



# 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)

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25<sup>th</sup> June 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 26th June

9:00am Communion Service  
Holy Family

#### Tuesday 27th June

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

#### Wednesday 28th June

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 29th June

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 30th June

10.00am Mass Cullinane  
11.20am Reconciliation  
St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 1st July

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

#### Sunday 2nd July

9.30am Mass St Mary's  
5.30pm Mass St Anne's  
11.00am Mass Kaiwhaiki

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday 2 July

11.00am Refresher Course for  
Communion Ministers at St Marys  
Church

**Sunday Readings:** Jer: 20.7, 10-613; Rom: 5.12-15; Mt: 10.26-33

**Next Week:** 2 Kgs: 4.8-12a, 14-17; Rom: 3.3-4, 8-11; Mt: 10.37-42

**DO NOT BE AFRAID** All through the bible God encourages his people, telling them not to be afraid.

To Abraham, he says: "Do not be afraid, I am your shield." To the prophets, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." To Mary, the angel of the Lord said, "Do not be afraid." To the disciples and the apostles, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid." And to Paul, the Lord said, "Do not be afraid."

Fear is a powerful factor in the life of every human being. In young people and old, fear can express itself as shyness, feelings of inferiority, aggression, and (most painful of all) anxiety. Anxiety is a generalised form of fear: the fear of nothing in particular but of everything in general. It is often about possibilities rather than present realities: the future, possible illness or accident, and death.

When we encounter someone who is afraid, we may say to them: "Don't worry, don't be afraid." These are easy words to say when we are not in the line of fire ourselves and will bring little comfort unless they are backed up by something or someone who can offer practical support.

Today's gospel reading offers a more substantial support. It does not say, "Don't be afraid, it won't happen." It says something like, "*Don't be afraid; it may well happen, but when it does happen you will not be destroyed as a person.*"

The difference is that this is honest and it's real. Surrendering is part of life but it is not necessarily the end. Our Lord gives us the grace and strength to say and do what is right and good, especially when we are facing persecution because of our faith. This persecution may be in the form of ridicule or even physical violence. Whatever it is, God's grace is infinitely more powerful and yes we may lose face (or even worse) but knowing we are not alone and that God is with us, will get us through our troubles and come out the other side. May your troubles be slight this week and may you be aware of our Lord's constant presence.

Fr Craig

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—

Sunday 2 July. Next week special envelopes will in church foyers for your use should you wish to donate to this.

### THE ROBERTS' RAMBLE

I came across this little story:

*'On our way to church, we asked our grandchild why it is important to be quiet in church. She said, "Because there are people sleeping!"'*

It started a train of thought on the importance of silence. When I was younger, much younger, there were no radios on tractors, or cell phones in our pockets. So walking to school or riding a horse around the sheep was done in silence.

I remember one of my parishioners in Stratford telling me how the silence that accompanied much of his work enabled him to spend work time in prayer and thought. I remember too the quiet, thoughtful wisdom of my farming friends fathers.

We know that prayer is important, in fact essential to our daily life. One bishop noted after lengthy thought when asked why he prayed, said, "Because when I don't good things stop happening".

The prophet Elijah hears "the still small voice of God" after the massacre of the prophets of Baal when Queen Jezebel wants to kill him in retribution. [1 Kings 19: 11-13] We will hear this "still small voice" not only in the readings of Mass but in the silence which follows. Similarly we will hear him in the silence of our hearts when at prayer. And we will be refreshed and ready for his work.

Please don't forget to pray for refugees and exiles, especially, at the request of Caritas, for the Rohingya people of Myanmar (Burma).

God keep you safe

Father John

### Died Recently

Johanna Spittal, Lucy Kendrick, Jim Martin, Ria Koning, Carmel Carter, Agnes Culver, Francizek Gorzalek, Anne Campbell

### Anniversaries

Dawn Heap, Molly Cleary, Julie O'Leary, Bill Phillips, Una Phillips, Catherine Bidwell, Andrea Channings, Kath Stockman

*Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord*

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### What Gives You Energy & Purpose to Your Life with

#### Cullinane College Students

Come and listen to the inspiring words of a small group of Cullinane College Students sharing what & who gives them direction in life.

Thursday 29 June, 7 – 9pm, Koha

#### Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Three 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 3 July, 10am – 2.30pm, Koha

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

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#### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Angela Aspinall's team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

**HOSPITAL / REST HOMES**—If family members are admitted to hospital or a rest homes please contact the Parish Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken to them.



We had an fantastic night at our first Parish Senior Youth Group night for Life Teen Whanganui. The 14 young people had fun playing a range of games including navigating a obstacle course to collect chocolate.

They learnt that it's easier to recognise the voice of God in your life and let Him give you direction amongst so much distraction if you become familiar with the way He speaks.

Looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday again for youth group! 6.30-8.30 | Saint Mary's Church Hall | for years 9-13

## 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

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!

Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu – National Volunteer Week honours the collective energies and mana of volunteers in Aotearoa.

Within our parish we have many people who give up their time to provide ministries in the parish and do volunteer work in the wider community.

Thank you for all your service!

<https://nationalvolunteerweek.nz/>

**Lord, We thank You  
for the volunteers who  
selflessly serve,  
shining Your light  
through acts of love  
and care. Amen.**



He wā pīataata  
Time to shine

## 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 St Mary's Hall

Junior Year 7-9 at Cullinane College. Check FB and newsletter for dates and times.

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

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