

Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Te Părihi 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)



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings: Acts: 2.14a, 36b-41: 1 Pet: 2.20b-25; Jn: 10.1-10

Next Week: Acts: 6.1-7; 1 Pet: 2.4-9; Jn: 14.1-12

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 1st May

9:00am Communion Service Holy Family

Tuesday 2nd May

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

Wednesday 3rd May

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 4th May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 5th May

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

Saturday 6th May

9.00am Reconciliation St Anne's9.30am Mass St Anne's5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass Holy Family

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Children's Mass St Mary's11.00am Mass Kaiwhaiki5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7th May 9.30am Childrens Mass St Mary's

6-20 June Church Life Survey

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray for our priests and religious who have chosen to follow Christ and share in his work of bringing the Good News to the poor and all who seek the truth. Please also pray that more young men and women will hear the same call to follow him and respond with generosity.

Craig's Corner The days of lots of priests here in Whanganui are behind us. Three years ago we were blessed with three priests in the city. Right now, we have two priests who have multiple commitments between them. After four years without a bishop, my diocesan work continues, taking me away from the parish two days a week. Most weeks, I celebrate Mass on Tuesday morning before heading to Palmy, returning home on Wednesday evening. There are some variations to this, including this month, where I will be at the Bishop's Conference in Auckland for four days. I'm particularly grateful to Norma O'Connor and Fr John for their dedication to hospital ministry, caring for our sick. The other good news is Rain Forest, our new Youth Minister will be commissioned at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14 May. In the light of our current situation, I have some suggestions which I would like you to consider. Currently the weekday Mass schedule is a bit all over the place. For the sake of consistency, I suggest we consider the following weekday Mass schedule:

St Mary's at 12.05pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Holy Family at 9.30am on Tuesday St Anne's 9.30am on Wednesday Cullinane College at 10.00am on Friday

This is a proposal for your consideration.

Please pass on your feedback by email or writing.

Also, numbers attending Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a Wednesday evening, have decreased significantly. Given that it's now dark at 6.00pm and it's right on tea time, I suggest we have Exposition only on Friday mornings. Again, please let me know what you think. Fr Craig

LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS As you know, last year the government lifted all restrictions except in certain circumstances. The church has taken a cautious approach to looking after people and have maintained this approach up until recently. As from Easter we have been invited to lift all our restrictions including the shaking of hands during the sign of peace and receiving the Precious Blood. Some people will not want to shake hands and I encourage you to respect their wish and greet them with a warm smile and word of peace. When it comes to receiving from the chalice, please respect others by not receiving if you are unwell, have a cold etc. This applies especially to Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for caring for one another. Fr Craig

Seminarian Appeal 30 April 2023

We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. At the moment, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan, who returned from Vietnam last year and is at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand last year to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray and work for more candidates.

Died Recently

Dionisia Wilson (Dee) Susan Frykberg, Fr Michael Lloyd

Anniversaries

Delia Moriarty, Peter Potaka-Osborne, Marie Carroll, Claire Hoare, Paul Alexander, Peter Vine, Joyce Burrell, Shane Gallagher, Marlene Phillips Sr Damian RSJ, Mary Gudsell, Norah Baron

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3 www.marymackillop.org.nz

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Five 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 1 May, 10am - 2.30pm, Koha Retreat in Daily Life: Encountering God in a

Distracted World - Looking Ahead With Hope. A 25 day Retreat, meeting each week on a Monday and the rest done at home. The first night is an introductory night. with Juliet Kojis and Murray Adams

Monday 1 May, 7 – 8.30pm, \$25 for 5 nights or Koha

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4 NZCatholic

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

RECEIPTS— are now available in the St Marys' Church foyer.

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Raewyn Hoskin's team.

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

JOIN THE CARITAS TEAM!

We are looking to expand our team! This is an exciting opportunity to work within a Catholic organisation, that's committed to the mission of the church. These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable. Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way. At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on Caritas@caritas.org.nz or see the link below for more information. https:// www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us

WHANGANUI MARIST RUGBY

CLUB—Sponsors and Old Timers Day Saturday 6th May after 12.00pm. Finger food provided. All are most welcome Tour to the Holy Land.



TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND—Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a 12 day tour to some of the most important Christian and historical sites in Israel and Jordon, beginning in Amman on April 9 and concluding in Jerusalem on April 20th 2024. During this amazing tour you will enjoy comfortable accommodation, great food, as well as experiencing the rich cultural and religious history of this region.

For full itinerary and details please contact Peter Fleming at Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at: www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz Ph. 0800 356728.

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

St Marcellin School

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St Mary's School

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St Anne's School

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Cullinane College

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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

Mondays 7:30pm-9pm Zoom meeting & Tuesdays 10:00am-Noon. St Marys' Meeting

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

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

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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Jo Boult 06 345 3872 info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz www.catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz

Parish Secretary—Office hours: 8:30am-3pm

RCIA Parish Catechist

Tony Hore

thecoot1944@gmail.com

Parish Care & Concern Network Contact Parish Office

Hospital Chaplain Norma O'Connor 027 233 4557

Prison Chaplain Sean Rvan 06 349 6887