

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Miha Maori</b>	<b>Patea</b>	<b>Waverley</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>
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 Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30	Wed 1 & 3 9.30	St Mary's Thurs & Fri 11.30—12
Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 6 Feb</b> Waitangi Day	9.00am Waitangi Day Mass 7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 7 Feb</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	9.50am Cullinane Missioning Mass 10.00am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 8 Feb</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
<b>THURSDAY 9 Feb</b>	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass 5.30pm Adoration	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 10 Feb</b>	9-12 Adoration 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
<b>SATURDAY 11 Feb</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Ohakune Vigil

## HOLY HOUR: ST MARY'S CHURCH- SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY- 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction- Hymns. This Holy Hour Devotion has been going for over 30 years starting at the Home of Compassion then St. Anne's and now at St. Mary's. On average 12 people attend.

Can you spare an hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday?

**MOWAC: Ministers of the Word and Communion-** The first meeting for the year will be held at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 7 February.

It commences with a Service of the Word and Communion at 5.15pm in the Chapel followed by a Pot Luck Tea- please bring something to contribute.

If you are interested in joining the group please come along or phone Ann on 345 0542 or Bernadette on 344 5323.

## Baptisms in in our Parish

Ally Grace Griffin. Ally was baptised on 30th January at St Marys.

Jhai Sione Pasikala-Feki. Jhai was baptised on 30th January at St Marys.

Congratulations to you all and your families.



*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, Ellen Connors (19/1), Stan Connors (25/1), Laurence Conder (good health), Doug Newick

## 5 FEBRUARY 2017 5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME READINGS THIS WEEK:

**1st:** Isa. 58.6-10 Charity  
**2nd:** 1 Cor.2.1-5 Power of the Spirit  
**Gospel:** Matt 5.13-16 Light of the World  
**Readings for next week:** ; Sir 15.15-20 1 Cor.2.6-10  
**Gospel:** Matt 5.17-37

How often have you heard people criticise Catholics for declining to defend their faith or being unable to speak about it to others? They choose to defer to their priests. Yet, it is important that we are always personally ready to witness to our faith: "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Pet 3: 16) That I do not have a doctorate in theology or Scripture should not be an obstacle. St Paul, speaking to the Corinthians, was aware of the doctrine of the Church and well schooled in the disciplines of Scripture, Philosophy and Rhetoric. Nevertheless, he did not rely on this rather: "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." (1 Cor 2: 4-5) Can I identify how I have encountered the power of God? If so I can testify to that even though I am not an expert in any academic discipline.

The Holy Spirit can witness through me: "When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say." (Lk 12: 11-12)

(Fr Marcus)

## Next Week's Reading: SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sirach 15:15-20; I Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Quite a few of us will probably have problems with Jesus' opening statement in next Sunday's gospel reading from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount: *'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.'* What Jesus was referring to was the 613 Laws of Moses.

Most of us probably wouldn't be able to name more than one or two of them, let alone worry about breaking any of them! We have to remember that the Scriptures weren't actually written for us so when we read or listen to a piece of Scripture we need to understand something of the people it was written for. They were Jewish Christians, people who not only recited by heart the 613 Torah regulations, but kept them as well. Their males were circumcised, the family participated in synagogue services every Sabbath, and they didn't eat forbidden meats.

As a Jew, Jesus himself was committed to keeping the Mosaic Laws. He would have agreed with the first line of the Sirach reading: *'If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live.'* But he eventually realised and taught that there was a deeper and more fulfilling way of living in relationship with God: *'Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'* He was convinced that, if we're serious about God's Kingdom we have to go beyond a mere keeping of rules.

That's why in the second half of next week's gospel we'll repeatedly hear: *'you have heard it was said..... but I say.....'* He's telling us that the bare minimum is not enough when it comes to God and God's Kingdom.

JB Kendall rsj

## CHURCHES & PEOPLE

### •Holy Family

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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 Meeting Room.  
All welcome.

**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 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 Meeting 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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### 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

### Liturgy – Unity in Diversity

Sunday 19 February, 4 – 5pm

### DVD Evening – Woodlawn

A gifted high school football player must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field. This film is set in early 1970s Birmingham, Alabama, USA.

Thursday 23 February, 6.30pm, Koha

*Supper provided*

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### 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. They are on:

**Tuesday 28 February 7pm Seminar I @ St Marys Church**

**Thursday 2 March 7pm Seminar II @ St Annes Church**

**Friday 3 March 7pm Seminar III @ St Marys Church**

**We are hosting 15 people for this week. They will need to be billeted out– and also the use of a car if possible. We urgently need some more billets please.**  
See Jo in the office if you are able to help. Thank you

The first meeting of the Marian Mothers for 2017 will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

The subject for discussion this month is "Mary, Role model for our children".

Prayer and supper– Ann Foley

Raffle - Pauline McGregor

Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members.

For enquiries or transport please phone Raewyn, 344 6299.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Get it right today, for today will never come again.

### MARAE TIME

at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.  
The Drop-in Centre is open  
Marae Time recommences on  
February 7th.  
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.



### "Eucharistic Adoration"

at St.Mary's. We need another 7-8 people to join our roster for this special devotion which begins the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The times available are 3.30pm & 4.30pm & 5.30pm on Thursdays. Also 10am Fridays. Please phone Kathy Orsborn on 3442245 to discuss your availability.

Spend a quiet peaceful hour with Our Lord away from the distractions of the day.

**Please note:** newsletter items need to be in by Wednesday pm to make print that week. Thank you.



### Cullinane College

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Welcome back to all of our staff, students and supporting community. We hope you've all had a restful break and have returned full of energy. Our first week was very hectic with the Opening Powhiri welcoming our new students, the beginning of classes and the continuing demolition of the Performing Arts block. This is Stage 1 with Stage 2 dealing with the Library block and other outlying buildings. Keep your eyes here for further updates as the process progresses. This coming week sees Waitangi Day starting us off and then our Missioning Mass at 9:50am on Tuesday as we mission our senior leaders and our staff for the year. Wednesday through Friday will see our Year 9s out and about as they take part in the Journey Programme. This programme teaches them a bit about leadership and what it means to be a Cullinane student. Finally, on Friday Macy Duxfield and Piper Zimmerman will be travelling to Australia to take part in the student leadership programme JJAM, a programme that is run by the Josephite Order and teaches the students all about what servant leadership is all about. Next week our weekly Masses in St Joseph's Chapel will resume, please keep an eye here for any further updates and times.

### Climate Change,

Our responsibility for the earth which is our home and ecology in the light of our faith.

This is an issue which Pope Francis brought to the fore in his encyclical Laudato Si "On Care for our Common Home".

The Sisters of Mercy are welcoming Gail Worcelo, a religious sister of Green Mountain Monastery, Vermont USA, to address us on the topic: "The Spirit of Laudato Si": how we may bring our new understanding into our lives and mission?"

There will be workshops in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin in the week 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> of March.

This initiative has the support of the Diocese and details are on the flyer at the door of the Church."

## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Principal:** Karl Zimmerman  
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It is always exciting on the first day back at the beginning of each school year as the school comes back to life with the fun, smiles and excitement of children returning to school and excited about seeing friends and new learning. We are blessed with great children and dedicated staff that help create a focused, positive and fun environment for learning. A special welcome to Yvonne Priest who joins us as a teacher for 2017. A few of Key focus areas and initiatives for 2017 include:

- Developing stronger Josephite links in our school
- Special Character Review
- MST (Mathematics support teacher) - helping to lift achievements in maths
- Staff development of speaking and oral language skills to improve achievements in writing
- Continued maths staff development
- Dedicated Learning support area
- Marae visits for all children

### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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



E te Iwi Whakapono, tena koutou.

On Monday we started our teachers only day with karakia at Holy Family Church. Thank you to parishioners for the warm signs of friendship shown to staff. On Wednesday, we welcomed new students, new staff members, Fr Marcus and their families. A beautiful way to start the term with signs of family and friendship, goodwill and happiness. Thank you to Pa Kahurangi and whaea Sue for helping Marcellin to maintain what is important the *kawa and tikanga o Whanganui*. Thank you whaea Lovey for preparing morning tea, it was delicious. **Roll on 2017, for what we are about to receive may we all be truly grateful.**

On Thursday, we gathered for a commissioning mass with our sister and brother schools. Picnic in the Park on Friday, parishioners are welcome to join us at Kowhai Park from 10am onwards. The wheels of learning have begun, take care. Maia Williams

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou



We welcomed back well rested and eager to learn students and staff this week.

We have two new staff members to introduce. Stacey McKenzie-Hofmann will be teaching Year 3 and 4 students and comes to us from Aberfeldy School. Carla Scott is our new Teacher Aide and will be working within the Junior School.

The year has kicked off with a flurry of nerves, making of new friends, learning classroom routines, team building activities, testing to get groups up and running and a busy programme already.

We begin the school year with a full roll! Very exciting times ahead. Our Board of Trustees made the decision last year to fund our new teacher so that we can keep our class sizes small. Our students will benefit hugely from this and we are very appreciative.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki

May God care for and look after you all.

Nga mihi nui

### Please note

That what was previously known as the Community Room is now the Staff Room.

It is for use primarily by parish staff and guests as well as for meetings by official parish committees.

All other meetings will take place in the Meeting Room established in the room located near to the Campbell Street entrance and near to the parish hall.

Participants in those meetings are welcome to use the foyer kitchen for refreshments.