



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)

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

26th November 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 27th November

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 28th November

9.00am C/S Holy Family

12.05pm C/S St Mary's

Wednesday 29th November

12.05pm **Anointing Mass**
St Mary's

Thursday 30th November

9.00am Mass St Anne's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 1st December

10.00am Mass St Joseph's

11.20am Rite I St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 2nd December

9.00am Spring Cleaning in all the Churches

9.00am Rite I St Anne's

9.30am Mass St Anne's

5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 3rd December

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

10 Dec Parish Annual Meeting
11.00am St Mary's Church

13 Dec Advent Reconciliation
Rite II 7.00pm

Sunday Readings: Exe: 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15.20-26,28; Mt: 25.31-46

Next Week: Isa: 63.16b-17, 64.1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1.3-9; Mk: 13.31-37



CHRIST THE KING

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25.35-37

We have heard these words so often that they seem ordinary, even though they are the most revolutionary claims about the human condition that have ever been made. In all the ways that God has been revealed to high human consciousness, there has been one abiding theme: the dignity and value of the human person. The ancient Chinese may have been among the first to formulate it: *never do to others what you would not have done to yourself*. Ancient Babylonian law commanded that we show good will to others. The mighty Egyptians were told, *"Terrorize not a human."* Buddha reached enlightenment, only when he embarked on the life of compassion for others. And Jewish faith (parent of both Christianity and Islam) revealed the source of the truth: "Male and female God created them; in God's own image were they created."

In human history, entire tribes of indigenous peoples disappeared in North and South America, sacrificed to idols of gold. Jews were banished or forcibly converted long before the Holocaust. Religious wars were launched in the name of God. Children have been traded or killed. To such a bleak history, the Lord of history has spoken: "As often as you have done this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me." The starving, the unwanted old and unborn, the criminal, the enemy - *the least* - are Christ!

Today's parable of the end times is a judgment on the world. All killing is sacrilege. All wars are unholy. Any "choice" to kill a human being is an ungodly act. Our Sacred Scriptures are not a program for political or social action, or a self-help book. They are rather, a story of the mystery of salvation. What if, in our thinking and our praying about scripture, we accepted it as if it were real? What if we acted as though the Word of God is actually

true on all levels of our lives - true for all people, for all nations, for all politics and economies; true for our relationships with each other; true for each of us in our hearts minds; true of God? Our world would be instantly transformed for the better.

If you and I accept, with all our mind and will, the promise of God's Word, perhaps then we shall fully understand the words of Paul: "Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death." John Kavanaugh, SJ



CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who made their First Communion on Sunday the 12th of November.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—will be held on Sunday 10th December at 11am at St Marys Church

ANOINTING MASS—Wednesday 29th November at 12.05pm at St Marys Church

SPRING CLEANING—for all 3 churches.

Saturday 2nd December at 9am.

Please bring rags cleaning products and scones. :)
St Annes Church spring cleaning will start after 9.00am Mass.

Died Recently

Patrick & June Todd, Joyce Cummings, John Roache, Yuko Irving, Christopher Kendall, Margaret Walsh, Sr Francesca Bourke, Trevor Barnes, Fr Paul Shannahan SM

Anniversaries

George Janes, Augustus Hoeflich, Blair Gleeson, Eileen Hoskin, Glenn Quayle

DON'T MISS OUT.....

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—are now available at the office. \$15.00 each.

AND....

SUNDAY MISSALS— are now available from the office \$16.00 each

ADVENT | NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE—The First Sunday in Advent is 3 December. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The summer roster for next week is Jenny Pitt's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 3 December 2023
The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.
Mons Brian Walsh Chairperson
Clergy Trust Fund
Diocese of Palmerston North

ST MARCELLIN SCHOOL CAROLS AND FAMILY PICNIC— You are invited to Carols and picnic on the lawn at St Marcellin School. When: Tuesday 5th December at 5.00pm. Bring along a picnic and your singing voice.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT?
Join us each Thursday morning (7-8am) for Scripture Reflection and lively discussion ☐
St Mary's church. All welcome. Coffee provided ☐.
Contact Kate Lynch 027 2430430 or Helen Dougherty 027 4136273

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE
www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz;
www.catholicenquiry.nz

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

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

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AOTEAROA 2024

Life Teen Summer Camp is a national Catholic camp for teens. It's held between 16th-20th of January in Cambridge. 5 day of epic fun, faith, inspiring speakers, praise and worship, sports, messy games, team building and so much more!! If you are a teen or know a teen who would be interested in attending this please get in touch with Rain on 0212560608 or email youth.cpow@gmail.com

SPONSOR A TEEN TO ATTEND CAMP

Life Teen Summer Camp costs \$250 for a teen to attend which is a barrier for some families especially when more than one teen from the same family is attending. We're inviting the wider parish community to support our young people by sponsoring or part sponsoring a young person to attend. Sponsorship forms will be available in the Church foyer with more details.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4

DID YOU KNOW? ROSARY—is held every Friday at 11.10am at St Marys Church. All are most welcome to come and join in.

MARIST RUGBY AGM
Monday 4 December 7pm at 25 Hatrick St. All are most welcome.

MASS FOR LIFE.—on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE.— Sat 2 Dec at 1pm— Civic Square Wellington.

FOR SALE—copies of Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane's engagingly insightful autobiography, called **Knowing my Place** at \$20 each. Please phone Sue Seconi on landline 3437384 to buy one or copies are available at the office.

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE
14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3
www.marymackillop.org.nz
Meri Kirihimete – Christmas Liturgy
(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)
Sun 17 December, 4 -5pm

Tui Motu Group
Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed.
Wed 20 December, 4 -5.15pm with Liz Hickey rsj
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3
Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE—The Holy Family Conference of St Vincent de Paul Wanganui will be selling its Christmas Raffle before and after every Mass on the following dates:- Sat 11/Sun 12 Nov Sat 18/Sun 19 Nov Sat 25/Sun 26 Nov Sat 2/ Sun 3 Dec Tickets :-\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets Raffle drawn on Monday 4 Dec. Results will be in the Newsletter 9/10 Dec. There are some great prizes as usual.

BISHOP JOHN ADAM'S PRAYER CARDS— Commemorating his ordination. As we have limited supply-if you would like a prayer card they are available at the office.

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