



# 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)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 27th March

9:00am Communion Service  
Holy Family

#### Tuesday 28th March

10:00am Mass Holy Family  
11:30am Mass St Anne's  
7.00pm **Reconciliation Rite II**  
St Mary's

#### Wednesday 29th March

5:30pm Mass St Mary's  
6-7pm Adoration St Mary's  
6.00pm **Opening up The Letter**  
St Mary's

#### Thursday 30th March

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 31st March

11.20am Reconciliation  
St Mary's  
12.05pm Mass St Mary's  
5.30pm **Stations of the Cross**  
St Anne's

#### Saturday 1st April

9:30am Mass St Anne's  
5.30pm Mass Holy Family

#### Sunday 2nd April

9.30am Mass St Mary's  
12.00am Mass Kaiwhaiki  
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday 4th April

12.00pm Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
Palmerston North

**Sunday Readings:** Eze: 37.12-14; Rom: 8.8-11; Jn: 11.1-45  
**Next Week:** Isa: 50.4-7; Phil: 2.6-11; Mt: 26.14-27.66

**CRAIG'S CORNER** Congratulations and thank you, to everyone who organised, and contributed to last weekend's Garage Sale in support of parishes and schools in our diocese, affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. This was more than just a good fundraiser; it was a great community building exercise, and the sausages and scones were the best! We are currently in the process of employing a Youth Minister and this person who will be named soon will work both in the parish and Cullinane College. Please watch this space. Holy Week is a week away and this is always a highlight in our church year. Please make space for our Lord and make the most of all the liturgies on offer. In our final sprint towards Easter, we will celebrate a ceremony of healing, also known as the sacrament of Reconciliation (formerly known as Confession). I encourage you to make use of this opportunity to encounter Christ in this sacrament of healing on Tuesday evening – details to your left. After discussions with both the people at Holy Family and Fr John, we agree that this community will celebrate a Communion Service on Mondays, allowing John and I to have Mondays off work. Thank you to those who will help lead these services. My pattern of diocesan work has changed and, apart from the endless phone calls and emails, I am now limiting my time in Palmerston North to Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday's. Thank you to everyone who is understanding of my situation. I'm very grateful. Please pray for a good bishop, and soon! Lastly, Cardinal John came through his surgery well and is expected to make a good and full recovery. He is grateful for your prayers. All the best for this week ahead. Fr Craig

**MASS OF THE OILS** | Tuesday 4 April 2023  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North at 12noon For the first time in a number of years, we are now able to celebrate the Mass of Oils in a 'normal' way together with all the parishes from around our Diocese. We ask that you advertise and encourage your schools and parish families to attend this Mass.

**Easter Mass Times**  
Are available on Church noticeboards, Facebook and webpage for Easter times.



Dear fellow disciple of Christ, Pope Francis has created a compelling video which affects every one of us. It's called "The Letter - a Message for our Earth" and it's all about our home. You can find the link to the video here <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/> We encourage you to watch it and then attend a presentation by Mary Eastham and Mary Nash here in Whanganui

**Opening up "The Letter"**  
**St Mary's Church – One Campbell St**  
**6.00 - 8.00pm Wednesday 29 March**  
There will be a break for light shared meal. Please bring along some finger food to share. Our planet is changing, and our lives are being affected. We encourage you to deepen your Lenten journey by getting involved. RSVP to the office by Monday 27th March please.  
Fr Craig Butler Sr Liz Hickey  
Parish Priest Sisters of St Joseph

**THANK YOU** -"I am grateful to all those who have offered prayers and good wishes for my recent eye operation. Thank you so very much. I seem to be recovering well and look forward to getting back to work soon". With my prayers for you all,  
Father John

### Died Recently

Philippa Campbell, Margaret Te Arararoa Robinson, Alan Cameron, Fr (Dom) Dominic Heslin, Thomas Tamayo, Steve Rayner, Jo Donovan, Priscilla Mitchell, Patrick O'Regan

### Anniversaries

Barbara Fahy, Pat Benseman, Robbie Gembitsky, Thomas Sullivan & Ella Sullivan, Gordon & Anne Wham, Kathryn Haddock, Timothy Morahan, Steve Morahan, Fr Des Levins

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

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

### Wander to Wonder

You're invited to join us on a contemplative Walk in the peaceful setting of Roto Mokoia Westmere Lake. **Bring:** water, sturdy shoes, an extra layer, walking poles (opt.) some lunch items to share together. Meet at the lake.

Monday 27 March, 10am – 12.30pm, koha

### Caritas Lenten Sharing Group I am the Light of the World.

with Liz Hickey rsj & Pam Hopper

Wednesday 29 March, 2 – 3.30pm

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

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

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

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

**HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH**—The summer roster team for next week is the Juliet Koji's team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK**—feet washing x 12, Eucharistic Ministers, Data projector, collectors and offertory. If you are able to help please contact the office. Thank you :)

**CHOIR SINGERS**—Practice sessions will be held at St.Mary's Church on Wed 29th March at 7pm & Sunday 2nd April at 3pm.

**CYCLONE GABRIELLE GARAGE SALE**—In praise to the people of the Catholic Parish of Whanganui for supporting the quick fire garage sale last Saturday for those who've lost so much as a consequence to Cyclone Gabrielle. \$2,940.90 was raised and banked into the Palmerston North Diocesan cyclone appeal fund last Monday. This figure will increase since some items donated went on trade me. Thank You!

### Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

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Thank you very much for your support of the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2023 towards the work of Caritas in delivering aid and development and advocating for justice around the world. This link is a link to a short promotional video by three of our Catholic Bishops. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REWqca-ZgTc>



### Our Lady Queen of Peace

We call on Mary's Intercession for the people of Ukraine and lasting peace.

### 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.

#### 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

Watch this space

#### 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

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#### Parish Care & Concern Network

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#### Prison Chaplain

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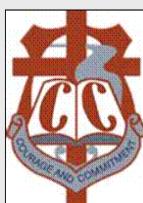
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