



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)

Third Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 24th April

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 25th April

9:00am **ANZAC DAY** Mass
St Mary's

NO OTHER MASSES TODAY

Wednesday 26th April

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 27th April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 28th April

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

Saturday 29th April

9.00am Reconciliation St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's
5.30pm Mass Holy Family

Sunday 30th April

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

30th April to 6th May

Vocations Awareness week

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Children's Mass St Mary's

Sunday Readings: Acts: 2.14, 22b-28; 1 Pet: 1.17-21; Lk: 24.13-35

Next Week: Acts: 2.14a, 36b-41; 1 Pet: 2.20b-25; Jn: 10.1-10

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



Art is always about interpretation and the piece above is a good case in point. It begs the question - which of these three figures is Jesus? It's not the one on the right. He looks like he's explaining something, but Jesus did no explaining at that moment; he just listened. The figure in the centre looks female. Forever, we have taken it for granted that both disciples on their way to Emmaus were male. But, the text doesn't say so - one is named Cleopas, a man's name, but it doesn't name the other. In the story of the resurrection, up to that point, women disciples were far more in the picture than the men were; so one of these two disciples may well have been female. This leaves the third person on the right, wearing a hat. I've never seen an image of Jesus wearing a hat! The hat shades his face, perhaps referring to the text which says the two disciples didn't recognise him. There they are, two disciples with heavy hearts, full of sadness and despair, going in the wrong direction! Jesus walks beside them and talks with them, but they are unable to recognise him. This story is our story - so often we make our way through life unaware of Christ's presence with us. This story is also a powerful reminder that our fears and doubts, our sadness and despair are not the full story. This story is also about how we should read the Scriptures, looking for Christ and praying to see what we've overlooked or misunderstood. During this past week, I've sat and listened to people around a variety of tables and have recognised Christ's presence in their sharing - especially their hopes and dreams, their successes and their failures and I'm reminded that Christ is with us

always! Lastly, this coming week we will welcome Rain Forrest as our new Youth Minister. We will formally welcome her and pray for her as she begins this new stage in her (and our) journey with our Lord. I know you will recognise Christ's presence in her love and enthusiasm for our young people. Please keep her in your prayers. May our good God bless you "on the road". Fr Craig

LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS As you know, last year the government lifted all restrictions except in certain circumstances. The church has taken a cautious approach to looking after people and have maintained this approach until recently. As from Easter we have been invited to lift all our restrictions including the shaking of hands during the sign of peace and receiving the Precious Blood. Some people will not want to shake hands and I encourage you to respect their wish and greet them with a warm smile and word of peace. When it comes to receiving from the chalice, please respect others by not receiving if you are unwell, have a cold etc. This applies especially to Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for caring for one another. Fr Craig

Seminarian Appeal 30 April 2023

We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. At the moment, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan, who returned from Vietnam last year and is at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand last year to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray and work for more candidates.

Died Recently

Dionisia Wilson (Dee) Susan Frykberg,
Fr Michael Lloyd

Anniversaries

Delia Moriarty, Peter Potaka-Osborne, Marie Carroll, Claire Hoare, Paul Alexander, Peter Vine, Joyce Burrell, Shane Gallagher, Marlene Phillips Sr Damian RSJ

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Five Reflective Mondays left to explore, nourish and enjoy your creativity within this peaceful environment. Topics include Mandalas, Drawing, Painting, Book/Journal making, Collage, Crafts etc. *BYO Lunch and basic art supplies.*

with Tracey Young and Friends

Monday 1 May, 10am – 2.30pm, Koha

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. The first night is an introductory night. with Juliet Kojis and Murray Adams

Monday 1 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

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

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

RECEIPTS— are now available in the St Marys' Church foyer.

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Marianne Vine's team.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-28 May 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday this year from 18-28 May. Resources are prepared each by the World Council of Churches and the Holy See's Dicastery for the Christian Unity. Countries can then adapt them further for their own local situation. This year's resources include a Service of Worship which for the first time has been adapted for New Zealand by members of the National Dialogue for Christian Unity, which includes the major Christian denominations. All resources are available online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wopcu2023/>

OCEANIA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' RESPONSE TO SYNOD CONTINENTAL STAGE PUBLISHED

As you will recall, the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania executive committee recently approved the final version of the Federation's response to Enlarge the Space of Your Tent, the Working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church. The committee submitted the response document to the Synod Secretariat in Rome in late March and agreed to publish it after Easter.

The response document itself is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FCBCO-Response-to-the-Document-for-the-Continental-Stage.pdf>



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	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.
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
LEGION OF MARY Meets Tuesdays 4pm at Holy Family Church. Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170	CLC (CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY) For information on meeting locations and dates please contact Karyn 0278348352
	PARISH YOUTH GROUP Watch this space

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