

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 6 March	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 7 March	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Mass
WED 8 March	12.05pm Liturgy	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 9 March	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Liturgy 5.30pm Adoration	9.00am Mass 9.30a Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 10 March	9-12 Adoration 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 11 March		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Ohakune Vigil

ICPE Mission Group

A huge thank you to all who helped with providing vehicles, accommodation, food, music for our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday services (or any other help) and for your presence at the sessions run by this group. We have been very blessed to have these people here among us and very blessed that you may have taken the opportunity to be part of this whole event.



THANK YOU

- HOLY HOUR SUNDAY 5 th MARCH 2.30-3.30pm. Here is your opportunity to spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's. Rosary- Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction- Hymns

WANTED; Someone to live in as companion help for an elderly gentleman in his own house. Free board. For further details call John 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: Shelia Wealleans (Napier), Peter Farr (Waverley), Trevor Blakemore (20/2), Peter Farr

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), Maureen Hopkins (25/2), Thomas Sullivan (27/2), Mal Russell (14/2), James Ian Palmer (9/3), Sr Miriam Prior (1/3), Colleen Thorne (6/3), Patrick Michael O'Neill, Margaret Hackett (8/3), Jack Thompson (12/3), Elsie Riddell (17/3), Richard Schwass (13/3)

MASS OFFERINGS: Verv Ennis, 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, Alex Leone, Brian Mannex (13/3), Deceased members of the Conder family, Laurie Conder (14/2),

5 MARCH 2017

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Gen.2.7-9,16-18, 25:3.1-7 Sin of our first parents
2nd: Rom.5.12-19 Saved through Christ
Gospel: Matt 4.1-11 Temptation
Readings for next week: ; Gen.12.1-4 2.Timothy.1.8b-10
Gospel: Matt 17.1-9

First Sunday of Lent

(Matthew 4: 1-11)

The temptations to become a person of dominance, prominence, influence and abundance is real. And it defies one's social status, level of education, religious belief, political inclination, ideology, gender, nationality and cultural background. No one is exempted from worldly temptations.

Even Jesus Himself is not exempted from these temptations. He is enticed by the devil to have abundance in life (turning stone to bread). He is told to enjoy the luxuries of life and to be served rather than to serve (to be caught by the angels) and He is offered power (owning the whole city) if only He would kneel and worship Satan, the prince of darkness. As told in the gospel, Jesus refuses all these temptations and sticks on a single focus: **"to love and serve the Lord, your God alone."**

In our search for happiness and meaning we often look at worldly sources. We come to think that the measure of happiness depends on how much wealth we possess, how many people work for us, and the strength of our dominance in the world. In this Lenten season we are reminded that happiness born out of material excesses is not lasting and far from truly satisfying. For indeed true happiness is not in owning but in detaching, not in being served but in giving a part of ourselves so that others may enjoy better lives, and not in dominance but in humble obedience to the will of God. As Christ teaches us in the gospel for today, the focus is on the Lord alone. Apart from Him there is no true happiness and meaning in life.

Fr Dondon

Next Week's Reading SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12: 1-4a II; Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

In next week's 2nd reading we'll find one of Christianity's most fundamental truths: '(God)called us with a holy calling.' The first reading from the Book of Genesis describes the first call recorded in Scripture. 'Go forth from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you,' God says to Abraham. Presumably, before he encountered God, Abraham's security lay in his family, his flocks, his pastures and the land in which he lived. Once he says 'yes' to God's call he not only leaves all that behind but he has to find his security in God because God has not told him where to go other than 'to the land that I will show you'. And thus began a relationship with God that is part of our Christian inheritance. Gospel discipleship is about committing to a relationship with God which means being constantly "on the move" because no relationship is ever static.

In the gospel for next week we find Peter wanting to put down roots on the mountain top away from real life – 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.....I will make three tents....' And the voice of God reminding them they had a call to follow in the person of Jesus -this is my Son,.....listen to him!.....do not be afraid.'

For all too long, our Catholic tradition has led us to think of priests and religious as the only ones called by God so perhaps something to reflect on this Lent is that every baptised person is no less called. If we don't all recognise that and respond without being afraid, the kingdom of God, the kingdom of love and mercy and peace, will never become the reality God means it to be.

JB Kendall rsj

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 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

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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)

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning
Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj

Te Punanga o Hōhepa



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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 March, 4.30 – 6pm,
with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

DVD Evening – Faith Like Potatoes

Based on a true story, this inspiring drama
centres on white farmer Angus Buchan,
who weary of the conflict in Zambia,
moves

his family to South Africa, where they try
to transform a bare plot of land into a
working farm.

Thursday 16 March, 6.30pm, Koha

Supper provided

Liturgy – Joseph – Man of many faces

Sunday 19 March, 4 – 5pm

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

MARAE TIME

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



Marae Time

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

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 office or 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/](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.

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



The March meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 9th March at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

The subject for discussion this month is "The Joy of Love".

Prayer, raffle and supper– Raewyn Udy.

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

Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

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A huge thank you to the ICPE Mission Group that visited last week, they were extremely inspirational to our students. Also, a big thanks to the staff and students for making our guests welcome - once again you have shown the Special Character of the school and made it shine.

This week is an extremely busy week with quite a bit on now that we are in the middle of the term. Our first Marist Young Neighbour students will be embarking on another adventure with Fr Mark Walls. The students will be gone from yesterday to next Sunday. Monday sees our Senior Cricket team taking on Whanganui High School. Tuesday is Justice Leadership Day and is also the day that our Athletics team will be travelling to the annual Viard Shield event. This is the annual event that pits our best athletes against the other Catholic schools in the Palmerston North Diocese. On Wednesday PhotoLife will be onsite to take our Student Portraits. Check out our FaceBook page for more information.

On Thursday the Year 11 History class is off campus for a field trip and our Year 9s will be taking part in the annual Hearing and Vision testing. Our Rowing squad also leaves for Lake Karapiro on Thursday for the North Island Secondary School Championships. These go until Sunday and will see our crews up against approximately 2000 other students from around the North Island. On Friday, we have our weekly Mass as usual in St Joseph's Chapel at 10:45am. This week's celebration is being hosted by students from 12U. As always we invite our wider community to come and break bread with our students. Finally, on Saturday and Sunday three of our students will be taking part in the Central North Island Regional Debating Championships at Whanganui High School - best of luck to them and to those students who will be taking part in the Whanganui Secondary Schools Triathlon on Saturday.

Please Note:

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Thursday 9th March

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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



On Friday we had the ICPE mission team visit our school. We are blessed to have such an enthusiastic and committed team come to our parish.

We also had a special Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday at St Anne's Church.

As part of Lent we have a prayer wall in our Junior rooms foyer. There is a desk and paper to write prayers to add to the wall and we will use these prayers in classes and liturgies.

Please feel free to come over to school and add to the prayer wall.

Next Friday evening we also have a fun movie night at school. This is an opportunity for all families to come together at no cost. The children are currently voting on the movie for the evening.

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams
Acting DRS: Kory Wilson



Totara St. Wanganui.
Ph: 349 0023

E te iwi whakapono, tena koutou.

On Tuesday, we gathered as a school in Fr Levin's Library and had an interactive learning session about Shrove Tuesday. We watched a video clip, Mr Grant asked children to think about what they will do for others in this season of Lent, and Mr Park and Mrs Mc Inroy baked our pancakes.

That afternoon Pa Hancy joined us in liturgy to burn our Lenten promises and last years palm leaves.

On Wednesday, we joined with other parishioners to receive our ashes, reflecting on how to make good choices and turn back to God.

On Thursday, we welcomed our visitors from ICPE to St Marcellin School. They spoke to the children about the gifts they contribute to their kaupapa, and share with willingly with others.

Take care of yourselves and one another.

God bless,

Maia Williams.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou



What a great week we have had with the ICPE Mission group. All of our students have had the opportunity to work with them and to be inspired. It was great to see such enthusiasm and love for their work.

We held our Ash Wednesday Liturgy this week. This was a very special time for our school community to share.

Our students are really enjoying the outdoors at present. This weather is glorious and our new play spaces are being used to maximum capacity.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki

May God care for and look after you all

Nga mihi nui

Baptisms in in our Parish

Nathaniel Trebble was
baptised at St Annes on
the 28th of February.
Lars Johansen was
baptised on 4th March
at Holy Family.



Congratulations to you all and your families.

Day of Prayer for Children:

Sunday 5th March is the Day of Prayer for Children. This is an opportunity for the Church and wider society to reflect on the plight of children in New Zealand and around the world. It is also a time to focus on praying for children. Caritas has distributed prayer resources to parishes throughout New Zealand.

The resources are also available from the Caritas website at:

www.caritas.org.nz

For more information, contact Caritas – either Roger on 04 496 1742 or Joe on 09 360 3028.