



# 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)

## Second Sunday of Advent—Year of St Joseph

5<sup>th</sup> December 2021; Year C / Weekdays Year 2



### MASS TIMES—RED

#### Sunday Masses

##### Whanganui

**Holy Family (HF)**  
4:00pm & 5:30pm Vigil (Sat)

**St Mary's (SM)**  
8:00am & 9:30am

**St Anne's (SA)**  
4:00pm & 5:30pm

Sunday Masses—6 Across the City (2 groups of 25 Limit) Liturgies will be kept simple.  
Weekday Masses as normal

"My Vaccine Pass" is not required for any Mass in the Parish—Number limits apply

##### Kaiwhaiki

11:00am (1<sup>st</sup> Sun)  
No Mass at Level 2

##### Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)

**Rānana (London)**  
12:00pm (4<sup>th</sup> Sun; alternating venue)  
December will be the Christmas Vigil Mass

#### Weekday Masses

Mon	9:00am	HF
Tues	10:00am 11:30am	HF SA
Wed	5:30pm	SM
Thurs	12:05pm	SM
Fri	12:05pm	SM
Sat	9:30am	SA

#### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Wed 6:00pm—7:00pm SM  
Fri 9:00am—11:50am SM  
concluding with Benediction on Fridays

#### RECONCILIATION (Rite I)

Fri 11:20am—11:40am SM  
Sat 9:00am—9:20am SA  
or by appointment

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**Sunday Readings:** Bar: 5.1-9; Phil 1.4-6, 8-11; Lk: 3.1-6

**Next Week:** Zeph: 3.14-18; Phil 4.4-7; Lk: 3.10-18



### Navigating the Traffic Light System

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Friday (3 Dec) we move to the new Government Covid-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights). As a Parish we have had to change what we are doing to be in line with government requirements. Therefore, after much consultation and agreement, we will simply operate all our Parish Masses with limits, hence, **not requiring a vaccine pass**. This will prevent dividing our parish and also support safety as limited gatherings are prudent during pandemic times. It is also important to remember that people should only do that which they feel safe doing, knowing that there is no Sunday Mass obligation at this time.

At "Red" we are limited to 25 people in each designated area, therefore, we will have two areas available for each Mass (church and foyer) able to accommodate 50 people at each Mass, excluding staff/musicians/readers, etc.



Could I please ask some of those who have been attending the St Mary's 9:30am Mass to consider attending either the 8:00am Mass or the 4:00pm St Anne's Mass as both of these have been well under the 50 mark.

**Ushers** – If anyone is willing to assist with this at the St Mary's 9:30am Mass, please turn up at 9am; you will not be counted as part of the numbers attending.

**Sunday Masses** - For Red, Orange and Green, we will continue our present 6 Sunday Masses  
Holy Family - 4:00pm & 5:30pm Vigil (Sat)  
St Mary's - 8:00am & 9:30am  
St Anne's - 4:00pm & 5:30pm

**Funerals** – Families are welcome to have open gatherings or use the Vaccine Pass system to increase numbers which the funeral homes will kindly operate.

Blessings, Fr Vaughan.

**MASKS**—Please consider bringing your own as these are expensive for the Parish to provide.

### Parish Historic Loan

It is with sadness that the Finance Committee wish to inform the Parish that last month we were made aware by the Diocese that we have an additional outstanding historical debt of \$500,000. This debt occurred when the Parish raised a loan for the completion of St Mary's church redevelopment in Oct 2008. This loan was from the Keating Estate for the Waverly Parish. The loan is interest free and due for repayment in Oct 2028. In the interests of transparency, it is important to note that the Parish had no record of this loan, nor was the present Finance Committee aware of its existence as the Diocese was not including this liability on the Parish Balance Sheet. Consequently there has been an unacceptable error in the reporting of our financial position to the Parish each year and the Diocese has now been asked to correct this failure.

It is helpful to know that the Finance Committee requested proof of the loan and upon this request, the Diocese furnished us with the loan agreement and statements demonstrating that the loan was received into the Parish accounts and spent. These documents can be view by parishioners who wish to see them by visiting the Parish office and requesting to do so.

This news will likely come as a shock to many, as it did to us. This is not the kind of news we like to share just before Christmas, but we believe it unwise not to bring this to light now. Please be assured that we are committed to meeting the financial obligations that have been agreed to by previous administrations in good faith, even though mistakes have been made in record keeping, reporting and planning for loan repayment.

Catholic Parish of Whanganui,  
Parish Finance Committee

### Died Recently

Tony Murphy

### Anniversaries

Bernadette Thompson, Glenn Watson

Requiescant in Pace

## JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ex3

### Meri Kirihimete – Christmas Liturgy

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)

Sunday 19 December, 4 – 5pm

[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

## A HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH FOR 2022 -

Parish Exploring Faith Group.

If you would be willing and able to take a turn once every 3 months in helping to provide a soup & bun meal for the homeless accommodated at the Hub (approx 20 people)

Please contact Jo Smillie 027 278 7943 or Pat Garforth 027 491 9637

You would be part of a rostered team of three, each team member providing a large pot of soup (3 litres or more) delivered **cold** with buns to the Koha Shed in Duncan Street) –12 teams of three-a turn once every three months ensuring that the commitment was not too demanding.

## ON SALE

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## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

—are available from the office and will be available at some Masses. \$12.00 each.

**SYNOD**—To contribute you can download the Participant Booklet from the Parish Website

[www.catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz](http://www.catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz)

or collect a hard copy from the Office. All groups, schools or individuals are welcome to meet and make submissions directly to the Diocese for collection and summary by the end of March 2022

<https://tumanako.pndioocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/>

**FOOD FOR FAITH** offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz).

**MARIST RUGBY AGM**—Sunday 12th December 11.00am at the Marist Club Rooms. All are most welcome.

## 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 3455480 or Barbara Ph 3425812

## THE PRAYER TREE

Details: contact Merle Manson Ph 344 7652 after 5.00pm each night.

Christian names only are used.

**HOSPITAL / REST HOMES**—If family members are admitted to hospital or a rest homes please contact the Parish Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken to them.

## PRAYER FOR CONVERSION

Almighty, ever living God; in your infinite goodness you sent your Son Jesus into our world to teach us how to know, love and serve you and to win us unending life; have mercy on your people who live in New Zealand.

Grant to them the precious gift of faith and unite them in the Church founded by your Son that they may love, serve and worship you forever in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (NZCBC)

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**—These will be published next week, but please be aware that we will be professionally streaming the 7pm Vigil (24 Dec) from St Mary's Church on our Parish YouTube Channel. Thank you for your support during these challenging times to stay united.

## St Marcellin School

Principal: Mrs Maia Williams

7a Totara St, Wanganui

06 349 0023

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## St Mary's School

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Mrs Cath Daignault

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06 343 1227

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## St Anne's School

Principal: Mrs Ann-Maree

Manson-Petherick

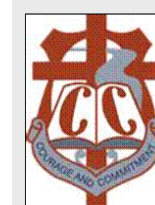
DRS: Mrs Jo Gichard.

45 Raine St, Wanganui

06 343 8389

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## Cullinane College

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06 349 0105

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## PARISH GROUPS

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Whanganui conference of the Society meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at Holy Family Church, Tawhero St, Whanganui, **5.00pm**.

.Enquiries: Marianne Vine

027 422 8170 or Kevin

Foley 06 345 0542.



### 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. All welcome to attend.

### HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays 9:30am. For further information contact Shirley 06 344 6365

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Wednesdays 7-8pm, St Anne's Church Foyer. Contact Sandy Marks via text 027 343 7478.

### 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

### LADIES COFFEE CLUB

Meets Wednesdays 10am at Cooper's Cafe, 53a Wilson St—All welcome

### MAINLY MUSIC

Contact Anne 344 6569

Facebook: [mainlymusicstannes](https://www.facebook.com/mainlymusicstannes)

### CLC (CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY)

Meet every Thursday at 1.00pm -St Mary's Meeting room. Ph 06 343 8031

### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Vaughan Leslie BTheol, MSPsy

027 385 9615

[frvjplesie@yahoo.com](mailto:frvjplesie@yahoo.com)

### Assistant Priest

Rev Fr John Roberts MSJ

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

Mrs Jo Boulton

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### RCIA Parish Catechist

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### Convener of Care & Concern Team

Mrs Jane O'Connell

0273803110

### Hospital Chaplain

Mrs Norma O'Connor

027 233 4557

### Prison Chaplain

Mr Sean Ryan

06 349 6887