



# 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)

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 24th July

9:00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 25th July

10:00am C/S Holy Family  
11.30am Mass St Anne's

#### Wednesday 26th July

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 27th July

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 28th July

10.00am Mass Cullinane  
11.20am Rite I St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 29th July

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

#### Sunday 30th July

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August

First Reconciliation Programme  
Held at St Mary's Church

Tues 15th Aug

Tues 22 Aug

Tues 29 Aug

Tues 5th Sept

Thurs 7th Sept Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

(Times yet to be confirmed)

**Sunday Readings:** Wis: 12.13, 16-19; Rom: 8.26-27; Mt: 13:24-43

**Next Week:** 1 Kings: 3.5-12, ; Rom: 8.28-30; Mt: 13:44-52

### THE ROBERTS' RAMBLE

As you know I spend a considerable amount of time caring for the sick and elderly of our parish. Every now and again a read the introductions to the various sacraments we administer. I recently re-read that for the Pastoral Care of the Sick (PCS). In it I was reminded that we should offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to those who are seriously ill.

There are two complementary aspects of the sacrament:  
through the Sacrament the Church supports the sick person in their struggle against illness, and continues Christ's messianic work of healing.

*[PCS, n 98]*

Time and again when I celebrate the sacrament I find the person strengthened in faith, more aware of the healing and comforting presence of Christ the Lord and at remarkable peace. This latter is a great help in sickness.

It is important that when a parishioner is diagnosed with a serious illness we are able to bring the sacrament. I hope that we all understand this and do not leave asking until the last moment.

During an illness we strive to bring Holy Communion to the sick person, the strength and hope of christians and the real presence of our Saviour.

When death approaches we offer Viaticum, the last holy Communion. In this the dying person is asked to renew baptismal faith and given the Apostolic Blessing and receives Holy Communion as food for the final journey on earth.

So if you are diagnosed with a serious illness please contact us so that we may offer you the Sacraments of Reconciliation (should you ask) and of Anointing.

Please remember our faithful parishioners who week after week bring Holy Communion to our elderly, sick and homebound brothers and sisters. Theirs is a wonderful task, often hidden and unseen but so important.

And, finally, please keep Father Craig in your prayers while he enjoys his holiday.

With my prayers for you all

Father John.



### From Rain... (Youth Minister)

Our Palmerston North Pilgrims have experienced day one in Paris; we went to so many beautiful beautiful sacred places. A highlight was definitely Sacré-Cœur basilica an amazing church on a hill overlooking the whole of Paris with the most wonderful mosaics. We had such a moving prayer experience there.

Here we are pictured in front of the chapel at Le Séminaire Saint-Sulpice where we are staying for the first three nights in France.

Please keep praying for our pilgrimage.

### Sunday 23 July - Third World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly

The theme this day of prayer is "His mercy is from age to age," from the Gospel of Luke (1:50). In this reflection, Bishop Owen offers his experiences of growing older and his thoughts about the theme for this year's celebration. <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/06/a->

### Died Recently

Anne Butler, Josie Guthrie, Prudence Haddock, Barry Nichols (Auckland), Phil Wilkinson, Richard Lawrence, John Haami,

### Anniversaries

Marion O'Neill, Thelma Campbell, Marie Laskey, Michael Coleman, Barbara Griffin, Marion Dorgan, Trevor Connors, Annemarie Connors, Gail Stewart, Annie Haddock, Margaret Gallen, Maurice Crowley, Teresa Crowley, Shaun Crowley, Fr Bill Corcoran, Rosina Gallagher, Lois Dougherty, Patricia Tasker, Barbara Griffin, William Bayly

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

### Winter Wonderfest Film – Wit

A strong woman who never lets down her defences discovers a fine line between life and death that can only be walked with wit.  
Tuesday 1 August, 2 – 4.30pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

### Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Two 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 7 July, 10am – 2.30pm, Koha

### Winter Wonderfest Film – Hidden Figures

The women who worked very competently and successfully at NASA, and the racist way that organisation treated them at the time. Tuesday 8 July, 2 – 4.45pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

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

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### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is the Kaiwhaiki Group

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



### 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



### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—

to Essie Hern and her family. Essie was baptised at St Mary's Church on Sunday 16th July.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION—**Thursday morning 7-8am at St Mary's Church.

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

### Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's working document Instrumentum laboris

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church.

Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the Instrumentum laboris (Working Document) published by the Synod Secretariat is another step towards the future, not its final word. "This working document is the product of the process of the Church listening to and hearing what the People of God have said during the parish, diocesan, national and continental stages of the Synod process that Catholics here and around the world have been part of," says Bishop Steve. "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world.

As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to Instrumentum laboris:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

## 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 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.

### 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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### RCIA Parish Catechist

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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

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### Prison Chaplain

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