

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

<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 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
<b>MONDAY 20 March</b>	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 21 March</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	11.30am Mass 10.30am Jane Winstone Anointing Mass
<b>WED 22 March</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
<b>THURSDAY 23 March</b>	11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30a Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Anointing Mass
<b>FRIDAY 24 March</b>	9-12 Exposition 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
<b>SATURDAY 25 March</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

## Bible Society Wanganui Fund Raiser.

We are hosting a Cake & Coffee evening to raise funds for immigrants in Lebanon. The topic **Reverse Missions: Following God's call from everywhere to everywhere.** Please come and hear Alice Kinyua who will share with us her journey from Kenya to New Zealand as a pastor/missionary, and a little of the background of Christianity and fruit of the Bible Society of Kenya. At Christ Church Hall, Wicksteed Street, Wanganui, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm. Admission \$8. If you have any questions please ring Margaret Huthnance 345 0299 or Kay Wilkinson 343 3367.

Legion Of Mary Acies ceremony will be held in the Holy Family Chapel on Sunday 26th March at 2.30pm. Auxiliaries and interested parishioners welcome. Afternoon tea to follow. Members a plate please.

**MASS IN INDIAN:** The next Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite will be at Holy Family Church on Sunday 26 March with the Rosary at 5.30pm followed by the Mass at 6pm. 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), Fr. Pat McCullough (Wellington).

**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), Molly Alexander (10/3), Gordon Wham (15/3), John Harrison (12/3), Ella Sullivan (12/3), Kay Smith (13/03)

**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), Stephen Gallen (12/5), Summerhays & Flynn families, Peter Bamford, Catherine Margaret O'Neill (26/3), Fr. Pat McCullough, Paul Gallagher (20/3), Molly Alexander

## 19 MARCH 2017 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

### This weeks readings Third Sunday of Lent

Ex.17.3-7, Rom.5.1-2, 5-8 (John 4: 5-42)

The story of the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well is worth in its entirety as there is a lot to reflect upon. I want to focus upon the line where Jesus tells us that His food is to do the will of the one (His Father) who sent Him. I think the reason I like this text is that it mentions food, something that is quite dear to all of us. In fact, without food, we die. And here, Jesus tells us that His food is to do His Father's will.

We need to reflect upon this idea often. If we do, dare I say that we will find ourselves drawn into a deeper and deeper walk of discipleship. We live in a world that extols individualism and self-sufficiency. This is not what the Christian life is all about. The Christian life is all about realizing that we must place our lives in the hands of God and that if we desire fulfillment, then the only way we will gain it is through obedience of the Father's will.

Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that anyone who drinks the water drawn from the well will have to come back for more water at a later time. If they drink from the water He provides they will never be thirsty again. It is quite obvious that Jesus is speaking of our spiritual thirst for truth and God. This is something the ordinary world will never be able to satisfy and hence we will have to keep coming back to the well to draw some ideas. However, if we

Furthermore, Jesus hints that His Father's will is more often than not focused upon evangelization. The talk about harvest has nothing to do with literal food; it is a metaphor for evangelization. The sooner we realize this, the better, as we will be more easily drawn into the service of the Gospel that God requires to all of us who believe in Him. Let us pray that we will be able to let go of the attractions of the world and embrace the will of God --- the only thing that can fulfill our empty lives.

Fr Dondon

### Next Week's Reading FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Just a glance at next week's readings should make us aware that each has a message about 'seeing'. The writer of Ephesians puts it this way: *'Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. ....the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.'* The first reading makes a very clear point about seeing things in the *'light of the Lord.'* When Samuel, attracted by Eliab's appearance and stature, wants to anoint him as the next king of Israel, God has other thoughts -- *'..... man sees the appearance but Yahweh looks into the heart.'* Finally, seeing things God's way, Samuel anoints Jesse's youngest son, David, who'd been relegated to minding the sheep -- *'Rise and anoint him for this is the one.'*

John's gospel reading makes the point that seeing things God's way takes time. In the longer version of the gospel the blind man first attributes his sight to *'the man called Jesus'*. Later, when the Pharisees, badger him about Jesus, he says *'he is a prophet'*. Finally, when Jesus himself asks him, *'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'* he is able to say *'Lord, I believe'* and the gospel reading finishes with the words *'And he worshipped him.'* The message is that it takes time to see things through the eyes of faith. Seeing things the way God does will gradually grows in us if we are open to the gospel message. John's Jesus tells the unbelieving Pharisees, *'If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying 'We see,' so your sin remains.'* Are we any better off if we opt for the status quo rather than taking the time to grow in seeing things, people and situations as Jesus sees them? Fr Thomas Reese SJ says that *'without reflecting on the Scriptures it is almost impossible to become a mature Christian.'* Something worth thinking about this Lent?

JB Kendall rsj

## CHURCHES & PEOPLE

### •Holy Family

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### St. Francis de Sales

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Chairperson of Liturgy  
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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 Colleen Wester 139 Harrison Street Phone 348 2442 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 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  
Josephite Retreat Centre  
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Liturgy - Joseph - Man of many faces.

Sunday 19 March, 4 -5pm

Tending the Soul as We Journey  
Monday 10 April, 10am - 3pm, Koha  
with Catherine Woodcock rsj

To register call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3  
or email [pam.hopper@sosi.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosi.org.au)



Week 3  
Encountering God in unlikely people or places

**E te Ariki, Lord, we pray that we as your disciples, accept Jesus' invitation to drink the living water. Fill our hearts with your abundant love.**

**May our cups be so full that they overflow and your graces are poured out onto others.**

**May our spirits be nourished so that we may never be thirsty again.**

### 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**



### Planned giving envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for collection from St Mary's and Holy Family.



### MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring.

**MARAE TIME**  
at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.  
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.



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

### Cullinane College

**Principal:** Kevin Shore  
**DRS:** Helen Dougherty  
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A bit of a slow week this week as we near the end of Lent and the first term of the year.

On Wednesday the Student Leadership Team has organised a Mufti Day for Leuka. Leuka was the student who has spent a number of months in Burwood Spinal Unit in Christchurch after breaking his back at a trampoline park. Leuka is expected to be returning to the College next term.

On Thursday a number of our students will be taking part in the Nga Tawa Equestrian event.

While this is happening our staff will be meeting with our parent community during Parent/Teacher Interviews this week.

On Friday we will be holding our weekly Mass in St Joseph's Hall at 10:45am. This week's celebration will be hosted by students from 11EG. As usual we invite our College community to join us and support our students on these important journeys.

Finally on Sunday our Senior Rowers will begin their quest for the National Championship as they travel up to Lake Karapiro for the Maadi Cup tournament.

### Help Wanted:

#### Cullinane College

Reader/writers. We are requiring volunteers to assist students with their assessments throughout the year.

If you are able to help please contact the Cullinane College office for details. Ph: 3490105



### Communion Ministers

All extraordinary ministers of Communion in the parish are invited to stay behind after 9.30am Mass today at St Mary's for a brief training session.

All such ministers are invited to attend the 7pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 13 April to publicly reaffirm their commitment to this ministry.

### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Korty Wilson  
Totara St. Wanganui.  
Ph: 349 0023  
Brothers and Sisters in Christ, tēnā koutou.



Thank you to those parishioners who came in for coffee last week, I do pray that you all left more informed and I hope that I see you at future school events.

I take great pride in watching all of our touch rugby teams play on Tuesday afternoons. The size of the school does not matter, but that we can field teams in all grades and not have to default makes me a proud principal. Congratulations to all players who turn out in the rain, hail and cold.

Congratulations to the school swim team that took part in the Super 6 swimming meet, on Friday. You all showed great expressions of our school values, and competed beyond your expectations. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Happy St Patrick's Day, Maia Williams.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton  
**DRS:** Cath Daignault  
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### Need Extra Prayer ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and /or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for..

Christian names only are used, so it is confidential.

Please call either Maureen Ph 3455480 or Barbara Ph 3425812

The Prayer Tree details are- contact Merle Manson on 344 7652 after 5.00pm each night. Christian names only are used.

Save the Children are having an Open Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 10am-3pm at 25 Gilligan Close (off Purnell St).

New stock including bamboo tableware has just arrived. Look for our flag.

### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Principal:** Karl Zimmerman  
**DRS:** Jo Gichard.  
Raine St. Wanganui East  
Ph: 343 8389  
Email: [office@stannes.school](mailto:office@stannes.school)



It was a humbling to watch our school swim sports on Wednesday. All of the children on the day showed tenacity, perseverance and resilience in they way they participated in their events.

We had some strong swimmers who achieved some great results and are also representing our school at a number of inter school events. We also had many swimmers who really dug deep to compete and 'gave it a go.'

These children really showed courage in their efforts. Thanks to the parents who helped on the day.

We must also give special thanks to our older children who were spotters and assisted our younger less confident swimmers. These children were a credit to their families and our school.

Also congratulations to our lifesaving teams who competed at the Whanganui Lifesaving completion last Friday. We had four teams competing. Our Junior team came first equal with St Georges school.

On Monday we will celebrate this feast day. St Joseph is Marys husband and also Father of Jesus. He is the patron and protector of the Josephite order chosen by Julian Woods and Mary Mackillop when the order were originally founded. Therefore celebrating this day is an important part of our school connection to the Sisters of St Joseph.

Karl Zimmerman  
Principal

### Fr Paul Holland

Fr Paul Holland sj will lead an exercise of Scriptural meditation from 7-9pm on Thursday 23rd March at St Mary's. He is the superior of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield College in Boston and will be an excellent presenter.

Everyone is welcome to attend.