidmore rsj

Vaccine pass still required.

What Gives Energy and Purpose to Your Life?

Ko te Ngapuhi te iwi, I have a Bachelor of Education from the University of Auckland. I have 4 children aged from 16 – 36. I am Catholic and acknowledge my faith to be a grounding source in my life. My teaching life in Auckland and Melbourne gave me the honour of supporting refugee children and families. I have worked with children in the judicial system transitioning them back into mainstream education. Looking into the eyes of children, I have seen every emotion, and this keeps my energy ever growing and alive.

Thursday 2 June 7 – 9pm Koha

Vaccine pass still required.

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

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH

This week's delivery of soup and buns will be made by Joan Sullivan's Team. Further information contact Jo 027 278 7943 or Pat 343 6313.

Project Innocence Prayer



Dear Lord Jesus, we pray that a movement be raised up in this country, that will turn the tide of violence and abuse of children in Aotearoa.

Your heart burns for love for the little children, especially those most vulnerable.

We pray that this movement will bring healing and forgiveness to many.

We ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Patron, Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.

Amen.

HUMAN PROMOTION



National Prayer for Vulnerable Children in Aotearoa

The prayer for vulnerable children will begin on Sunday, 15th of May 2022 and end with a special National prayer event on the 15th of June via zoom (People can also pray at home or in their prayer groups on this day).

We encourage people if they can, to pray the 'Project Innocence Prayer' every day i.e., the 15th of May until Wednesday the 15th of June.

Further details for the zoom prayer event on the 15th of June 2022, will be made available a couple of weeks before the event.

"Love calls upon love. It also applies to us: in each act of service, in every work of mercy we perform, God manifests Himself; God sets His gaze upon the world. This applies to us."

Pope Francis

Contact:

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Co-Ordinator for Human Promotion

(Promoting service of the poor and social action)

Project Innocence

CHARIS NZ

Website
<http://www.charisnz.com>

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TAX RECEIPTS—Are now available at the St Mary's Church foyer.

MUSIC AT ST ANNE'S & HOLY FAMILY— if any music group/musicians would like to play music at the Holy Family Vigil Mass 4th or 5th Saturdays of the month, or St Anne's Mass on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month, please contact the office.

St Marcellin School

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St Mary's School



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PARISH GROUPS

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Whanganui conference

of the Society meets 1st & 3rd

Wednesdays of each month

at Holy Family Church,

Tawhero St, Whanganui, 5.00pm.

Enquiries: Marianne Vine 027 422 8170 or Kevin Foley 0273264275.



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 4pm 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.

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays 9:30am. For further information contact Shirley 06 344 6365

LADIES COFFEE CLUB

Meets Wednesdays 10am at Cooper's Cafe, 53a Wilson St—All welcome

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Tawhero Housing Development Proposal: Response to Submissions Q & A

The Parish Finance Committee would very much like to thank those of you who made submissions on the proposed Joint Venture (JV) development between the Parish, Diocese and Soho Group. This proposal is an effort to provide much needed affordable healthy housing for the Whanganui Community on the grounds of Holy Family Church and St Marcellin School field.

The Q & A (questions and answer) below has been written to provide feedback to the whole Parish regarding the main questions and concerns that were raised in all the submissions that were received.

After considering our feedback below, if you would like to take part in a final open meeting regarding the Tawhero Housing Development before we the Parish Finance Committee make our recommendation to the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, you are most welcome to attend this with us on **Tuesday 31 May 2022, 5:30pm** at Holy Family Church.

Housing Development

Q: Who will this development support?

A: Whanganui is identified as a focus area in the Public Housing Plan 2021-2024. Whanau are struggling to secure a home, due to rising house prices/rents, strong population growth, and low incomes. An additional 287 public housing spaces are required by 2024, and this development will offer a built-for-purpose solution to help reach this target.

Q: Is the Parish selling land?

A: Parish would be investing the land into the Joint Venture, but would retain the ownership of the capital investment being the value of the land (1.7 million). The Parish may in time decide to remove its capital investment (inflation adjusted) in the development before the end of the 25-year lease.

Q: How will this be affordable housing, will market rents be required from tenants?

A: Like state housing tenants, the amount of rent tenants would pay would be based on their income and the income of people they live with. This is called 'Income Related Rent'. The Parish would receive a market rent with the Government topping up the difference.

Q: What will be the make-up of the tenant demographic?

A: Tenant demographics are guided by several things for example those with the highest priority on the social housing waiting list, the development configuration (bedrooms, accessibility etc) and the overall fit for this community.

Extensive discussions with stakeholders will help shape this for the most optimal outcome.

Q: Will the development be a mix of rental and privately owned dwellings?

A: While the tenant demographic is being worked through, the final design and configuration will not be known for some time. The current thinking is a mixture of one-to-four-bedroom homes. The development will consist predominantly of social housing homes and may include an additional 10 units for the private rental market.

Q: What field space will be available for the student at St Marcellin School?

A: Compared to other schools owned by the Diocese, the school would retain enough land to support its maximum roll. Some consideration may need to occur around the future layout of the school, in particular land use of classrooms identified for removal due to seismic issues some years ago.

Q: Why not just sell the land and take the capital?

A: Whereas the historical approach to selling land and banking the money has worked for the church, overtime these returns has eroded with the return no longer viable to support the mission of the Bishop and the Diocese. This proposal provides a significantly greater long-term passive income while also providing a substantial asset to the Parish.

Q: Are there conditions in place to protect the Parish's capital investment in this development?

A: Yes, there are, as the Finance Committee has been careful to make sure that the value of the Land (1.7 million) is protected by the Diocese having a 1st mortgage over the property or other security.

Other protections involve future rental income, ability to liquefy capital 3 years, 5 years, etc., a cap for the project to ensure that the net income from the Joint Venture meets expectations, and the approval of the Holy See for the project.

Holy Family Church

Q: What is the projected maintenance on the church in the next 10-Years?

A: With the age and stage of the construction method used to build Holy Family Church and its coastal location the Diocese has received a professional report suggestion that this could be as much as \$300,000+. This cost would cover: roofing exterior cladding, site works, painting, floor coverings and heating.

Q: Could Holy Family Church be repurposed, sold or leased?

A: There are three key issues that need to be considered if the church was to remain and the development proceed:

1. There is the ongoing challenge of paying for the cost of planned and reactive maintenance as the building ages. Further, there would be a severe lack of parking if the field was developed.
2. If the church was removed the site would be used for the development of around ten homes. If these homes were not built the Parish would miss out on a significant annual return.
3. If repurposing the church for other uses was pursued, the church building would need to meet current building compliance codes. These would predominantly include the need to meet fire regulations (passive and active fire systems) along with ensuring the bathrooms meet accessibility regulations. The cost of compliance has been estimated at \$100,000 with ongoing annual compliance costs of around \$1,000. Further, if repurposed, the school field which is currently used for parking would no longer be available, creating a significant parking issue for future users which could not be remediated.

Q: Would there be any way something could be kept on site for Catholic worship?

A: Yes, in order to still maintain a place of prayer and worship in Gonville, meeting the spiritual needs of the local community during the week, St Marcellin School could facilitate the use of a presently unused classroom to be turned into a Chapel, seating 50, using the furniture from Holy Family Church.

This Chapel will be used to continue the Monday and Tuesday Masses in this part of the city and help build up the Parish and School community.

Q: What would happen to the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass?

A: The 5:30pm Vigil Mass will permanently move to St Mary's church as this is central to the whole city and recognises that many parishioners travel from all parts of town to attend the Vigil Mass.

Clergy Housing

Q: Why keep Holy Family Presbytery?

A: The Holy Family purpose built Presbytery is a Parish asset and a sellable home which holds value long-term for the Parish and is the only housing owned by the Parish.

Q: Will Holy Family Presbytery be sold in time?

A: Yes, it is most likely Holy Family Presbytery, will in time, be sold as a residential house. The funds from the sale would be used to continue to provide clergy housing in the city by partly funding a new presbytery, likely to be on the grounds of St Mary's church.

Any new presbytery would have appropriate amenities as per diocesan guidelines to accommodate two priest suites, common areas and clergy guests.

Q: Why not make 38 Guyton Street the presbytery?

A: The residential home at 38 Guyton Street is a Diocesan investment property which the Parish has the use of when needed for clergy housing. The Diocese wishes to indicate that it is potentially considering selling this property in 2023 to cover redress claims by Church based victims arising from the Abuse in Care Royal Commission.

