



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)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th August 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 28th August

9:00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 29th August

10:00am Mass Holy Family
12:05am Mass St Mary's

Wednesday 30th August

11.30am Mass St Anne's
12.05am Mass St Mary's

Thursday 31st August

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 1st September

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

Saturday 2nd September

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

Sunday 3rd September

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

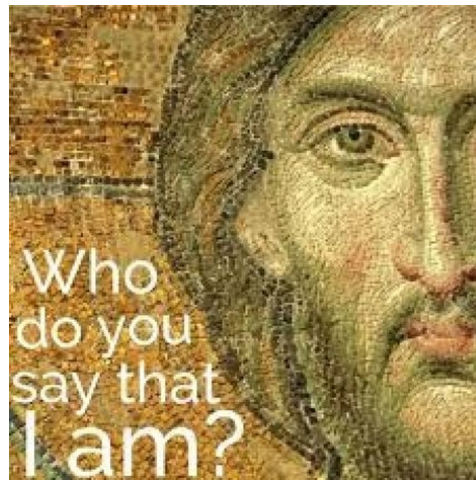
First Reconciliation Programme
Held at St Mary's Church
7pm Tues 29 Aug Session 3

September

11am Wed 30 Sept
Episcopal Ordination & Installation of
Fr John Adams
Held at The Cathedral of the Holy
Spirit, Palmerston North

Sunday Readings: Isa: 22.15,19-23; Rom: 11.33-36; Mt: 16:13-20

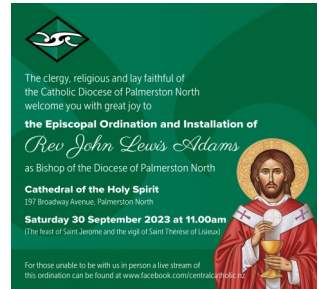
Next Week: Jer: 20.7-9; Rom: 12.1-2; Mt: 16:21-27



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? After making an impact on the communities he had visited, Jesus asked his disciples: Who do people say that I am? This was an easy question for them to answer but his far more searching question to them was, *but what about you! Who do you say that I am?* Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit replied, "You are the Christ - the Son of the living God". Jesus knew that Peter could not come up with this on his own, that it had to have been inspired by God. The fact that Peter opened his mouth and said those words points to his growing faith. You've got to love him! Jesus' question to those first disciples is also intended for us. When faced with this question, I think of Jesus as the visible presence of God in our world. No one can know God in God's entirety, but we can glimpse him in and through the person of Jesus, who is God. With what we know about him, we can no longer say we haven't seen God or heard his voice. Together with the Holy Spirit who inspires us from within, our sacred scriptures, our living tradition and the teaching of the church, we have enough knowledge and experience to love God and love others, as he loves us. If you cannot say this, please talk to me about it. I need to grow in my faith and understanding and I'm happy to walk with you on your journey. Speaking of journeys, almost 30 children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Every year our parish works with the children and their parents to learn about God's love and mercy. I always consider this a graced time, particularly for the parents who are relearning about our faith in an adult way. In earlier times, Reconciliation or Confession as it was known, was

a fearful thing to be avoided unless you absolutely had to. Thankfully we live in a time in which the loving mercy of God is emphasised and celebrated. We will be celebrating this sacrament on Thursday 7th September. Please pray for these children and their parents, that what they learn will help carry them throughout the rest of their lives and bring them peace. Like the Father in Luke's gospel story of the Prodigal Son I would like to celebrate after the sacrament with something festive. (but not over the top) If you would like to help with this, please contact Jo in the office.

Fr Craig



MĀORI EDUCATION COLLECTION -Sunday 27 August - This annual collection has growing support. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer of each church. Please include your name on the envelope should you require a receipt

Died Recently

Thelma McCoy, Jane van Delden, Merle Manson,
Ray Osbrone

Anniversaries

Joan Kane, Olive Symes, Georgina Mahi, Margot Gresham, Margaret Haddock, Ivan Haddock, George Hoskin, Brian Alexander, Lorraine Hartley, Les Foley, Ian Matheson, Doug Ahern, Joyce Rothery, Kim Richardson, Eileen & Michael Hickey, Noeline Haddock

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

Waiata, Kōrero and Karakia

Join us for a morning of learning Te Reo for **Maori Language Week 2023**.

Monday 11 September, 9.30am – 12pm

with Maramapai Simon & Lynaire Simon

Community Liturgy – We're in this together

Sunday 17 September, 4 – 5pm

Tui Motu Group

This group meets every third Wednesday of the month where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed.

Wednesday 20 September, 4 – 5.15pm

with Liz Hickey rsj

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

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

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Laurie Team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

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

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

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen

Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023. .

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a continuation of the graces you receive at Baptism. When you receive the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

How to register: Please pick up a form from the Parish office, from your School, or email

youth.cpow@gmail.com to be sent a copy. This

needs to be returned to the Parish office, your school or emailed back to youth.cpow@gmail.com

Dates: The sessions are held weekly from Monday the 11th of September 7-8.30pm

Confirmation Mass will be 9.30am on October

29th and will be celebrated by our new Bishop!

How exciting.

You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends.

Honestly you won't regret signing up!



MERLE MANSON—On Friday afternoon we said farewell to Merle Manson and commended her into the hands of God, her beloved Father. In October 2022 Merle was awarded the Benemerenti Medal. The citation told us it was “awarded to Merle in recognition of her services to the Church, Catholic Education and the Society of St Vincent de Paul”.

At her funeral the medal was placed on her coffin, and the Certificate. The certificates of long service to St Vincent de Paul, and education in the Diocese were displayed nearby.

Many students at St Marcellin School remember Merle for the wonderful service she gave to the students for some 37 years. The school attended her Funeral Mass. In recognition of her long service the Diocese awarded a Certificate of Recognition in December 2019.

May she, a beloved and faithful servant of the Lord, rest in well-deserved peace.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE—

would like to thank all parishioners who supported our Fathers' Day Raffle.

Tickets sold very quickly and we now have two winners.

1st Prize : Kathleen Orsborn No 31

2nd Prize:,Dennis Price No 77

Look out for our wonderful Christmas Raffle in

late November. We are desperately short of menswear for the shop and would welcome any drop offs.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Where: The Josephite Retreat 14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui. **When:** Sunday 27 August 2pm – 3.30pm ending with 'a cuppa'.

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 1.30pm 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.

Parish Priest

Fr Craig Butler

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Fr John Roberts

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Parish Secretary—Office hours:

8:30am-3pm

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info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz

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Parish Care & Concern Network

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Norma O'Connor

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Prison Chaplain

Sean Ryan

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