

To all Parishioners

1 March 2016

Re St Anne's Church

We are delighted to be able to let you know that St Anne's is now "re – opened".

Many people have been asking "what is happening at St Anne's"?

We have been doing some soul searching and consultation regarding Masses in Whanganui in the short to medium future. You will no doubt be aware that we did put forward a proposal to move the 6.00pm Mass from St Mary's to St Anne's, however that has been met with some indifference from the Bishop and parishioners.

Many of our more senior parishioners and those with young families have said that 6.00pm is too late for them.

We are not able to offer a Sunday morning Mass at St Anne's as that has proven to be far too stressful for our priests.

So we have prayed and pondered on this and have decided that there will **not** be a Mass at St Anne's on Sundays. There is however a Mass at 9.30am on a Saturday and it would be wonderful if you would be able to take advantage of this. There is also an opportunity for reconciliation at 9.00am.

Should any one feel so inclined you would be most welcome to have a cuppa after this Mass if any one wishes to organise it.

There is also Mass at St Anne's on Tuesdays at 11.30am – which school children also attend.

The church is also used on Monday mornings with Mainly Music and the school use it for Liturgies/Assemblies.

At present the Retreat group is holding sessions there on a Tuesday evening.

We appreciate your tolerance and understanding and look forward to your continued support of our parish Community

The Leadership Team of the Whanganui Parish