

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

St. Anne's
St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm
Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm

Miha Maori

Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am
Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am
Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am

RECONCILIATION:

St Mary's Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St Mary's Thurs & Fri 11.30am—Noon
Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 2 May	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy with Communion	
TUESDAY 3 May	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass. 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am Mass St. Anne's.
WEDNESDAY 4 May	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass.	
THURSDAY 5 May	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass Exposition 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Benediction	9.00am Mass 9.30am Craft/Exposition	9.15am Nazareth Mass.
FRIDAY 6 May	8am to 12pm Exposition 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05 Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 7 May		5.00 Reconciliation. 5.30 Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

CARITAS: Caritas thanks the many parishes and people around the country who have supported the Bishops' Lent Appeal this year. Your ongoing support enables us to continue helping communities to flourish by working to reduce poverty, striving for environmental justice, supporting indigenous peoples and responding to crises around the world. To find out more about the difference your support makes to the lives of the most vulnerable, go online and read our Annual Report 2015 - www.caritas.org.nz. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please contact us during office hours on 0800 22 10 22 or email to caritas@caritas.org.nz

ELECTRIC BLANKETS: 20% OF ALL ELECTRIC BLANKETS FAILED LAST YEARS TEST. Get your electric blanket tested for free at the Wanganui Fire Station, Maria Place Extension on Friday 6th may from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Supported by NZ Fire Service and Laser Electrical.

THANKYOU: Thanks to all who prayed for me during surgery and radiation while I was in Wellington. Your prayerful support was very much appreciated. God bless you all. Sr. Mary McKernan

BOOK LAUNCH: All are invited to a launch of "An Inner Music-Living a Life in God" by Fr. Craig Larkin SM. To be held at Connolly Hall Guilford Terrace Wellington on May 9th at 6pm or Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby on 13th May at 6pm. A gifted writer and communicator, Father Craig worked on this book up until his death in June last year.

'Notes to Eternity' is a documentary feature by New Zealander Sarah Cordery having its limited nationwide release on 12 May 2016. The film is a meditation on the Israel-Palestine conflict centring on the lives and ideas of four renowned critics of Israel: A film largely set in the Holy Land. The film looks broadly at war, mortality and human nature and also addresses notions of justice, and offers hope. A stimulating springboard for discussion.

For more information on the film, visit www.notestoeternity.com.

Please keep in your prayers those of our parish and school community who are sick, lonely or going through hard times and need our help and comfort.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Dora Edmonds.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ian Manson (27/04); Angela Levins (02/05); Patrick Haddock (07/05); Patricia Osborne (18/05);

MASS OFFERINGS:

1 MAY 2016 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Acts 15. 1-2,22-29 Settling a dispute.
2nd: Rev. 21. 10-14,22-23 City of God.
Gospel: John 14.23-29 Promise of the Spirit.

Readings for next week: ; Acts 1. 1-11 Eph. 1. 17-23
Luke. 24. 46-53.

REFLECTION FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY. 8 MAY..

Next week's gospel focuses on Jesus' ascension into heaven. If we take this as a description of an actual historical event we have completely missed the point of what this gospel reading is about. Just to show that there are some problems if we take the ascension literally, Mark's gospel has Jesus ascending to heaven on the day of the resurrection and so does Luke's gospel but the reading from Acts specifically refers to it taking place 40 days later. What Luke is presenting us with is the fact that Jesus' life has taken on a new dimension and, in the same way, discipleship has taken on a new dimension. With Jesus no longer physically present, those who follow him and live by his teaching are now the visible witnesses to his ministry and message of God's presence in the world.

Luke's Jesus really means it when he proclaims, "You are witnesses.....". The evangelist makes it clear that Jesus' followers are being empowered to take over Jesus' ministry of mercy and forgiveness and ensure that it is taken out 'to all nations' - 'See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' The ascension is about Jesus leaving the confines of the world of Palestine where he had lived his human life in order to be available to all people throughout all time. St John Chrysostom puts it this way: 'He whom you love is no longer where he was before. He is now wherever you are.'

If we look at next week's feast as just the final step in Jesus' ministry on earth, we're making a sad mistake; we're really missing out on the essential point that Luke is making and that Pope Francis continually reiterates. We are now the face of God in our world. It's we who continue Jesus' ministry of love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Now, isn't that a challenge?
JB Kendall rsj



*Congratulations to the Sisters of
St Joseph of the Sacred Heart on
150 years of Service to God.*

BENEDICTION: Will follow Exposition at St. Mary's at 5.30pm on Thursday 5 May. All welcome.

OUR CHURCHES & PEOPLE

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• **St. Mary's**
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Office Manager

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Chairperson of Leadership/Finance
Team
342 3811.

Kevin Foley
Chairperson of Liturgy
344 0542.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING
Wednesday 10am. 4th May.
Colleen Wester's Ph. 348 2442.
All are welcome.

MOTHER'S FAITHSHARING
Rosary and Scripture
Wed. 10.30am
St Mary's Community Room.
All welcome.

MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 1—2pm 17 Lindsey Crescent. Resume 6th May
All ages welcome.

MEN'S FAITHSHARING
Fri. 7.00am. Contact Peter
ph. 342 5812 for venue.

LEGION OF MARY
Holy Family Church
Tuesdays @ 4pm. For more info
contact Paul Daws, 344 4828

LADIES GUILD GROUPS
St. Anne's

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Ring Kay Wilkinson
Ph. 343 3367

Holy Family
Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For further information
please contact Shirley phone on 344 6365.

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP
Meet weekly on Thursdays at 9.30am. For further
information phone Shirley on 344 6365

Saint Vincent de Paul Society
Holy Family Conference meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 4.45pm.
For more information
ph: Kevin Foley on 345 0542.
Or 345 0161.

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS:
EVENING: Monday 7.30pm-9.00pm
Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am-12.15pm
St Mary's Community Room

This week we explore
"The Essence of Priesthood"

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552,
Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177
Jo Smillie 345 0609 (morning group)
Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj
You are all welcome to attend.
For more information ring one of the above numbers.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa



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Whanganui
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DVD Evening – The Water Diviner

Four years after Gallipoli, an Australian farmer travels to Turkey to try and locate his three missing sons...with the help of a Turkish officer, he journeys across Turkey trying to discover the truth.
Thursday 5 May, 6.30pm, Koha
Supper provided

Dreams Workshop

This workshop will help enable participants to work with their dreams and discover the many ways dreams speak to us the truth in our lives.
Saturday 7 May, 9.30am - 3pm, \$20
with Lyndall Brown rsj

World Fair Trade Day – High Tea & Collection for Oxfam

Friday 13 May, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Stations of the Resurrection Weekend

Join in a visual and hands on journey to Pentecost with the gospel of Luke – the way of the light, any time between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 May, Koha.
with Adrienne Gallie rsj

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email pam.hopper@sosi.org.au

Thanks to all those for this week's Masses and Anzac Day. It was wonderful, well organised and a great thrill to see so many parishioners involved in the music, liturgy decorations and so much more. Thanks Joan for the yummy Anzac biscuits– you can't beat the home made version. Thanks to the splendid choir-so many willing faces. I expressed my delight to Bishop Charles on Monday and showed him a few snaps. He too was delighted.
Our rosters are out so please collect your list and mark your calendar and cellphone diary. Just remember please that a netball team does not operate without a centre-all members are important and if someone does not show up, then the whole game– in our case the liturgy, is affected.
Congratulations to the Sisters of St. Joseph on their Sesquicentenary-150 years. I am sure all will go well and we pray for its success.
God Bless. Fr. Brian.

PENTECOST is celebrated on the weekend of 14/15 May. It will be celebrated with an International theme at the Vigil at Holy Family on Saturday 14th and at St. Mary's at the 6pm Mass. Following these Masses there will be a pot luck tea so please bring along a plate, especially one that represents your culture. We encourage you to dress up in traditional costume and bring your flag. Contact Srian 347 7262 or Pat 344 4076..

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"There are many ways of going forward but only one way of standing still."

Are you feeling unwell or lonely?

You can borrow our beautiful statue of Mary to assist you in your prayer time. Contact Kathy Orsborn ph.348 0030 and she will deliver it to you.

MARAE TIME

at Te Rau Oriwa Marae. 
The Drop-in Centre is open 9-1pm Monday to Thursday.

Welcome- Meditation—come and be still, every Tuesday morning from 10am-11am. Baby sitting offered morning only.



MAINLY MUSIC.

St. Anne's Church
Raine Street.
Start again 2nd May.
Ph. Anne 344 6569.

SUNDAY TV ONE. 7.00pm

On Sunday 1 May at 7.00pm TVNZ TV One will be showing a programme called "Inside the Carmelite Monastery Christchurch".

A unique rhythm of life is revealed behind the monastery walls, with the Sisters speaking openly and frankly about how they came to be there and the joys and challenges of their consecrated lives.



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Welcome back to Term 2. It is good to get back to business after a wonderful break. Students should all be in their full winter uniform starting Monday. We also welcome back those students that took part in the Marist Young Neighbours Programme over the break.
It was also good to see the number of students who gathered in support of our wreath layers at the Dawn Parade on ANZAC Day.

The first week of the new term is a quiet one. We have a full school assembly on Tuesday and the first school Mass of the Term will be occurring as usual on Friday at 10:45am in St Joseph's Chapel. This first celebration will be hosted by students from 11T. Everyone in the wider community is welcome to join us for this first celebration of the term.

Holy Hour– Sunday 1 May 2.30-3.30pm at St. Mary's Church.
Come and spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Divine Chaplet.

Registrations for the Passionist Youth Retreat

to be held at Camp Rangī Woods, Manawatu from 11th-14th July 2016 and Young Adults Retreat to be held at the Magnificat, Wairarapa from 15th-17th July 2016 are now open!!!
The retreats will be facilitated by the NZ Passionist Youth Retreat team (youth) supported by Fr Ray Sanchez CP. Fr Ray will facilitate the young adults retreat. See flyers in church foyers. By visiting www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/ participants can register online and also check out the photos and sto-

New receipts for the Planned Giving are now available in the boxes in the foyer. Please destroy the first copy you got. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please note Caritas receipts come from Wellington and any enquiries you should contact 0800 22 10 22.

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL
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Combined Catholic School Mass— Wednesday 11th May
10.00am at War Memorial Hall.
No other Masses in town.

Reconciliation and First Eucharist programme starting May 8th.
Confirmation also starts soon. See Office for details or collect a registration form in St. Mary's foyer.

Need extra prayer??
The Prayer Vine will pray for you, 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

DID YOU KNOW – that on Friday's at 11.00am at St Mary's the Rosary is recited for our priests and all of our Parishioners. Have you thought about coming along and joining in in this special prayer. All are very welcome .

IMPORTANT: If family members or a friend is admitted to hospital or a rest home it is vital that you let the Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or Chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken.

Calling all PFG members and Parishioners
Not just those in Passionist Family Groups)



You are invited to a fabulous opportunity to deepen your knowledge about Pope Francis' teaching, to learn more about PFG, and to meet PFG members across other parishes in the area.

Come to the Formation evening Sat 14th May, 4.00pm – 9.00pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit gathering area, Broadway Ave, Palmerston North.
Presented by Paul Traynor.
Local contact Barbara Vine 3457757 or barbaravine@compassnet.co.nz.
Barbara will contact Jenny with any replies

Please bring a koha (donation) towards the cost of the pizza tea. Please confirm your attendance by 9th May to Barbara.

Dear everyone, Happy holidays to those of you on a break. The latest WelCom is available today. It has a new engaging format. On the back page there is an extensive interview with myself and also a stirring (in the good sense!) piece by the PP of Hawera Fr Tom Lawn. Well worth a read. Lots of other interesting reading too including an obituary of Fr Noel Delaney SM which will be of interest to Wairoa parishioners and others. Much school news in this edition too. Also of interest is a programme on TV One tonight (Sunday May 1st) at 7pm which leads us into the life of the enclosed Carmelite Monastery in Christchurch. I haven't seen any preview but I imagine it will be a fascinating insight. Happy reading and viewing,

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