



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)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

9-13 Oct National Assembly of Priests

Monday 9th October

9:00am C/S Holy Family
7:00pm Confirmation Session 4
St Marys

Tuesday 10th October

12.05am C/S St Mary's

Wednesday 11th October

12.05am C/S St Mary's

Thursday 12th October

12.05pm C/S St Mary's

Friday 13th October

10.00am C/S St Joseph's
12.05pm C/S St Mary's

Saturday 14th October

9.00am Rite 1 St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's
5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 15th October

9.30am Mass St Mary's
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

17 Oct First Communion Session1
7pm St Marys Church
29 Oct Confirmation Mass
9.30am St Marys Church

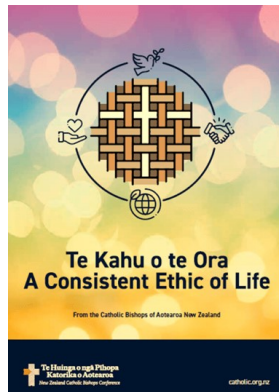
November

12 Nov First Communion Mass
9.30am St Marys Church

Sunday Readings: Isa: 5.1-7; Phil: 4.6-9; Mt: 21: 33-43

Next Week: Isa: 25.6-10a; Phil: 4.10-14, 19-20; Mt: 22: 1-14

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY



A gardener was proudly showing a visitor around her garden. Towards the end of the tour the visitor commented on the wonderful creative work of God. The gardener quickly responded that God had nothing to do with it since, stating "you should have seen it before I came along and God was looking after it on his own!" This is an insightful story. Why? Because God is asking us to work with him to continue the work of creation. Therefore the decisions we make today need to be in harmony with the architect of creation and his intention for our earth and for ourselves.

There was a time when virtually every New Zealander worked with the soil, planting, tending and harvesting to provide food for family or produce for sale. Gardening for food and for beauty (think of a flower garden) was understood to be a necessary part of a healthy human life, ensuring awareness of, and teaching us about, the seasonal cycles of life, and the importance of recycling garden and household waste into nutrients for the following season's food. Someone who works with the soil, understands the fundamental pattern of all life, birth, growth, labour, patient waiting, harvest, death... in other words the seasonal cycle, spring, summer, autumn and winter. A gardener understands the interconnectedness of all that is living. The scriptures speak to the interconnectedness of all life. From the opening verses of Genesis and through every Bible chapter, it is evident that the creative activity of God was not a simply a series of events which reached its climax in the creation of human beings, but an ongoing reality in which we are encouraged to participate.

Our Catholic bishops have just updated their earlier document - *A Consistent Ethic of Life*. This is a

significant piece of work which inspires the active protection and promotion of all life. While many Catholics may think that our Catholic-Christian vocation to defend life applies primarily or only to the beginning and end of human life issues, this statement takes a broader and more integrated approach, based firstly on the goodness of all creation and secondly on the interconnectedness of all things. This Support Life Sunday invites us to view life from God's perspective, understanding the entire work of divine creation as a consistent whole and recognising we are all collaborators in the divine process of creation. Please take time to read this document. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>

As you know we are in the middle of elections and our bishops have prepared a statement inviting us to take into consideration when voting. To be clear, it does not tell you or me how to vote but what to take into account. Again, please take the time to read this statement before choosing who will represent us here in our beautiful country. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC-Election2023>

WEEKDAY MASSES

As from the week beginning the 16th of October we are trialling a new Weekday Mass Schedule including the following:

Holy Family Church on Tuesdays at 9.00am

St Anne's Church on a Thursday at 9.00am

Please keep an eye on the Weekly Calendar on the front page of this newsletter.

Died Recently

David McEwen, Margaret Bonisch, Marjory Hawes

Anniversaries

Michele Watson, Alison Bennett, Teddy Moore, Gordon & Marie Harrison, Flo Smith, Bob Smith, Pat Smith, Murray Ahern, Muriel Fleming

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE.—You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 2 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1 pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more at www.marchforlife.nz

MASS FOR LIFE.—You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information, please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Simon 021 400 72

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS This week, Fr John and I will attend the National Assembly of Priests in Rotorua. This event is only held every 5 years and brings together all the diocesan priests throughout the country. We will both be away from Monday through Friday 9 - 13 October. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my presentation which I will be giving on Tuesday. Fr Craig

If you need a priest in case of a death in your family please contact Fr John or myself.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—are now available at the office. \$15.00 each.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Runs every week **6.30-8.30pm at Saint Mary's Church Hall.** If you're year 9-13 (or you're a super keen year 8 I'll sneak you in) this is for you!! **What to expect:** Games, challenges, prizes, chocolate, learning about faith, making new friends, it's honestly so much fun!! Please come along and check it out. For more info contact Rain on 0212560608 or email youth.cpow@gmail.com



NO YOUTH GROUP—

8th of October. It's school holidays!! Enjoy your break and see you all on the 15th of October!

CONFIRMATION will continue through the school holidays. Session Four is on Monday 9th Oct 7-8.30pm; it's not too late to register!!!

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4 **NZCatholic**

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The soup roster for next week is Mary Crowley's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 343 6313.

THE PRAYER TREE—Details: contact Anne Smith text 021 0488635 anytime. Anyone is welcome to join— no extra passing on of texts is required. Christian names only are used.

GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

From the 2nd-14th October the General Election voting will be held in St Mary's Hall.

ROSARY—October - Month of the Holy Rosary For the month of October the Rosary will be prayed before Masses at St Mary's at 11.40am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 11.10am Friday. St Anne's 9.10am on Saturday. Holy Family 8.40am before Communion Service. All welcome to attend. 7-8.30pm; it's not too late to register!!!

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Community Liturgy Sunday 15th October 4-5pm

What Makes a Good Death?

In this workshop we'll explore your concerns about your death, that of your own and loved ones. We will work with Advanced Care Plan resources. This day is suitable for anyone wishing to develop and add finer detail to their own planning. It is not a suitable day for anyone processing grief after a recent death- with Ann Jennison.

Saturday 21st October 9.30am -3.30pm, \$20 *Please bring your lunch.*

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION—Thursday morning 7-8am at St Mary's Church.

Contact Kate Lynch 0272430430 or Helen Dougherty 0274136273.

All very welcome. Coffee provided ☺

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 1.30pm 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

Senior Year 9-13 6.30-8.30pm weekly Sundays St Mary's Hall

Junior Year 7-9 at Cullinane College. Check FB and newsletter for dates and times.

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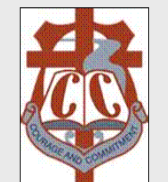
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