



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)

The Most Holy Trinity

4th June 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year I

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 5th June

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 6th June

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

Wednesday 7th June

5.30pm Communion Service
St Mary's

Thursday 8th June

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 9th June

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

Saturday 10th June

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

Sunday 11th June

9.30am Mass St Mary's
(St Mary's School Mass)
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th June

6.30-8.30pm Life Teen Wanganui
(Youth Group for Year 9-13)
St Mary's Hall

6-20 June

Church Life Survey

Sunday Readings: Ex: 34.4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor: 13.11-13; Jn: 3.16-18
Next Week: Deut: 8.2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor: 10.16-17; Jn: 6.51-59

THE ROBERTS' RAMBLE

It's been a funny and confusing week. It was not until Thursday after Mass that I began to have the beginning of an idea for this week's Ramble. As I drove along the Parade I saw a sign board saying:

"Eternal life : Smoking or non-smoking"

Of course I had a giggle and shared it with various people I met around the parish and on my day-long visit to Wellington on Wednesday.

It recalled a comment Pope Francis made recently about looking forward to death. He wants us not only to be ready for our death, whenever that may be, but to us to look forward to that time when God calls us home to be with him for ever. Our Lord, in his farewell discourse in John's Gospel remarks, "I go to prepare a place for you, ... that where I am you may be also". [John 14: 3] He goes willingly to his death, trusting in God's care for him. We know he came back in the resurrection to help us to understand that death changes us, as the preface for christian death puts it, " Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

We carry this trust into the Funeral Mass. The General Introduction to the Order of Christian Funerals tells us, "The Church therefore, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ's Passover for the dead and pours forth prayers and petitions for them. Because of the communion of all Christ's members with each other, all this brings spiritual aid to the dead and the consolation of hope to the living."

One of the most important moments as we approach death is Viaticum, the last Holy Communion. In the rite the dying person is invited to renew his or her baptismal promises and to receive the Apostolic Blessing remitting sins. If the dying person wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, this, too, is a fitting preparation for meeting our Lord and Saviour.

Thinking about these things has been salutary for me for I have had to examine my own attitudes to dying and death. I am learning to look forward to it with greater anticipation and longing - for then I shall see the One I have tried to love all my life as much as he has loved me (and you too!).

With prayers, Father John.

NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RETREAT & SEMINAR

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at

www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz
For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).

Refresher for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers—

Date and time to be advised.
THE LYRIC SINGERS CONCERT will be in the Trinity Methodist Church on Sat. 10th June at 2 pm. Guest artists are Hot Potato Skiffle Band, Appassionata Choral group from Collegiate and Francis Gregory on Tenor Horn. Admission \$20 Adults.

PLEASE LET US KNOW.....If something gets damaged or broken in any of the Churches— can you please let the office or one of the priests know . Thank you

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

Died Recently

Johanna Spittal, Lucy Kendrick, Jim Martin, Ria Koning

Anniversaries

Dawn Heap, Molly Cleary, Julie O'Leary

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

DVD Evening – Temple Grandin

A biopic of Temple Grandin, an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry. Wed 7 June, 6.30pm, Koha

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Four 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 12 June, 10am – 2.30pm, Koha

Community Liturgy – Matariki, Celebrating the Maori new Year.

Sunday 18 June, 4 – 5pm

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 the Jo Smilie's team.

Further information contact Maureen

027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

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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

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

Our new senior Youth Group **LIFE TEEN WHANGANUI** is all set to kick off on Sunday the 18th of June 6.30-8.30pm. If you're Year 9-13 at School this is for you! Youth group will run every week in term time!!

City Mission—Donations needed for spreads (jams etc), Soap, and toothpaste.

Any food will be gratefully accepted.

CULLINANE COLLEGE CHAPEL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF CARE—

Seeking to set up a small committee to do such things as cleaning, polishing cloth cleaning, flowers or minor repairs. If you are able to spare some time to help please contact:

Sonya Judson 021616571 or email:

sjudson@cullinane.school.nz or see Sonya after Mass on Sunday at St Mary's.

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

Watch this space

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St Anne's School

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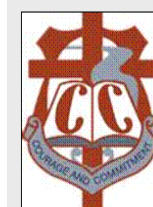
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