

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Miha Maori	Patea	Waverley	RECONCILIATION:
St. Anne's Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30	Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am 9.30	Sun 1 & 3 9.30	Sun 2 & 4 9.30
St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30	Wed 1 & 3 9.30
Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)		Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 12 Dec	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 13 Dec	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	9.30am Cullinane Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 14 Dec	12.05pm Mass 7pm Reconciliation Mass	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Choir practice	9.30am Waverley Mass 11.00am St Marys School Mass
THURSDAY 15 Dec	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Liturgy 9.30am Craft 12.00pm Craft Lunch	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 16 Dec	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
SATURDAY 17 Dec		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation St Annes 9.30am Mass St Annes

GONVILLE/CASTLECLIFF COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SERVICE: This will be held at St Mark's Church, Puriri Street, Gonville on Sunday 11th December at 7.00pm. We apologize for the late notice. All welcome. Supper to follow.

The Festival Mass for St Vincent de Paul- at St Annes on Saturday 10th December at 9.30am. Please bring a plate. All welcome.

Morning Tea at St Annes- for Christmas. Will now be on Saturday the 17th December. All welcome.

RAFFLE: Tickets are now on sale before and after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Family Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas raffle. Prizes will be drawn on Saturday 17th December. Cost \$1 per ticket.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve-St Marys- Carols 7pm, Mass 7.30pm **Holy Family-** Carols 9.30pm, Mass 10.00pm
Jerusalem- 8.00pm Mass
Christmas Day-

St Marys - Carols 9.00am, Mass 9.30am. Kaiwhaiki- 9.00am Mass. Patea- 9.30am Mass

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 6PM MASS SUNDAY NIGHT AT ST MARYS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

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 DECEASED: Ronald McDonald (15/11), Bernie Sheridan (31/10), Sr Camillus Ryan DLOC, Maureen McBride RSJ, Fr Patrick (Paddy) John Kinsella (2/12)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Cornelius O'Leary (4/12), Betty Bourke (7/12), Sonia Reardon (21/12), Andrew Wester (29/11); Pat O'Leary (04/12), :Loretto Daws (07/12), Mary Bradley (26/12), Mary Bevan (12/12), Tom Manson (16/12), Caroline Bourke (17/12), Faith Haddock (18/12), Malcolm Russell (12/12), Jo Hubers (9/12)

MASS OFFERINGS: Barry Bourke (2/11), John Bourke (30/11). Barrie Shaw (22/11), Doreen Daly (14/10), Priests of our Diocese, Doreen Daly

11 DECEMBER 2016

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Isaiah 35.1-6a,10 Here is your God
2nd: James 5.7-10 Lord's coming is at hand
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11 Effects of the Lord's coming
Readings for next week: ; Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

Next week's reading: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Scripture can be interpreted taking into account its historical background and message for the people and time in which it was written, or the intentions of the original author can be ignored and the word can be given a meaning they did not originally have.

Next week's passage from Isaiah has been treated in this second way and, as a result, is possibly one of the most misunderstood passages in Hebrew Scripture, if not the whole bible. We've been led to believe that Isaiah had Jesus of Nazareth in mind when he told Ahaz, the 8th Century BC King of Judah: "*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.*" Matthew, at the end of the Gospel reading, definitely uses Isaiah's words in reference to the birth of Jesus. However, the Hebrew word "almah" - which Christians generally translate as "virgin" - described, not only a woman who had yet to experience sexual intimacy, it was used more frequently in reference to a woman who had not yet given birth to a child. Scripture scholars agree that the 'almah' Isaiah talked about was Ahaz's wife and Isaiah interpreted her pregnancy as a sign from God that God was not going to allow the king's family to be wiped out as a result of the tricky decision Ahaz had to make in regard to an alliance against the Assyrians. The son Isaiah spoke of was Hezekiah, who later ruled so well that the Hebrews said it was like having God among them.

Of course, it's not difficult to understand why the early Christians thought Jesus was prefigured in the Hebrew Scriptures because, without ever mentioning him, the Hebrew prophets had preached the same message as Jesus later preached. The prophets in their time, and Jesus in his, insisted that, in God's eyes, people were more important than institutions, rules and decrees. Like Joseph in next week's gospel and just as the prophets had promised, those early Christians, living the same message, experienced God working in ways they never expected.
JB Kendall rsj

Reconciliation at St Mary's on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm

This will be very different. It will entail one reading, no homily, there will be the Lord have Mercy.

The prayers of the faithful will be prayers of thankfulness.

There will be quiet music playing in the background as a time of reflection.

Come over all people and experience this celebration and fill the church. By filling the church you allow other people to realise that all people are not perfect..

Bring over all the family. Fill the church come along.

Fr Brian

Christmas Care & Concern:

Following our successful gifting last year to Parishioners in need, we will do the same this year. All donations (gifts, baking, cash) gratefully accepted and can be left at the Parish office (or in boxes provided in foyer).

The Care & Concern group will create gift hampers and distribute prior to Christmas. Please notify the office of any parishioners you know who would benefit from a little Christmas love.

THANK YOU

CHURCHES & PEOPLE

•Holy Family

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•St. Anne's

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•St. Mary's

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•St. Patrick's

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Chairman of Leadership Team
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Kevin Foley

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING
No more meetings until the end of February.

FAITHSHARING

Rosary and Scripture
Wed. 10.30am
St Mary's Community Room.
All welcome.
Resuming 14 October

MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 1—2pm 17 Lindsay Crescent. **Resuming 14 October**
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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Holy Family Conference meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 4.45pm. ph: Kevin Foley on 345 0542. Or 345 0161.
St Annes/St Marys Conference meet 1st and 3rd Wed of month at 5pm. Contact Liz Thomas 3437117

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS:

EVENING: Mon 7.30pm -9.00pm
Holy Family Meeting Room
MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am - 12.15pm St Mary's Community Room

Carrying on with our Advent programme Advent Programme "reaching out"

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552, Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177 Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj

Te Punanga o Hōhepa



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Christmas

Liturgy – Meri Kirihimete

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)

Sunday 18 December, 4 – 5pm

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

Marist Rugby AGM

Sunday 18th December at 11.00am. An important meeting considering our centennial next year. See you there.

Quote for the week:

Prayer is simply the speech of the heart to God's will. She says that 'it should matter very little to us' how are lives are spent,' provided the Holy Will of God is one' in us and 'His Holy Name is glorified'.
Mary McKillop



CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations and prayers to Vi and Mike Davies who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 8th December.

Tips to overcome problems in your Prayer Life

Don't be too hard on yourself. Struggles in your prayer life do not make a terrible Christian. They are a universal experience of everyone who prays. So, don't get down on yourself for struggles.



A Christmas Message from the Monday Friendship Meal
A very special THANK YOU to all those who help put this meal together. To those who donate and prepare food, those who give cash, meat, non-perishable food item and also a big Thank you to our gardeners from St Mary's Parish. Every week our guests enjoy meeting together where a lovely nutritious meal is cooked and very much appreciated by all. This year we enjoyed a lovely mid-winter meal, enjoyed music and entertainment by some of our own guests, the Marae Time groups and recently had 5 Kenyan Missionaries who sang for us and shared a meal with us.
Please come and join us for our Christmas meal for 2016 which will be on Monday, 12th December.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

You were not born a winner, and you were not born a loser. You are what you make yourself be.

Marian Corner

Like his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI counsels believers to place themselves in the 'School of Mary', allowing her to be the guide in learning who Jesus is and becoming conformed to him.

MARAE TIME

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



Marae Time finishes on 15th December and recommences on February 6th. Nau Mai, Harae Mai. All Welcome.

MAINLY MUSIC.

St. Anne's Church Raine Street.
Ph. Anne 344 6569.
Mondays at 10am.
A great morning to meet Parents and Carers and Pre-schoolers.



ADVENT INVITATION

The Exploring Faith groups will be reflecting on the Sunday Advent readings over the next four weeks and warmly invite other parishioners to join them as a preparation for Christmas.
You are welcome at Monday evening sessions –7.30pm – 9.00pm Holy Family meeting room.
Tuesday morning sessions –11.00am – 12.30pm St Mary's Community room.
The programme starts Monday and Tuesday of this week.



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This is the final week for Cullinane. The school finishes on Tuesday when we have our final Mass of the year in the Gymnasium at 9:30am. The students will then be given a bit of a break and then we will gather in the Gymnasium for our Junior Prizegiving ceremony at 11am. Both events are open to our wider community and we would encourage you all to come along and support our younger best and brightest. At the end of the ceremony our students will be dismissed for the year and the Summer break begins. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our families, friends and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We pray that you all have a safe break and come back in January well-rested.

Our start up date for 2017 is January 30th for the Year 13s, January 31st for our new Year 9s, Year 13s and new students in other levels. The full school will be expected at the usual starting time of 8:50am on the 1st of February. Please check the College website and FaceBook pages for any updates or changes to these details.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Singers Christmas Day Practice

9.30am Mass
7pm Sunday 18 December
7pm Friday 23 December
All welcome

St Mary's Christmas Vigil.Mass

"Singers needed."

- Practice Wed. 14th Dec, 7pm
- Practice Wed 21st Dec. 7pm



CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: If you would like to be a part of the Ministries at the 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Holy Family please add your name to the roster on the foyer table. Also if you are available for any of the Masses during the holiday period we would appreciate your help. Thanks. Pat.

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.
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ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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Acting DRS: Debra Benefield
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E te iwi whakapono, tenā koutou.



Congratulations to the touch rugby teams who all came home with trophies; Year 1/2 mixed team - 2nd place. Year 5/6 mixed team - 2nd place, and the Year 7/8 combined St Marcellin and St Anne's team - 1st place. Thank you to the coaches Rob Roy, Annie Firaza and Sean Brown for sharing their talents with the players.

It is with sadness that I inform my parish community that at the end of this academic year, we farewell the following staff of St Marcellin School; Mrs Debra Benefield, Mrs Jill Tuck, Mrs Heather Knofflock and Mrs Mereana Jury. Their time, talents and treasures greatly add to St Marcellin's rich tapestry. All are welcome to St Marcellin school prize giving, Thursday 15 December, 5.30pm at Holy Family Church. Ngā manaakitanga o te Atua ki a koutou katoa, Maia Williams.

Vine Family Group Christmas Pot Luck Meal Sunday 18th December @ 5pm. at Barbara's place : 13 Moore Ave.

All welcome. For further information phone Barbara 3457757.

Need Extra Prayer ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or 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
The Prayer Tree details are- contact Merle Manson on 344 7652 after 5.00pm each night. Christian names only are used.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Monday 12th December St Marys prizegiving at St Marys Church 6.30pm.

Tuesday 13th December at 6.30 Graduation at the Racecourse.



Thank you to Angela Bould for all her hard work in Friendship Meals. We really appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm you have shown over the years.

Christmas Cakes

Could we please have some Christmas cakes to enjoy after the Christmas masses. Please drop at office.

Thank you

