

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

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 27 Feb	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 28 Feb	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 7pm Ashes Ceremony/ICPE	11.30am St Annes Mass 3.30pm Kowhainui
WED 1 March Ash Wednesday	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass (Note change of mass time)	9.15am Nazareth Mass Ash Wed 9.30am Patea Mass 7pm Ecumenical Mass at St Annes
THURSDAY 2 March	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Benediction	9.00am Mass 9.30a Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 3 March	9-12 Adoration 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 4 March		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

ICPE WELCOME: St Mary's school and ourselves will be welcoming ICPE on Sunday 26th February following the 6pm Mass. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner. We ask parishioners to bring a finger food plate and hope you will be able to join in the welcome.

SHROVE TUESDAY: The Burning and Blessing of Ashes will take place at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 28 February at 7.00pm. This will be followed by pancakes. We would appreciate donations of pancakes. Please contact Moira on 344 2674 if you are able to help. Many thanks to everyone who generously responds when we host such events.

WANTED; Someone to live in and look after an elderly gentleman in his own house. For further details call Jack on 345 4977.

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 Hagenaaars (8/2), Bill Byford (Taihape) (26/1), Pat Lloyd (Fr Michael Lloyds brother), Monica Roberts (Lynette Roberts-King's mother), Alex Leone, Laurie Conder. (Auckland), Fr. Fred Bliss SM, Shelia Wealleans (Napier), Peter Farr (Waverley)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Johanna Mannex (29/12), Craig Paul, Lou Egan (8/2), Joseph Egan (14/2), Deanna Shepherd (10/4), Pat Shepherd (20/2), Matthew Deazeley (19/2), Pauline Kennedy (19/2), David Bierman (21/2/07), Ralph Bonisch (20/2), Francis Joseph O'Neill (22/2), Thomas Sullivan (27/2), Mal Russell (14/2), James Ian Palmer (9/3)

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), Doug Newick, Fr Anton Fuerstenberger (8/1 -75th birthday), Theresia Jankowski (11/2) birthday). For all the Holy Souls, Patricia Osborne, Allan O'Neill (2/2), Mary Jane Figueroa (fast recovery), Mervyn Charles; Emil Sheriden (22/02). For the Walsh, Manson and Fitzjohn families

26 FEBRUARY 2017

8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Isa.49.14-15 God's faithfulness
2nd: 1 Cor.4.1-5 God our judge
Gospel: Matt 6.24-34 Trust in God
Readings for next week: ; Gen.2.7-9,16-18, 25:3.1-7 Rom.5.12-19
Gospel: Matt 4.1-11

Jesus says: "Look at the birds of the air... Consider the lilies of the field..." (Mtt 6: 26 and 28). He directs us outside of ourselves to see the beauty of what the Father has created. It is a cliché, nevertheless, we do need to take time in life on occasion to smell the roses (and consider the lilies). Even better would be for us to reflect in turn on the God who has made both us and them with such care and order. Often when we are governed by fear and anxiety we make decisions for our self-preservation that are at the expense of others. Think of how people stampede and crush one another when they sense a threat. When we take on board that our life with Christ is secure, regardless of the circumstances, we are protected from panic. Like an infant secure in its mother's arms we can sleep and live in peace since God will never forget us: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." (Is. 49: 15)

(Fr Marcus)

Next Week's Reading FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Every great culture and religion has a sacred story that describes the origins of the universe and tries to account for the order and disorder in the world. Next week, in the first reading we'll hear the Genesis account we Christians have inherited of how it all went wrong. The most significant part of the reading is, perhaps, something we tend to pass over without realising its significance. Early in the piece we are told *'the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.'* Then right at the end we read *'... the eyes of both were opened and they knew they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves.'* What we are being told is that the choice they had made to eat the fruit *'...of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'* had changed their perception of things and that is no less true for us. Each of us helps to shape our relationship with God and the environment in which we live by the choices we make, good or otherwise, which establish our perception of things. Of course, that perception is often influenced, not only by our own choices, but by others' choices, as well.

Matthew gospel sets out to show his early Christian community that there is a way of life that is life-giving for all of them if they make the right choices so he begins his account of Jesus' ministry with Jesus' refusal to make choices that were self-serving rather than life-giving. They were the very same choices that we're all constantly faced with: whether we put our personal needs before everything else, whether we focus on our own self-importance and status, whether we want power over others, no matter the cost. In the second reading, Paul encourages us to believe that each one of us can make a difference in our world depending on how we respond *'...the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all.'*
 JB Kendall rsj

St Mary's Church

To facilitate prayer and devotion St Mary's Church will remain open after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and be closed after the 6pm Mass on that day. We hope that parishioners will take this opportunity to visit the church and enrich their Sunday devotions.

CHURCHES & PEOPLE

•Holy Family

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•St. Mary's

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 3444624

Kevin Foley

Chairperson of Liturgy
 345 0542.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

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

Mainly Music

Contact Anne 3446569
Facebook: Mainly music-st annes

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 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Please note earlier start just for this week.

We will finish with supper.

Please bring some food to share.

Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am - 12.15pm

St Mary's Meeting Room

The topic will be: "A different slant on Lent".

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552, Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177
(Evening Group)

Te Punanga o Hōhepa



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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

Shrove Tuesday celebration with breakfast

Tuesday 28 February, 9.15 – 10.30am

A Journey around Scotland with Mary MacKillop

A journey around the Highlands of Scotland where Mary MacKillop's family came from, and a look at the lifestyle and struggles in the 17th & 18th century, especially the faith formation, social justice and hospitality that is still so evident in the people today.

Also a time to examine the gifts that we have experienced through Mary and the Josephite order, and all who are part of us in so many ways.

Saturday 4 March, 1.30 – 4pm, \$10
with Therese McConway rsj

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

Stations of the Cross (When, Where & Why???)

Lent is a time for reflections, renewal of covenant, and revival of spirit. This year we will have the opportunity to publicly profess our faith by walking and praying the Stations of the Cross during 6 Fridays of Lent. **"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)** You are welcome to come and join us as we take this walk – stopping at each station for prayer and meditation. This can be a moving experience for individuals or families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus. Come, just as you are on the following FRIDAYS:

3 March --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

10 March --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

17 March --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

24 March --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

31 March --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

7 April --- 6pm @ St Mary's Church

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.



Marae Time

Fall prevention at Marae Time
Time: 9am-10am. All welcome

Save the Children are having an Open Day on Tuesday 28th February at 25 Gilligan Close from 10am-3pm.

New stock has arrived this year and some great bargains for sale. Look for our flag. All welcome.

BURNING OF PALMS:

In preparation for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday could you please leave your old palms from last year in the foyer of the churches. Thanks.

Due to ongoing difficulties at the Sunday 6pm Mass Holy Communion will be received under one kind at that Mass, from 12 March, until a viable roster can be established. I thank all of the Extraordinary Ministers on Communion who have done so well to fill in previously when rostered ministers have not been present.



The Diocese of Palmerston North, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. We are especially looking for new applications that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development. Application forms and criteria for funding are available from the parish officer the Diocesan Office, Private Bag 11012, Palmerston North – Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, telephone 06354 1780 ext 833, email wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or you can download a copy of the application form from the diocesan website <http://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications are to be sent to reach the Diocesan Office by 31 March 2017. Allocations will be made on 2 May 2017.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

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Congratulations to Columba House for their triumph in last week's House Athletics at Cooks Gardens. It was a fabulous win and a fantastic day of competition from all of the students. Congratulations to Mr Hepburn and his team for their organisation of such a wonderful event.

This week will see a few students more busy than others as those who were participating in the "Growing Catholic Leaders" forum finish up on Monday. Tuesday we will be welcoming the ICPE Outreach group onto the school grounds and they will be meeting with a number of classes as they spread the Good News and demonstrate what a strong Faith is all about to our students.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We will be having our Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Gym at 9:15am; everyone in our community is invited to join us for this important day in the Catholic Calendar.

Finally, on Friday a number of students will be participating in the WSS Lifesaving and Swimming Championships. As well, we will be having our regular weekly Mass in St Joseph's Chapel at 10:45am. This week's Mass is being hosted by students from 12A. Please come along and join this group as they learn to live their Faith in this weekly celebration.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.
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On Monday our Board of Trustees met and Nigel Ellis was reelected as chairperson for 2017. Simon Beswarick was also appointed as Deputy Chairperson.

The Board also approved our 2017 budget and 2017 Charter. Our Charter is divided into three main aspirational aims and under each aim we have 4 strategic goals.

These goals were formulated from parent and staff surveys and also we used information gathered from student suggestions during 2016. These specific goals and achievement targets can be evidenced on the charter document which is available in the office.

A big thank you to all the coaches for our sports teams and all the players. Best wishes for the season ahead and remember play hard but play fair and also use your manners and thank coaches, team mates and opposition players for the game.

Next Wednesday we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday at St Anne's Church with a Liturgy at 9.00am. Please feel free to join us.

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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



ICPE– 25 Feb-3 March 2017

Seminars

Time 7pm-8.30pm

Tuesday 28 Feb Shrove Tuesday Service/seminar 1 @ Holy Family

Ash Wednesday 1 March Ecumenical Service/Seminar II @ St Annes

Thursday 2 March Seminar III at St Annes Church

Friday 3 March Seminar IV @ St Marys Church

Who are we?

We are Catholic missionaries part of an International Association of Christ's faithful with Pontifical Right, based in Wellington. We are involved in ministries within and outside New Zealand and have been brought together by one person– JESUS! Our lives have been touched and changed by his love and mercy. Now we are here to share with you what we have been given, that you may too also receive CHRIST'S LIGHT!



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou

Last week we welcomed 31 new students and families, Father Marcus and 2 staff members during our powhiri. It was stunning! Our students performed beautifully. We had a lovely morning tea afterwards and our staffroom was bulging at the seams. A wonderful chance to get to know our new families.

We have had our first parent teacher interviews. This was a time for sharing the hopes and dreams of families and building that crucial partnership between home and school.

We had our first PTA meeting for the year which coincided with a rock hunt. 16 parents came along to get involved in fundraising for our school. We are so appreciative.

Tonight we welcome our students and families to our first school mass for 2017. Thank you for joining us and strengthening those parish and school relationships.

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

A time to explore a possible calling from God to become a Sister of Mercy.

Single women are invited to attend an event at Mercy Centre, Thorndon, Wellington on Sunday 9 April from 11.45am – 5pm, lunch included.

Bookings are necessary.

Please contact Sister Stephanie on 04-8198312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz.

Come along and bring a friend!

Baptisms in in our Parish

Charles McGifford was baptised at Holy Family on the 5th of February. Congratulations to you and your family.

