

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**  
 St. Anne's Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30  
 St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm  
 Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm

**Miha Maori**  
 Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am 9.30  
 Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am  
 Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am  
 (Hiruharama)

**Patea**  
 Sun 1 & 3 9.30

**Waverley**  
 Sun 2 & 4 9.30

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

	<b>ST MARY'S</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>ST ANNE'S/OTHERS</b>
<b>MONDAY 13 Feb</b>	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 14 Feb</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass Ladies Guild
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 Feb</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass 11.30am St Marys School Powhiri
<b>THURSDAY 16 Feb</b>	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass 5.30pm Adoration	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 17 Feb</b>	9-12 Adoration 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45 Cullinane Mass
<b>SATURDAY 18 Feb</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

**INDIAN MASS:** There will be a Mass celebrated in Indian, the Syro-Malabar Rite, at Holy Family Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. They will recite the Rosary at 5.30pm. All are invited.



## CONGRATULATIONS:

Our prayers and congratulations to Marie and Gary Joblin who celebrate 60 years of Marriage on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**WANTED TO RENT:** A one or two bedroom house or unit with one bathroom, within walking distance to Wanganui Hospital. Reasonable rent. Mrs Minnu Mary Thomas. (0220167532).

**PRO LIFE ROSARY:** Every Monday at 7pm 4-8 people come rain or shine to St. Mary's to pray the Rosary—asking Our lady to keep Wanganui "Abortion Free". Since this devotion started on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1990 Wanganui has remained "Abortion Free". We attribute this happy coincidence to the power of the Rosary. Didn't St. John Paul once say—"The only thing worse than abortion is the indifference to it."

*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), Bill Davison, Teresa Hagenaars (8/2), Bill Byford (Taihape) (26/1)

**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). Lou Egan (8/2), Joseph Egan (14/2), Pat Shepherd (20/2), Matthew Deazeley (19/2)

**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, For Anton Fuerstenberger (8/1 -75th birthday), Theresia Jankowski (11/2) birthday. For all the Holy Souls, Patricia Osborne

## 12 FEBRUARY 2017 6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME READINGS THIS WEEK:

- 1st:** Sir 15.15-20 Freedom to do good  
**2nd:** 1 Cor.2.6-10 God's wisdom  
**Gospel:** Matt 5.17-37 Holiness  
**Readings for next week:**; Lev.19.1-2, 17-18 1 Cor.3.16-23  
**Gospel:** Matt 5.38-48

When I hear adolescents talking about the Catholic faith they frequently make reference to "the Rules." I am not really sure what they are! Yet, some people becomes engrossed and even repelled by the laws of the Church. However, the best analogy I have for church law is that of the road code. It takes study and attention at the time you learn to drive but once you have your license they fade into the background. There purpose is achieved when all road users travel safely to their destination. It is the same for us as Catholics. The Canon Law, GIRM (liturgical law) and other rules can be complex however once we have a working knowledge of them it makes our worship, governance and prayer easier and less prone to the equivalent of road accidents. Saint Paul, in his letter of the Galatians, uses the analogy for the law of the guardian who escort the children on their way to school. The reality of our faith, as we hear in the Second Reading is always greater than any set of laws or rules: "But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory." (1 Cor. 2: 7) The last canon of the 1983 Code of Canon Law says it well when it states: "canonical equity is to be observed, and the salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one's eyes." (c. 1752) (Fr Marcus)

Kia ora tātou As the new year picks up in rhythm and pace, I wish to draw your attention to the first edition of WelCom for this year. There is wide coverage of news from our Diocese. I learned a lot – from the making of the life size nativity set at St Joseph's Shannon (in our most southern parish) to the now 70th annual pilgrimage from Wairoa (our most northern parish) to the Carmelites Sisters in Auckland. There's news of Suzanne Aubert, an excellent piece on how the Lectionary (our cycle of readings) works, a fascinating history of Te Wairoa parish and Tawhiti A Maru marae, news from St John's College and New Plymouth parish and much more. I have written a piece called Faith, Politics and Elections. It's not about party politics; more a topical framework that stands behind politics. Make a coffee and enjoy the reading! (Bishop Charles)

**Next Week's Reading: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; I Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48  
 Next week, the first reading from Leviticus has Moses telling the Israelites that, if they're going to imitate God's goodness, they need to live lives based on a value system that's different from the one people round them live by. There's no room for hate, revenge, grudges. **Love** has to be the order of the day. 'You shall not hate.....you shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge.....you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' In the gospel, Matthew's Jesus goes further and points out some practical implications for a life based on love or 'hesed', to use the Hebrew word. 'Hesed' refers to what an individual does for someone else which goes beyond what that person has a right to expect. 'Love your enemies.....pray for those who persecute you....' Jesus says. He is telling us that one way we can imitate God's goodness is by freely doing things which we have no responsibility or obligation to do. Of course, that is likely to make us rather different from most of the people round us and it will almost certainly be a challenge because we prefer blending in with the crowd. But if we're serious about living in a real relationship with God, then we can't avoid standing out. 'If you love those who love you.....do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters.....do not even the Gentiles do the same?' If we're really committed to following Christ, we can't avoid being different, different in ways that'll change the world in which we live. On the other hand, if we just relate to people and do things in the same old way that everyone else does, no one will even notice what the writers of Scripture mean by God's holiness.

JB Kendall rsj

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## 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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**MARAE TIME**  
at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.  
The Drop-in Centre is open  
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9-1pm every Monday to Thursday.  
Nau Mai, Harae Mai. All Welcome.



### Tui Motu Group

Tui Motu, an Independent Catholic Magazine, will challenge us to look with fresh eyes, with gospel eyes, at current social, ecological and spiritual values. Come along and contribute to the discussion-inter-church and inter-faith dialogue is welcomed.

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)

### MAINLY MUSIC.

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



### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

**CITYMISSION WANGANUI**  
**Foodbank Stocks Are Running Low Items Urgently Needed**

Total food parcels given out in 2016 were 1389 feeding 4363 people in our community.

Canned Tuna/Salmon, Soap, Toothpaste, Creamed Corn, Muesli Bars & Instant Noodles.

**ANY OF THE ABOVE FOOD ITEMS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.**

### 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



We as the ICPE Mission are an international community of Catholic missionaries from Wellington. We get around reaching out to people with the good news of Jesus' love. We'd like to share our story with you personally at your homes and invite you for our programs at your parish church.

"A reminder that the first meeting for St Anne's Ladies Guild 2017 will be held on Tuesday 14th February at St Anne's Church after 11.30am Mass. Come for a catch-up with prayer & fellowship."

### MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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



### Cullinane College

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Welcome back to our Year 9 students who have been away on the Year 9 Journey Programme last week. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to get to know their peers and a bit more about the traditions and expectations of the College in a less formal atmosphere. At last report everyone had a fantastic time and they have all come back excited about the year to come.

It's Week 3 at the College this week and in comparison to the first two it is extremely uneventful. For the whole week, Macy Duxfield and Piper Zimmerman are away in Australia with Senora Penn-Reina taking part in the Josephite JJAMM programme.

This programme is very much like the Marist Young Leaders programme only with a more Josephite charism attached to it. Watch for their report on the College FaceBook page and the College Website later this month.

Finally, on Friday it is our first class Mass of the year. This is our weekly Mass that takes place in St Joseph's Chapel at 10:45am every Friday. Each week a different class of students will host the Mass and lead in a weekly reflection. This week's first Mass is being hosted by students from 13HD. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend and join our students in this important part of the Faith journey here at Cullinane.

A couple of bullet points to put on your calendars in terms of upcoming events: February 21st is our House Athletics Day.

The North Island Rowing Championships are coming up on March the 10th at Lake Karapiro.

Watch this space and Facebook for more details.

### Baptisms in our Parish

Beau Ward was baptised at St Marys on the 11th February.



Congratulations to you and your family.

## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**  
**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton  
**DRS:** Cathy Daignault 30 London St. Wanganui Ph:343 1227 Email: [school@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:school@stmarys.ac.nz) Tēnā koutou

Our new students have settled in well to their new school and it is pleasing to see fantastic friendship skills at play.



We would appreciate our parish community keeping one of our staff members in their prayers as she recovers from surgery.

We welcomed back our Rotary Readers this week. We have a wonderful group of retired people who come in every week to read with our students. The children love this special time.

One of our parish family, Ruben Mars, has worked tirelessly over that last few weeks to transform our playground area. He, along with Steve our caretaker, has grassed our garden area in preparation for making this space a welcome area for children to explore, play and relax. It will eventually host vegetable gardens, an aviary and a sacred space. In the junior corner they have also created two 'teletubby' mounds over pipes for the children to climb through and climb on top of.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki May God care for and look after you all. Nga mihi nui

### 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."