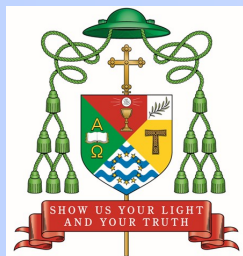


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)
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Kaiwhaiki Marae

NGAKAU TAPU (Sacred Heart)
4491 Whanganui River Road
Rānana (London)

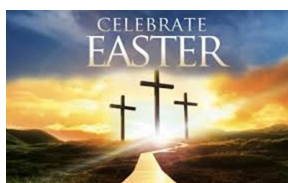
HĀTO HŌHEPA (St Joseph's)
600 Whanganui River Road
Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

24th March 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR HOLY WEEK



Monday 25th March

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 26th March

8.00am Mass Holy Family
12.05am Chrism Mass
The Cathedral Palmerston North

Wednesday 27th March

11.30am Reconciliation Rite I
12.05pm Mass St Mary's
5.30pm Reconciliation Rite I

Thursday 28th March

Holy Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Mass St Mary's
9.30pm Night Prayer

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Service St Mary's

Saturday 30th March

Easter Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Vigil Mass St Mary's

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass St Mary's

Sunday Readings : : Isa: 50.4-7; Phil: 2.6-11; Mk: 14.1-15,47

Next Week: Act: 10.34a,36-43; Col: 3.1-4; Jn: 20.1-18

ROBERTS' RAMBLE

It's been a busy few days. There have been some wonderful moments! Last Saturday evening Father Craig and I joined a group of young parishioners for a worship service. Several of them talked about their journey in faith. It was such a delight and inspiration to hear their stories. A number of them decided to celebrate reconciliation. The evening ended with roasted marshmallows.

On Thursday we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of First Reconciliation. The children were a wonderful example to me, enthusiastic, aware of the mercy of God's forgiveness. I came away heartened and encouraged from these events. We are reminded that reconciliation can be a suitable way to prepare for the mysteries of Holy Thursday Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Sunday.

If you have not had a chance to celebrate the Sacrament in preparation for the Easter ceremonies, there will be several opportunities for Reconciliation during the week.

Today, Palm Sunday, we welcome the students and families from St Mary's School. At this Mass we enter into the mystery of the Passion of the Lord. It is preceded by a moment of joyful welcome to the Saviour of the World as he entered into Jerusalem. First we listen to the account of that event then we walk into the Church singing joyfully "Hosanna" or "All glory praise and honour" praising him as did those in Jerusalem.

During the Mass we shall read St Mark's account of the institution of the Lord's Supper, our Mass, his arrest and trial, his passion and crucifixion. I often find myself close to tears as I hear or read this report. It is deeply moving to become acutely aware of his sacrifice despite hearing it every year.

Christ's obedience to his Father's will is remarkable, his desire to do this for us reveals the depths of his love for every human being in every age. The Great Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are the greatest feasts of our Church Year. I hope we will all be able to join these celebrations thanking God for his great mercies and love.

With my prayers,
Father John.

FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Quinley and Logan Menzies who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 17th March at St Marys Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

CONGRATULATIONS: to the following children who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday 21st March.

Connor and Agnes Heagney, Matthews and Issac Martine, Martha Dela Cruz, Miriam, Jose, Bryan and Savana Togy, George Anderson, Emily Stewart, Ryan Thomas, William Cuff, Dwayne McGill, Jace Kui, Geona Prebin, Christopher Graham, Ann Nazareth, Isabella Aneesh, Emmanuel Shiju and Alice Williams

Holy Week Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, in which we make our final preparations to celebrate the great feast of Easter. The first Gospel today focuses on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then Mark's Passion gives an account of Jesus' suffering and death. To aid your preparation, you are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are two options on Wednesday this week.

On Tuesday priests and people from throughout the diocese will be gathering at our Cathedral in Palmerston North for the *Chrism Mass* - also known as the *Mass of the Oils* - at which the oils used in the sacramental life of our church will be blessed for the year ahead. This is a special occasion in the life of our diocese. If you would like to travel with John and I, please contact Jo in the office. I have two spaces in my car.

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you are welcome to join in praying *Morning Prayer of the Church* with other parishioners. (cont)

Died Recently

Bernie Gudsell, Bev Sandlant, Virginia Aroha Hina, Howard Wilson, Jack Kaveney, Hinemoa Haami. Zita Fennerty, Beverley Fearn, Beverley Tasker

Anniversaries

Alan Cameron, Priscilla Mitchell, Dionisia Secretaria, Josephine Boland, Kathryn Haddock, Margaret Shaw, Gordon Wham

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

(cont) This prayer is sometimes called "The Office of the Church" and is a compilation of Psalms, Scripture readings and prayers which will be prayed by Catholic Christians throughout the whole world including Bedouin monks in the desert, Pope Francis and Fr John and myself. It only takes about 20 minutes, and it is a great way to start the day.

On Good Friday we will begin with Morning Prayer at 9.00am, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am and the Good Friday Service at 3.00pm. This is a particularly sacred day and I encourage you to make it a day of prayer and fasting for the needs of our world.

Lastly, if you have never celebrated the Easter Vigil, please mark it in your diary. It's not like any other celebration in terms of hearing our Christian story and celebrating Christ, the Light of the World. Lastly, I encourage you to think of these three days as a retreat during which you are invited to deepen your relationship with Jesus and your brothers and sisters. I wish you every blessing for the week ahead. Craig

St Anne's Church Last year, we wrote to you about our dire financial situation and our need to make some substantial changes, which will turn our situation around. In short, we cannot carry on as we have, essentially spending more than we receive from Planned Giving. After a great deal of soul searching, consultation with yourselves and Bishop John (and his advisers), he has agreed to decommission St Anne's Church and allowing us to lease it to Montessori Preschool. This will enable us to create an income to supplement parish giving and allow us to do some much-needed maintenance and upgrading of all four of our buildings. Bishop John has also agreed to our selling the Tawhero St Presbytery so we can purchase 38 Guyton St as the presbytery for Fr Craig. Signed by the Finance Committee

Good Friday Collection – 29 March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your

anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Holy Places' as reference.

Easter Sunday Special Collection-31 March 2024

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference. Your support and help is always appreciated!

Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

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

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Six reflective Mondays 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 Mon 8 April, 10am-2.30pm

Tui Motu Group Articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed with Liz Hickey rsj Wed 17 April, 4-5.15pm

DVD Evening – Full Time (subtitled)

After finally getting an interview for a job that will help her provide for her family, a woman must contend with a national transit strike. Wed 24 April, 6.30pm
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3
Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au



LEGION OF MARY—Acies will be held at Holy Family Tuesday 26th March at 1.30pm. All active and auxiliary members are urged to attend. Anyone wanting to know about the Legion of Mary, please contact Lake Falconer. New members encouraged to join.

THANK YOU— for all parishioners who have been praying for me. I am so blessed.
Helen Codlin

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN WANGANUI are gifting a booklet to every family in the city and we need people to help deliver these. We need people to be generous—the more people we have the less time it will take. To be delivered this week. Please contact the office or Fr Craig if you are able to help.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER.

CONGRATULATIONS—to Sr Lusiana— celebrating her 50 year jubilee.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email admin@cpow.co.nz to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6th of May 7-8.30pm

EASTER MUSIC PRACTICE-CHOIR SINGERS—Practice sessions will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 24th March at 7pm.

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The summer roster for next week is the Joan Sullivan's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions St Mary's Church Sunday 7th April 3-4pm. Devotions will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of Image, Divine Mercy Chaplet, concluding with Benediction. Rite I Reconciliation will be available during Adoration

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St Mary's School

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
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