

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 13 March	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 4.45pm SVDO	
TUESDAY 14 March	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 7.30pm Liturgy Meeting	11.30am St Annes Anointing Mass Ladies Guild
WED 15 March	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 16 March	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass 5.30pm Adoration	9.00am Mass 9.30a Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 17 March	9-12 Adoration 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 18 March		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Tui Motu, March Issue – available NOW..... *This year Tui Motu features the Social Justice Teachings of our Church.*

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Anointing Mass at St Annes 9.30am Tuesday 14th March. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards. All welcome.

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), Lorraine Robertson (11/03);

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), Dstephen Gallen (12/5)

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT READINGS THIS WEEK:

1st: Gen.12.1-4 Mission of Abraham
2nd: 2 Tim 1.8b-10 Design of God
Gospel: Matt 17.1-9 Jesus transfigured
Readings for next week: ; Ex 17.3-7 Rom.5.1-2, 5-8
Gospel: Jn 4.5-42

Second Sunday of Lent

(Matthew 17: 1-9)

The 2nd Sunday of Lent is always "Transfiguration Sunday." This transfiguration experience strengthened and confirmed Jesus for his journey to the Cross. This year we hear the story as Matthew recounts it. We notice a strong focus on Peter, to the extent that he even offered to build the tents single-handedly! Surely an unrealistic proposal! Where could he get materials to accomplish such a task on an isolated mountain top? No wonder Peter hardly knew what he was saying.

Undoubtedly what Peter really wanted in all his confusion was to somehow hold on to this extraordinary moment of glory. But this would not happen. Peter had to first learn to listen to the "beloved Son" and then to follow him along the way of the Cross. Nevertheless the transfiguration experience was a precious glimpse to him as to where this following of Jesus would lead him.

We too are frequently given glimpses of glory and moments of joy. They may be consolation in prayer or the enlightenment and encouragement from a retreat or recollection. It could be the joy of a family reunion or meeting up with a long lost friend. Perhaps it's the celebration of a significant wedding or ordination anniversary. These are wonderful moments of grace. They are occasions of gratitude for the past and encouragement for the future. We can call them moments of transfiguration. But they do not last. In order to attain the final glory that God has prepared for us, we must come down from the mountain of transfiguration and follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, the Way of the Cross.

Next Week's Reading THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

One of Scripture's most important messages is that God is a God who works with what there is to work with. Scripture makes it very clear that God works through very real, imperfect, often what we would rate sinful people. For example, in next week's first reading, the Israelites who have just been freed from slavery are loud in their complaints – 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' They are so full of gripes that they even question the presence of God – 'Is the Lord among us or not?' Yet it is these same people for whom God provides water without rebuke or any demand that they repent and acknowledge God before water is given to them.

In the gospel, Jesus doesn't hesitate about interacting with a Samaritan woman, a heretic in Jewish eyes, who's already gone through five husbands and is living with a sixth man in what would be regarded as a sinful relationship. It's with this public sinner that Jesus shares the plan of life – 'living water' - that he offers his followers. And it's this 'scarlet' woman who draws the townsfolk into listening to Jesus and believing in him.

We obviously don't have to be candidates for canonization before God can work in our lives and use us as messengers of the Gospel. The fact is that God is present in us, sinful or not, and so the potential for being God's messengers is always there. Sadly, we find it difficult to believe that God's love is not something we have to earn but is always with us. In the second reading Paul makes that point very clearly – 'God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.' Obviously Jesus saw something in his fellow human beings that we miss seeing in ourselves: God's presence. Even at our worst, that presence makes us more than worthy to be 'died for.'

JB Kendall rsj

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING
The next meeting will be held 10am at Margaret Haddock 7 Gilligan Close. Phone 345 2805 All are welcome.

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 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Holy Family Meeting Room
MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am - 12.15pm
St Mary's Community 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

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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
9-1 pm every Monday to Thursday.
Nau Mai, Harae Mai. All Welcome.



Marae Time

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

Tax rebates— A reminder that the end of year is coming up on the 31st March 2017. You will need to ensure you have any donations in for this year before that date. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection from St Mary's Church and Holy Family.

Thank you for your generous support.

Come and listen to **Fr Paul Holland** (Jesuit from the USA) present Lectio Divinia on the Gospels of Lent.

To be held at St Marys Church
Thursday March 23rd at 7-9pm.

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



Baptisms in in our Parish

Mason Fodie was baptised at St Marys on the 11th of March.
Congratulations to you and your family.



MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring.



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Congratulations to the Rowing crews who took part in last week's North Island Championships. As of this writing they were going to be competing in very rough weather. Check out the College FaceBook page and Website for any results. Also, a huge thank you to the students and staff for their part in the School Photos last week as well.

Monday this week sees a number of our seniors away for the Sport Science camp. This goes through until Wednesday and will put all of the students taking part through their paces. Monday also sees the Semi Finals for Cricket. Watch the usual places for reports on how our team did. On Tuesday, Massey University is on campus to talk to our Year 13 students who are thinking of attending there next year. Wednesday sees our athletes in action again at the Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics - good luck to them. Thursday is when Victoria University is on site speaking to interested students.

Finally, on Friday is our usual weekly Mass in St Joseph's Chapel. This week's celebration is being hosted by students in 12G. Our community is invited to come along and join our students in this important celebration each week.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Over the next few weeks we will begin our baptism preparation programme and have a number of children involved.

We have three teams competing in the Whanganui Life saving competition this Friday and they have been training for this event over the past two weeks.

We have also erected four new netball goals as we prepare for winter sports. Our intermediate children have been involve in mountain biking and sailing each Friday as they learn new experiences.

Next week our children are involved in a number of swim sports events, its going to be a very busy week.

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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



Brothers and Sisters with Christ, tenā koutou.

I am happy to inform our parish community that the Board of Trustees have finalised it's 2017 - 2020 Strategic Goals.

These goals have now been streamlined into three main areas; **Special Character, Student Achievement and Sustainability.** In Special Character, the goals are...

1. To enhance the positive Catholic Character by promoting our Charism that St Marcellin is a place of unity and equality, that is inclusive of all.
2. Have strong partnerships in the community. The community to actively participate in the wider life of the school.
3. The school's Special Character is to be supported and nurtured, and the children's Catholic Values are developed.
4. School provides a safe environment to promote the well-being and safety of all.

Whaea Korty on behalf of the school went with members of the wider diocese, to the pōwhiri for Deacon Danny in Wellington. I will inform parishioners on the other areas in upcoming newsletters.

On Tuesday, Whānau Mānuka led morning mass at Holy Family Church. Next week Mrs Mc Inroy and our year 1 children will lead mass on Tuesday, at 10am.

A reminder to all parishioners that the appropriate person to talk to about all things regarding St Marcellin School is either Annie Firaza our Board Chairperson, or Myself.

The kettle is always hot, and the coffee is pretty good too.

God bless, Maia Williams.

Communion Ministers Training
after 9.30pm mass at St Marys on the 19th March.

All are most welcome.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou



This week our Junior Learning Centre went on a class trip up our beautiful river. They travelled on the Wairua and were captivated by what they could see on the river banks. They finished their day by walking up to Queen's Park for a picnic lunch. Monday saw the beginning of our swimming trails for our senior students.

We had an excellent turnout for a parent information evening about Baptism. Thank you to Cath our DRS who led discussions around the excellent questions that were posed. This was a very positive and engaging session.

Great excitement was had at assembly this week. We have become a Duffy Books in School this year. This means that we get amazing books to use for rewards and incentives. Each teacher will have a book to give away after each assembly to a stunning role model. The students chosen this time were so excited. All of our students have also selected, from a catalogue, the first two books they will receive to keep. That equates to 520 books going home just in this term alone. Very exciting!
Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki
May God care for and look after you all
Nga mihi nui



Week 2
An encounter
with God's
love

E te Ariki, Lord, in the times when our lives are overcome by cloud and shadow, we pray that your light and love touches us.

When we are afraid and ashamed, remind us Lord that You are always there, calling us as your Beloved.