

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)		St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
			St Mary's Thurs & Fri 11.30—12
			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 30 Jan	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 31 Jan	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	9.30am Cullinane Powhiri 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 1 Feb	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am St Marcellin School Powhiri	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 2 Feb	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass 3.30pm School Staff Commissioning Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 3 Feb	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9am St Annes School Commissioning Mass
SATURDAY 4 Feb		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Please note there will be no Benediction on Thursday 2 February at St Mary's due to the School Staff Commissioning Mass at 3.30pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at Holy Family Church takes place every Thursday and commences on Thursday 2nd February, 9.30am- 5pm. Pay a visit and enjoy some quiet time with Our Lord. All welcome.

RAFFLE: Thanks to all who supported the St. Vincent de Paul raffle at the end of the year. 1st Prize 207 George Cooper; 2nd Prize No. 135 Maree Adams; 3rd Prize No. 222 Marie Joblin.

WANTED: Are you available to help count the Planned Giving Envelopes on a Monday at Holy Family Church. Time negotiable. It takes about 30 minutes. Rostered once a month. Please see Pat.

THANKS: Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Christmas celebrations and those who filled the Ministry positions over the holiday period. It helped with the smooth running of all our services and Masses. A special thanks to those who set up the decorations and those who prepared the flowers and those who provided the cakes, sweets and treats. Thanks to our priests who were able to provide the Eucharist over this time.

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: Mary Leathley (Taradale) (22/01), Lawrence Henry Lee (14/12/16); Frank Crotty (18/12/16); Bill Davison;

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Johanna Mannex (29/12), Henry Gallagher (12/01), Craig Shore (16/01), Paul Fahy (17/01), Joan Triplow (22/01), Anne Wham (24/01), Joan Phillips (28/01).

MASS OFFERINGS: Mary Gudsell (11/9), Fr. D Levins; Peter Bamford; Verv Ennis, The Souls of John J Boyle, Margaritas Reyes, Petronilag Reyes

29 JANUARY 2017 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Zep. 2.3, 3.12-13 Seek the Lord
2nd: 1 Cor. 1.26-31 Boast in the Lord
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a A new teaching
Readings for next week: ; Isai. 58.6-10 1 Cor. 2.1-5
Gospel: Matt 5.13-16

Today with the Beatitudes we have what I propose can be regarded as the Third Law. We have the First Law, located in the first four books of the Bible followed by the Second Law, Deuteronomy, in the fifth (Gk: *Deutero*=Second, *Nomos*=Law). In the Gospel of Matthew, just as in Deuteronomy, blessings and curses come with either the keeping or violating of the covenant and its laws. The seven blessings of the Beatitudes (Mtt 5: 1-12), that introduce the Sermon on the Mount, have their corresponding curses, that precede the eschatological (end times) discourse on the Mount of Olives. These woes are announced on the Pharisees (Mtt 23: 13- 36) however can they be announced on us?!. The message of the Gospel is stark - there is the way of life and the way of death. How do I live my life? Despite the many greys the situation is black and white? Am I one of those who is blessed or am I condemned by the woes?

Thank you for the wonderful welcome that I received last Sunday to the Catholic Parish of Whanganui. I look forward to visiting all parts of the city and parish in the coming weeks especially as the school year begins. You will notice that I have a short of commentary of "blurb" on the readings for the Sunday. The writer of this input may change from time to time. In any event I have a blog "My weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today" which is found at <http://marcusfrancis.blogspot.co.nz/> and my reflections are published there as well. Sister John Bosco will comment on the readings for the coming Sunday and this will continue to help us all to prepare for the readings in advance as we all grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord through Scripture. (Fr Marcus)

Dear brother priests and Parish Council Chairpersons,
I am writing in support of Mary Nash, our diocesan promoter of Caritas, regarding this year's Caritas Lenten programme.
There is a preparation day on Saturday 11th Feb which will be facilitated by Joanna Viernes from Caritas in Wellington. The day – see flyer – will be of particular interest to those who might lead your parish Lenten discussion group(s) and or be involved in promoting the annual appeal. Shoulder tapping or notices time might result in some new faces to this vital service. Let us together add invigoration to Pope Francis' call to be a Church of and for the poor.
Thank you,

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Next Week's Reading: FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2017
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
Next week's Gospel reading might make more of an impression on us if we are aware that it comes straight after Matthew's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which spells out the Beatitudes. Matthew obviously wants his people to understand that living as Jesus asks in his sermon will change their lives but, beyond that, it will also change the lives of others who are influenced by them. The same message is there for us. *'You are the salt of the earth . . . the light of the world.....let your light shine before others.....'* Following Jesus means taking responsibility for letting others see that it is possible to live out in our daily lives the life-giving relationships that are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. The reading from Isaiah backs up exactly what Matthew is trying to get across: in helping others we help ourselves grow to our full potential – *'loose the bonds of injustice.....let the oppressed go free.....break every yoke.....offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.'* There's no denying that it's a very big ask but we can take heart from what St Paul says in the second reading – *'I came to you in weakness and in fear.....so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God.'* St Paul is telling us that, if he can do it, we can do it as long as we rely on the Spirit to guide us and strengthen us. JB Kendall rsj

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI 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.
Starts again in February

MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP

Fridays 1—2pm 17 Lindsay Crescent. 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: Monday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am - 12.15pm

St Mary's Community Room

Watch this space for the date and topic of our next session!

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552, Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj

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Nutrient-Dense Gardening Workshop

"If organic gardening tells you what not to put on your garden, then nutrient-dense gardening suggest what to add. It's about the health and vitality of the soil food web first.

The plants get strong immune systems to prevent disease and pests, and the food is brimming with health and flavour."

Thursday 2 February, 7.30 – 9pm, Koha with Shane Middlemiss

Tui Motu Group

A discussion of selected articles from the current

Tui Motu booklet.

Wednesday 15 February, 4.30 – 6pm,

with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

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

Hospital Chaplain

This is to let you know that after 13 plus years of dedicated service to the Chaplain's role at Whanganui Hospital, David Scholar has decided to retire. We thank David most sincerely for his significant contribution to this role and wish him all the very best for the years ahead.

Replacing David in this important Ministry will be Norma O'Connor.

Norma is well known to you all and we are certain that she will bring her special skills and empathy to this role. In addition to the Hospital Chaplaincy role Norma will continue her present role but in a reduced capacity.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our volunteers at the Hospital and in particular Sr Chanel, for their essential support

Tony Murphy
CEO Palmerston North Diocese

Congratulations

On Your Baptism

Children baptised in our Parish

Kingston Wiari-Te Huia was baptised at Jerusalem on the 24th December.

Maia Thorpe and Vera Lily

Burroughs were baptised at St Annes on the 28th December.

Zara, Bella and Sophia Black were baptised at St Marys on the 14th January.

Max James Morris was baptised at St Marys on 22nd January.

Congratulations to you all and your families.



MARAE TIME

at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.
The Drop-in Centre is open
Marae Time recommences on
February 6th.
Nau Mai, Harae Mai. All Welcome.



MAINLY MUSIC.

St. Anne's Church Raine Street.
Recommences 13th February 2017.
Ph. Anne 344 6569.
Mondays at 10am.



Save the Children are holding a stocktaking sale on Thursday 2nd February at 25 Gilligan Close (off Purnell St) from 10am-3pm.

Great specials as we make room for new stock. All welcome. Look for our flag.

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.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Kevin Shore
DRS: Helen Dougherty
15 Peat St., Wanganui
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School Holidays



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.
Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389
Email: office@stannes.school



School Holidays

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.344 2245 and she will deliver it to you.

Thank you

A special thank you to everyone for your prayers for Bryce during his illness, and all the helpers at the funeral. I cannot thank you enough, you are in my prayers.

Kathy Orsborn and family

Monday Friendship Meal

Regretfully, due to there being no response to the seeking of a Co-ordinator we will not be opening our doors for meals this year.

Thank you so very much to those who have supported us over the years.



Ozanam Villa Trust

The Trust urgently needs a Minutes & Correspondence Secretary for monthly meetings and also a Handyperson to do minor maintenance jobs around the Villa.

If you are willing to help or want further details please contact Bob Wilson (Trust Chairperson) 3456025.

TUI MOTU DISCUSSION GROUP – 2017.

Our first gathering will be on WEDNESDAY afternoon 15th February @ 4.30p.m. – 6p.m. I am sure that Tui Motu will provide us with much food for thought, and plenty of stimulating conversation.
All welcome, bring your copy of the February Issue.

The Venue: Mount St. Joseph Quiet Room.

Time: 4.30p.m. – 6p.m.

Day: Wednesday 15th Feb.

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams
Acting DRS: Debra Benefield
Totara St. Wanganui.
Ph: 349 0023



"Haere atu te pō, nau mai te ao" - Farewell the night and welcome the dawn of a new day." Brothers and sisters in Christ, blessings of the new year to you all.

St Marcellin School is open for the new academic year on Wednesday 1st February. Pōwhiri is at 9.30am, and parishioners are invited to come and join us as we welcome Fr Marcus, our new students and our new members on staff Mrs Caryn Mc Inroy, Ms Korty Wilson, Mrs Malissa Mahony. Returning also is Mrs Mereana Jury and Mr Shaun Park. The school office is open on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 to receive enrolments or issue uniforms. Mr Simon Grant and I look forward to seeing parishioners on Wednesday morning. Nau mai rā, Maia Williams.

St Marcellin School

Contrary to rumours currently circulating St Marcellin School will open on Wednesday 1st February 2017 with a full compliment of teachers. Bishop Charles would like to confirm that he has never contemplated closing the school.

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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cathy Daignault
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School holidays



Eucharistic Adoration



This will resume the 9th and 10th of February. Please phone Kathy Orsborn on 344 2245 to add your name to the roster.

ICPE

We are fortunate enough to be having ICPE visit us for a week starting 25th February 2017. (Run by Fr Alliston Fernandes). Our Parish missions are usually based on 3 main pillars –

- Firstly we visit each parishioner in their homes or elderly in the Rest homes).
- Secondly, we visit the parish school or college and have a program.
- Thirdly, the evening seminars for the parishioners around 90 minutes approximately.

We are hosting 15 people for this week. They will need to be billeted out– and also the use of a car if possible.

See Jo in the office if you are able to help.

Thank you

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.