



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

9th April 2023; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 10th April

9:00am Communion Service
Holy Family

Tuesday 11th April

10:00am Mass Holy Family
11:30am Communion Service
St Anne's

Wednesday 12th April

5.30pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 13th April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Friday 14th April

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 15th April

9.30am Mass St Annes's
5.30pm Mass Holy Family

Sunday 16th April

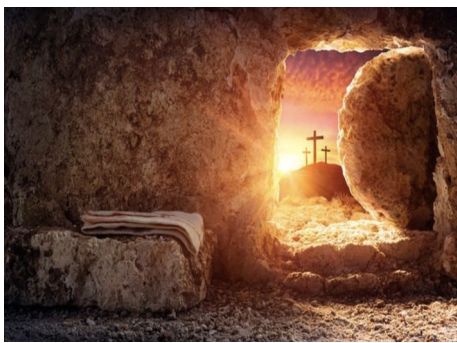
9.30am Mass St Mary's
5.30pm Mass St Anne's

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY MASS

Tuesday 25th April

9.00am Mass St Mary's



Sunday Readings: Acts: 10.34, 37-43; Col: 3.1-4; Jn: 20.1-18

Next Week: Acts: 2.42-47; 1 Pet: 1.3-9; Jn: 20.19-31



"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Matt 28. 2-6

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate Jesus' victory over suffering and death. In preparation for today's celebration, we have reflected on those dark days and hours, leading up to Jesus' death. Today though is very different. In the gospel account for today, we read about Mary Magdalene and the other Mary going to Jesus' tomb to prepare his body for burial. This was to be their last act of love. But when the women arrived, an angel of God appeared to them. This experience left them filled with both fear and joy.

On their way back to tell the other disciples, they encounter Jesus himself. We are told that they fell at his feet, probably feeling overwhelmed.

Everything changed for them in a heartbeat, as their sadness was transformed into joy.

This encounter showed them, that everything Jesus had said and taught was true. Jesus encourages them to "not be afraid" and then insists they tell the other disciples about their experience, and so pass on the joy they themselves were experiencing.

The Resurrection of Christ is not simply an event that took place long ago. It's an event that continues to take place whenever we choose to share our struggles and concerns with our Lord on this journey we call life.

Today we remember especially all the promises he made and we pray we too may encounter the Risen Lord Jesus in every aspect of our lives, especially the dark and difficult moments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this season of Easter one of hope and joy, of new life and a life free from fear.

May our good God bless you and your families richly this Easter.

Fr Craig

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

St Mary's Church Sunday 16th 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

THANK YOU—

Many thanks to the team of Paul, Pat and Tony for tidying up the grounds around Holy Family Church in preparation for Easter. Well done team!

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—

The soup roster for next week is Maureen Downs' Team.

Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 06 343 6313

Died Recently

Dionisia Wilson (Dee)

Anniversaries

Delia Moriarty, Peter Potaka-Osborne, Marie Carroll, Claire Hoare, Paul Alexander, Peter Vine

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord