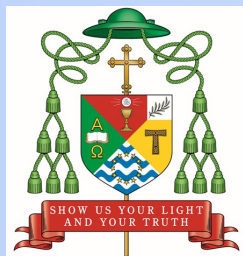


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

31st March 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 1st April March

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 2nd April

9.30am Mass Holy Family
12.05am Mass St Mary's

Wednesday 3rd April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 4th April

9.30am Mass St Annes
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 5th April

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

Saturday 6th April

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

Sunday 7th April

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

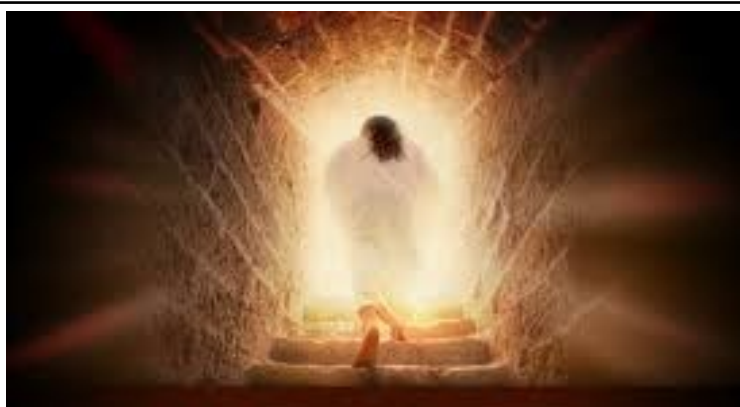
Upcoming Events

25th April
Anzac Day

6th May
Confirmation Session 1

Sunday Readings: Act: 10.34a,36-43; Col: 3.1-4; Jn: 20.1-18

Next Week: Act: 4.32-35; 1 Jn: 5.1-6; Jn: 20.19-31



EASTER IS A RAW REALITY

Victor Hugo, showed just how much he understood Easter when he wrote, in possibly his most famous piece of work, *Les Misérables* "The true division of humanity, is between those who live in light and those who live in darkness."

We love to think of Easter as the feast of dazzling light. We get up on Easter Sunday morning knowing that the sorrow of Good Friday is finally ended, that the pain of the cross has been compensated for by a burst of brilliant victory from the gates of the grave, that Jesus is vindicated, that the faith of the disciples is confirmed for all to see, and that everyone lived happily ever after. Children love fairy tales and they have an important place in literature, but Easter is not one of them.

On the contrary, Easter is raw reality. Easter stands in stark witness, not to the meaning of death, but to the meaning of what it is to go on despite death. To truly celebrate Easter, means to stand in the light of the empty tomb and decide what to do next. Until we come to realize that, we misread the meaning not simply of the Easter gospel but of our own lives. If we don't, we make Easter an historical event rather than a life-changing commitment. We fail to realise that Easter demands as much of us now as it did of the apostles then.

Most of all we miss the very meaning of the Easter, that we are dealing with in our own lives, in our own time.

Easter is the feast that gives meaning to life. After Easter, the tomb stands open for all of us to enter. If Jesus is risen, then you and I have no choice but

to go into the tomb, put on the leftover garments ourselves, and follow Jesus where the poor still cry out for food, where the sick continue to wait in hope and the war-torn homeless stare at us from our TV's. All the faith in the world cannot substitute for leaving the tomb and beginning the journey all over again. Today. Every day. Always.

That's what Easter is really about. It is the "division of humanity" to which Hugo refers in his dramatic rendering of the struggle between light and dark. Yes, Easter is about dazzling light - but only if it shines through us. Adapted from an article by Sr Joan Chittister OSB

Happy Easter This year I chose to give Joan Chittister a voice in our parish, because I think she speaks the truth. Easter is about celebrating Christ's victory over death and the hope and meaning that it give us, but as Joan reminds us it is so much more - hear and now. To everyone who has chosen to walk the journey of Lent and everyone for whom it has been life as usual, we hope you have a blessed Easter and experience the saving power of God. We are blessed with a good community, and we can be so much more. May the light of Christ burn brightly in and through you all ways.

Fr Craig and Fr John

Died Recently

Bernie Gudsell, Bev Sandlant, Virginia Aroha Hina, Howard Wilson, Jack Kaveney, Hinemoa Haami. Zita Fennerty, Beverley Fearn, Beverley Tasker

Anniversaries

Alan Cameron, Priscilla Mitchell, Dionisia Secretaria, Josephine Boland, Kathryn Haddock, Margaret Shaw, Gordon Wham, Fr Des Levins, Tex Whale, John Harrison

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

Six reflective Mondays 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 8 April, 10am – 2.30pm Koha

Tui Motu Group

Where articles from the current Tui Motu magazine are explored and discussed. with Liz Hickey
rsj Wed 17 April, 4 -5.15pm

DVD Evening – Full Time (subtitled)

After finally getting an interview for a job that will help her provide for her family, a woman must contend with a national transit strike.

Wednesday 24 April, 6.30pm

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



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions St Mary's Church Sunday 7th April 3-4pm.

Devotions will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of Image, Divine Mercy Chaplet, concluding with Benediction. Rite I Reconciliation will be available during Adoration.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY 31ST MARCH



NEED EXTRA PRAYER ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for. Christian names only are used, so it is confidential. Please call either Maureen Ph 345 5480 or Barbara Ph 342 5812

THE PRAYER TREE

Details: contact Anne Smith text 021 0488635 with Christian name of person to be prayed for.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email admin@cpow.co.nz to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6th of May 7-8.30pm

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The **SOUP** roster for next week is Marianne Vine's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

UPDATE ON ARCHBISHOP NOVATUS RUGAMBWA

Our Papal Nuncio has arrived in Rome after a smooth journey, following his departure from Wellington on Saturday. He will resume his rehabilitation there following the stroke he suffered in Wellington on 27 October. The bishops thank you all for having and keeping Archbishop Novatus in your prayers. More at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nuncio>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER.

THANK YOU FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—

Thank you for the anonymous donation we received recently. We are extremely grateful. Please accept this as our gratitude for your kindness. :)

PALMERSTON NORTH'S NICK WILSON APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE NZ BISHOPS' COUNCIL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE -Nick Wilson of Palmerston North is the new chair of the bishops' Council for Young People. Nick is the Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader for the Diocese of Palmerston North. He works as the Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Chaplain and is on the Diocesan Leadership Team. A statement about Nick's appointment is attached, as is a photo of Nick. The statement is also online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nwilson-cyp/>

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>. The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, "How can we be a synodal

church in mission?" Find the document at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

Nick Wilson has delivered a video message urging all communities in the Diocese to consider the synodal question ("How can we be a church in mission?") and send in their responses. The cut-off date for this is Friday 5 April. You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/1o5ijXuLjnA>.

Good Friday Collection – 29 March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Holy Places' as reference.

Easter Sunday Special Collection-31 March 2024

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit 020630 0288029 01 your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference. Your support and help is always appreciated!

Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

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06 349 0023

St Mary's School

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault
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06 343 1227

St Anne's School

Principal: Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick
DRS: Jo Gichard.
45 Raine St, Wanganui
06 343 8389

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Principal: Tony McBride
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