



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 23rd October

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 24th October

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

Wednesday 25th October

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 26th October

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

Friday 27th October

10.00am Mass St Joseph's
11.20am Rite 1 St Mary's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 28th October

9.00am Rite 1 St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's

***Please note the only Sunday Mass this week is on Sunday morning at St Marys.**

Sunday 29th October

9.30am Mass St Mary's

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

24 Oct First Communion Session 2
7pm St Marys Church

November

2 Nov All Souls Memorial Mass
7pm at St Marys

12 Nov First Communion Mass
9.30am St Marys Church

Sunday Readings: Isa: 25.6-10a; Phil: 4.10-14, 19-20; Mt: 22: 1-14

Next Week: Ex: 22.21-27; 1 Thess 1.5c-10, 19-20; Mt: 22: 34-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

Unfortunately, due to illness the Confirmation Mass next weekend had to be postponed. Despite this, Bishop John has agreed to join us for Mass next Sunday, 29 October. The focus has shifted now to welcoming our new Bishop. I would like as many people as possible to meet him and hear his vision for our diocese. At the same time, I would like him to meet you and hear the voices of his people. After some consultation, I have decided to cancel the other Sunday Masses, knowing that we can all fit in to one church. I know too that this one off change will not suit everyone. For this I am sorry, but I think the opportunity to gather as a whole parish community in one place, at one time will be of great value. I encourage you to come and celebrate this significant moment in the history of our diocese and bring a plate of food to share - after Mass. Our world continues to suffer for a variety of reasons. Right now, we are aware of the terrible war going on in Israel Palestine. I encourage you to continue praying for the people on both sides who are suffering because of the choices of a few. I further encourage you to read more deeply and widely about the long-standing situation which has led to this most recent disaster. The main thing is that we keep both sides in our prayer - both the victims of this terrible tragedy and the perpetrators, that they will have a change of heart - a powerful conversion experience. You are invited to join in a time of prayer at St Mary's, before mid-day Mass (11.00 - 11.50am) this coming week. Also, Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting this Friday 27 October. You can find details here. Lastly, please find enclosed a prayer for peace.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-francis-appeal-peace-gaza-palestine-israel-day-of-prayer.html>

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom and goodness. We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, that good people everywhere will actively work for lasting peace. Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace, who so often said, "Peace be with you," strengthen the resolve of all who work for peace and grant all people the gift of peace. Holy Spirit of God, enlighten the hearts and minds of all people with truth and justice that peace may reign. Soften the hearts of those who promote war and help them to see all people as brothers and sisters. Amen

Today, Sunday 22 October 2023 throughout the World is World Mission Sunday.

World Mission Sunday reminds us of the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ. *Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35)*

The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world...

It is first and foremost the celebration that all of us who are baptised are called to be missionaries. Parishioners are invited to support the work of Missio Aotearoa as we celebrate Mission Sunday. If you wish to support World Mission Sunday, and are not part of the Parish Planned Giving programme, there are envelopes in the foyer today and next Sunday 29 October, which is Mission Sunday Collection Day.

I desire to express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring any kind of hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelisation in distant lands. Not every day of our lives is serene and unclouded, but let us never forget the words of the Lord Jesus to his friends before his Passion: 'In the world you will have tribulations, but be courageous: I have conquered the world!' (Jn 16:33).

Message from Pope Francis World Mission Sunday 2023.

Died Recently

David McEwen, Margaret Bonisch, Marjory Hawes, Margaret Connors

Anniversaries

Michele Watson, Alison Bennett, Teddy Moore, Gordon & Marie Harrison, Flo Smith, Bob Smith, Pat Smith, Murray Ahern, Muriel Fleming, Patrick McGonigle, Colleen Cavanagh, Maurice Gallagher, Tiny Smith

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—are now available at the office. \$15.00 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 Liz Hickey's Team.

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

TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE is now accepting enrolments for 2024.

Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close Friday 24 November. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

Are you feeling unwell or lonely?

You can borrow our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to assist you in your prayer time. Contact Kathleen Orsborn. 3442245 or 021 0790374 and she will deliver it to you.

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

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 Monday 8.40am before Communion Service. All welcome to attend.

World Day of the Poor | 19 November 2023

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day.

Go here: www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

When taking Holy Communion to the homebound and rest homes, it is important to know that Fr John Roberts coordinates all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick and the list of those receiving the Sacrament.

Please contact him directly on 027 634 6877 before taking Holy Communion to any new parishioners or if you have any questions.

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Window Stars Workshop

A relaxing pre-festive season morning of creativity and beauty.

with Tracey Young

Saturday 4 November, 10am -12pm, \$10

Nurturing Self-Care Day

Enjoy and experience a day of self-care and nurturing your mind body and soul. We indulge with a foot spa, self-massage, aromatherapy, tips to relax, healing, nutrition and more.

with Sandra Brunner

Saturday 11 November, 10am – 3pm, \$20

Please bring something to share for lunch.

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email pam.hopper@sosi.org.au

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz;
www.catholicenquiry.nz

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.

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