



# 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)

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year I

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 3rd July

9:00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 4th July

10:00am Mass Holy Family  
11:30am Mass St Anne's

#### Wednesday 5th July

5:30pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 6th July

12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Friday 7th July

11:20am Rite I St Mary's  
12:05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Saturday 8th July

9:00am Rite I St Anne's  
9:30am Mass St Anne's  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Holy Family

#### Sunday 9th July

9:30am Mass St Mary's  
5:30pm Mass St Anne's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday 2 July

11:00am Refresher Course for  
Communion Ministers at St Marys  
Church

#### August

First Reconciliation

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

**Next Week:** Zec: 9.9-10; Rom: 8.9,11-13; Mt: 11.25-30



Last week, Pope Francis chose Fr John Adams to be our new bishop. This good news has been a long time coming. After waiting for four years, our prayers have been answered. Thank God. Bishop-Elect John will be the third bishop of our diocese. We've had two bishops who've had responsibility for our diocese, Bishop Peter and Bishop Charles. We have also been blessed by the work of Bishop Owen Dolan who, although appointed Coadjutor (with right of succession) was never made the bishop of our diocese because he retired before Bishop Peter. Bishop-Elect John's appointment has been received with joy throughout the diocese and I was heartened by John's own comments:

*"I was initially surprised but then joyful to hear, just over a week ago, about the invitation to become the next Catholic Bishop of Palmerston North. Whilst I am saddened that my very happy and fulfilled days in the Diocese of Christchurch will soon come to an end, I have experienced God's providence in my life enough to know that the power of his grace is not limited by location. Surely, we now live in a time that urgently needs to hear the 'good news' of the Gospel. To the people of the Palmerston North diocese, I want to say that my prayers for you have already begun, and I am looking forward to living and sharing with you that same 'good news'."*

Please pray for our bishop-elect John, as he comes to terms with the huge responsibility involved in his new role and the ordination itself which looks like it will probably be in September this year. Because of this I will continue in my role for the time being as Local Administrator.  
Fr Craig

For more information:

<https://pndiocese.org.nz/> <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/bishop-elect-john-adams/>

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—

Sunday 2 July. Special envelopes are in church foyers. Alternatively put into an envelope marked Peters Pence.

#### Peter's Pence Collection

*"The Church is us all! All those who follow the Lord Jesus and who, in his name, come close to the least and the suffering, seeking to offer a little relief, comfort and peace - (Pope Francis)*

Peter's Pence is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: it expresses the sense of belonging to the Church, and love and trust in the Holy Father. It is a concrete sign of communion with him, as Peter's Successor, and also of solidarity with the most needy, for whom the Pope always cares.

With your donation, you support the Pope's mission, which embraces the whole world: from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, fraternity among peoples and charitable works in aid of people and entire populations, thanks also to the activities of service carried out by the Holy See every day.

By contributing to **Peter's Pence**, we can all together support **the Pope's mission** through the activities of the Holy See and the initiatives of solidarity in favor of the most needy.

If you are not on Planned Giving, you can make your donation in an envelope marked Peter's Pence and place in the collection basket.

*"Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world" (Pope Francis).*

### Died Recently

Anne Butler, Josie Guthrie, Prudence Haddock,  
Barry Nichols (Auckland)

### Anniversaries

Marion O'Neill, Thelma Campbell, Marie Laskey,  
Michael Coleman, Barbara Griffin, Marion  
Dorgan, Trevor Connors, Annemarie Connors,  
Gail Sewart, Annie Haddock

*Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord*

## THE ROBERTS' RAMBLE

During the week Facebook threw up some quotations from St Jose Maria Escriva. Some I found helpful: "Action is worthless without prayer. Prayer is worth more with sacrifice."

"To reform every day a little; this has to be your constant task if you really want to become a saint." Followed by "Do you really want to be a saint? Carry out each little duty of each moment, do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing."

It sounds a little like the little Way of St Theresa of Lisieux. It is a counsel of perfection for us in our lives. For most of us it is the way to heaven, therefore to become a saint. Courage is found in the little things of daily life, the services we give each other at home, forgiveness after an argument, accepting forgiveness gracefully; the little extra act for another, thanks offered for the little extra thing done; and so on. A smile and a greeting while on a walk or entering the Church for Mass and such like. It reminds me of the poem by George Herbert, an Anglican country parson and mystic:

*Teach me, my God and King, In thee all things to see. To sweep a room as for thy sake, Makes that and the action fine.*

His acceptance of the ordinary daily grind of being a country parson brought out the best in his parishioners and led them ever closer to God. It will lead us closer to God and to each other, deepening our love and service for our fellow parishioners. In these little things of daily life we will find ourselves growing in holiness, becoming saints. With my prayers for you all, Father John.

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3  
[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### 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

### DVD Evening – Penguin Bloom

Based on a true story, a family takes in an injured Magpie that makes a profound difference in their lives.

Wednesday 12 July, 6.30pm, Koha

### Community Liturgy – Changes and all that they bring.

Sunday 16 July, 4 – 5pm  
Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3  
Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

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

### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Liz Hickey's team.

Further information contact Maureen  
027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

### 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

## HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER

**SCHOOL—** Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Ngā Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/23! Registrations open July 2nd at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](http://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

**CONGRATULATIONS—**to Hayden Barnes and Liva Tunai who were married at St Mary's Church on Saturday 24th March. We wish you all the best for your future together.

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

Contact Kate Lynch 0272343430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

## HE ORANGA TAURIKURA – A THRIVING LIFE | CARITAS APPEAL—

Join Caritas' mission to support 'thriving lives' across the Asia-Pacific region. This programme focuses on fostering food and water security, climate-change adaptation, and empowering women in leadership. A small donation can make a lasting impact, and our partnership with the NZ Aid Programme will see your donation multiplied, seeing a gift of \$50 become \$200. Visit [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.

## 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 Sundays 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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8:30am-3pm  
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### RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore  
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### Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

### Hospital Chaplain

Norma O'Connor  
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### Prison Chaplain

Sean Ryan  
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### St Marcellin School

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### St Anne's School

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