



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)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 8th May

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 9th May

10:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

11.30am Mass St Anne's

Wednesday 10th May

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 11th May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 12th May

11.20am Reconciliation St Mary's

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 13th May

9.00am Reconciliation St Anne's

9.30am Mass St Anne's

5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Mass St Mary's

5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st May

6.30-8.30pm Youth Group Info Night
St Mary's Hall

11th 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: Acts: 6.1-7; 1 Pet: 2.4-9; Jn: 14.1-12

Next Week: Acts: 8.5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet: 3.15-18; Jn: 14.15-21

Roberts Ramble

Hospitality

One of the glories of our parishes is the warm welcome we offer to visitors. We know that every person baptised in the Church has a place in the Eucharistic Assembly, regardless of their usual domicile. I feel "at home" at Sunday Mass regardless of the country I am visiting. I did in Singapore, in Rome, in Washington and Chicago, Dublin, Oslo and in many other places. It is one of the joys of our faith.

Several Sundays ago I met a group of Indians who had come to Wanganui to obtain their nursing certificates of practice. Around the same time I met a former Cullinane student who wants to join the Church, and last Sunday a former Massey student working on a local dairy farm.

We treasure our friends and we enjoy chatting with them over coffee or tea and biscuits. And I'm quite sure we make room for those visiting us or joining us even for a few weeks.

Vocations

Last week we thought carefully about the various vocations in the Church. I hope you will continue to pray and work for vocations to the priesthood and contemplative vocations. And don't forget to pray for a bishop. Thank you

Father John.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-28 May 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday this year from 18-28 May.

Resources are prepared each by the World Council of Churches and the Holy See's Dicastery for the Christian Unity. Countries can then adapt them further for their own local situation.

This year's resources include a Service of Worship which for the first time has been adapted for New Zealand by members of the National Dialogue for Christian Unity, which includes the major Christian denominations.

All resources are available online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wopcu2023/>

Damian Dempsey appointed new NZCBC Executive Director

Damian Dempsey has been appointed the new Executive Director of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. Damian, who was a member of the Society of Mary for 25 years, is currently Director of Challenge 2000 in Wellington, where he has led a team of 40 youth, community and social workers. He replaces Siobhan Dilly, who is leaving after four years in the role.

A statement is available online:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/damiandempsey-appointment/>

VOICE FOR LIFE AGM— Friday 19th May

7.15pm at Reformed Church— 39 Gonville Ave.

Followed at 8pm by Dr John McMenamin - First Start. Supporting babies and new mothers.

All are most welcome.

Supper afterwards.

Died Recently

Noel Boyle, Yvonne Maniapoto, Terry Gray,
David McKenzie

Anniversaries

Maurice Kenny, Winston Te Tana, Loma Herring,
Margaret Day, Deidre McBride, Mary Monaghan,
Bill Connors, Bernard Connors, Frances Jones,
David Hartley

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

www.marymackillop.org.nz

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 with Juliet Kojis
Week 2: Monday 8 May, 7–8.30pm, \$25 for 5 nights or Koha

Creative Card Making

Suitable for beginners and regular crafters alike. with Julia Martin

Saturday 13 May, 10am – 12.30pm or 1.30 – 3.30pm \$10 for either session

Dreams: A Resource for Life to the Full

This retreat day gives participants a way to work with their dreams and integrate them into their lived spirituality. with Br Kevin Dobbyn fms

Saturday 20 May, 9.30 – 3.30pm

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3

Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4



PLEASE COLLECT:

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

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

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is the Laurie team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.



WE NEED YOU!

Do you love Christ and Young People? Do you want to see Youth find a place of belonging in the Church? We're looking for some fantastic adults to join our Volunteer Youth Ministry team!! Come along to an info night Sunday the 21st of May 6.30-8.30 to find out more.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

Our new senior Youth Group **LIFE TEEN WHANGANUI** is all set to kick off on Sunday the 11th 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!!

DIOCESAN TŪMANAKO UPDATE

The latest edition of our monthly email newsletter, Tūmanako, was published this week and focuses on National Vocations Awareness Week. Head to <http://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/> for all the latest articles and resources or make sure to sign up to receive the next edition straight to your inbox: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/signup>



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	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.
MEN'S FAITH-SHARING Fridays 7:00am. For further information and venue contact Peter 06 342 5812	LADIES COFFEE CLUB Meets Wednesdays at 10.00am at Mitre 10 Cafe. All welcome
LEGION OF MARY Meets Tuesdays 4pm at Holy Family Church. Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170	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 Mary's School
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St Anne's School
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Parish Care & Concern Network

Contact Parish Office

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