

# 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 27 March</b>	7.00pm Pro-life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 28 March</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass @ School Chapel 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass 3.30pm Kowhainui Anointing Mass
<b>WED 29 March</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
<b>THURSDAY 30 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 31 March</b>	9-12 Exposition 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass 11.00am Summerset Anointing
<b>SATURDAY 1 April</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

**FOR SALE:** We have a number of household items for sale including fridge, round dining table with 4 chairs, beds. Please contact Pat on 02040325086 or Kevin on 3450542.

**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.

### Vacancy

The Diocese of Palmerston North has a vacancy for someone to assist in prison chaplaincy work at both the Whanganui and Manawatu Prisons. Work is varied, challenging, interesting and rewarding. This is a part time paid position of up to 20 hours per week. Interested – contact Tony Murphy  
Email [tmurphy@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:tmurphy@pndiocese.org.nz) Phone 021 925 560

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), Kay Mitchell, Aileen Croasdale.

**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), Ellen Haden (22/3), Rose O'Leary (6/4)

**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, Kathleen Margaret O'Neill (26/3), Fr. Pat McCullough, Paul Gallagher (20/3), Molly Alexander, Margaret James (26/3), Patricia Mary Osborne (Birthday 28/3)

## 26 MARCH 2017 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Next weeks readings Fourth Sunday of Lent

**1 Sam. 16.1b,6-7, 10-13 Eph. 50.-14**

(John 9: 1-41)

The Gospel reveals to us an interesting reality that unfolds as the story goes on. These 41 verses are loaded with intrigue, cultural sensitivities and controversy. The man blind from birth receives his sight and believes in Jesus. The Pharisees, who claim to see, end up blinded by their own ignorance.

The characters seem to be at a tug-of-war between belief and unbelief, tradition and culture, light and darkness. Light and darkness is a common theme throughout the Gospel of John, emphasized here is the story between the belief of the man born blind and the unbelief of the Pharisees. The story is delightful, matter-of-fact and an easy read for those who enjoy a tale of intrigue. Who is the good person? Who is the bad person? Will the good person win in the end?

Each of us can identify with the characters in the story. Sometimes we are like the Pharisees struggling to believe, caught up in the blindness of our own ignorance and rebellion. On the other hand, sometimes we are like the man who begins to see the Lord and acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior of our life.

As we move closer to the celebration of our faith and life in the Easter victory, let us ask the Lord to fill us with His wisdom and light, to see plainly that He is the Lord of our lives. May He remove the blindness of pride, ignorance and sin in our lives as we look to Him and worship Him in spirit and truth. Amen...

Fr Dondon

### Next Week's Reading FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

We all have questions about what happens after we die. If we follow next Sunday's readings carefully we'll find that our ancestors in the faith had the same kind of uncertainties. Up until the time the Wisdom books were written about a century before Jesus' birth, the authors of Scripture had no concept of heaven.

So when Ezekiel's God spoke about five centuries before that and said: *'I am going to open your graves.....and bring you back to the land of Israel'*, God was promising to return to Israel those Jews who died before being freed from exile in Babylon. Naturally, after they lived some further years in their Promised Land, they'd once again die.

The earliest Christian writing from Paul makes it clear that he thought dead Christians would have to spend a short time in the grave until Jesus arrived and raised them up to a new life.

Mark and Matthew don't say anything in their gospels that contradicts Paul's belief but, in recording Stephen's martyrdom, Luke presents a different belief - Jesus comes for Stephen at the moment of death. There's no waiting for any sort of judgement.

Next week we'll see that, when John writes his gospel a decade or so after Luke, he goes a step further using the story of Lazarus to present a new understanding.

In talking with Jesus, Martha uses the "old" theology. *"I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."* But John's Jesus responds with a new theology: *"I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* Perhaps Paul's words to the Romans offer the best insight: *"If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you."* Let's believe and leave the details to God!

JB Kendall rsj

### CHURCHES & PEOPLE

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

## OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held 10am at Angela Capes Villa 2, Abingdon, 22 Oakland Ave .Phone 347 1426 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

**We will be continuing the topic of: "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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### Tending the Soul as We Journey

Monday 10 April, 10am – 3pm, Koha  
with Catherine Woodcock rsj

### 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 19 April, 4.30 – 6pm, with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

### Harvest Liturgy

Sunday 30 April, 4 – 5pm

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

### Intinction,

or dipping of the Host in the Precious Blood by someone receiving Holy Communion, is forbidden. No one should disrespect the Lord in this way. The only time such a thing can be done is if the Minister of the Cup dips the Host in the Precious Blood and places the Host on the tongue of the person. The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have been instructed to refuse parishioners from dipping the Host. Only ordained ministers *take* Communion. Everyone else *receives* Communion.



WEEK 4

Opening our eyes to see as God sees

E te Atua o te aroha, God of love.

Open our eyes to the injustices in the world.

Help us understand these problems that we may work towards resolution for those who are suffering. Guide our faith to encounter others who need it.

### 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:

**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 9-1 pm every Monday to Thursday.



Nau Mai, Harae Mai. All Welcome.

### Marae Time

Fall prevention with Age Concern at Marae Time

Tuesdays 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

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



Thank you for your generous support.



### Cullinane College

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Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers that came out last Thursday to the Parent/Teacher Interviews. It went very well and, hopefully, you all came away with a good idea of how your children are progressing so far this year. This coming week is a light one as many of our students are away on Sports events. Today our Maadi Cup Rowing squad is travelling to Lake Karapiro for the Maadi Cup. They will be away until next Sunday.

As well, we have a number of students taking part in a Waka Ama regatta all week. We wish both squads all of the best in their events and look forward to some positive results.

As usual we will be having our weekly Mass in St Joseph's Chapel on Friday. This will take place at 10:45am and will be hosted by students from 11EF. As always, our community is invited to join us and celebrate this wonderful gathering each week.

### 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.

### Easter Choir

**We really need all of your voices for the Masses during the Easter Triduum.**

**First practice is to be on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm at St Mary's.**

### Fr Marcus' Reflections

Every week Fr Marcus posts reflections on the readings for the coming Sunday or other special days. These are found online at: [marcusfrancis.blogspot.com](http://marcusfrancis.blogspot.com) It is entitled "My Weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today." The latest contribution is usually posted on Tuesdays.

## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

#### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Korty Wilson  
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#### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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This past week was extremely busy. Our Yr 7 & 8 students had Super 6 Swimming, competing against our other Catholic Schools, Faith City and country schools. They were successful in the pool coming away with 2nd place. Well done to all swimmers on the day. Our Year 7 & 8's also ran a very successful gala last Tuesday to raise money for their upcoming camp. There were many happy students doing fun activities and getting to spend some of their pocket money during lunchtime! Thursday was a great evening as we had our Family Picnic. It was fantastic seeing so many happy families from across the school getting to know each other.

Camp plans are well underway for the rest of the school as well. Our Year 4 students are off to Green Pastures this week and we hope they have a great time. Our Year 5 & 6 students are currently selling numbers for Easter Bowls as part of their first camp fundraiser. Keep an eye out after Church who may be approaching you to purchase a number.

Swimming Competitions continue with our Year 5 & 6's competing this Tuesday at the Splash Centre from 12.30pm. We hope they have fun and represent their school proudly. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come down and support our students in their races.

Room 8 is hosting our Assembly this week at 2pm and we would like to invite our school community to come along.

### School Preferences

The bishops of New Zealand have decided that anyone who wants to be a 5.4 sponsor for children to enrol in Catholic schools must be a family or whanau member. It is no longer possible for close friends or parishioners to act as sponsors for children to whom they are not related. If you are approached in this way, to act as a sponsor, you should encourage the individual or family to initiate a relationship of their own with the Catholic church preferably through RCIA.

#### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### EASTER SCHEDULE 2017

#### Mass times:

Saturday 8 April at 5.30pm-Holy Family

**Palm Sunday** 9.30am- St Marys 6pm St Marys

9.30- Waverley

**Tuesday 11 April**

10.00am Holy Family- Liturgy

11.30am St Annes- Liturgy

12.05am St Marys – Liturgy

#### Mass of the Oils-Tuesday 11 April

7pm The Cathedral Palmerston North- \*if you would like to go please contact the Parish Office and we will organise a car pool.

**Wednesday 12 April**

9.30 Patea

9.00 Holy Family

12.05 St Marys

**Holy Thursday 13 April**

7pm at St Marys-Washing of the Feet 6.30pm Patea

**Good Friday -14 April**

Easter pilgrimage -starts 9am All Saints Church , ends 11am St James

2pm Waverley

3pm St Marys

**Easter Saturday Vigil - 15 April**

7.30pm St Marys

**Easter Sunday 16 April**

9.30am – St Marys

9.30am Patea

**NO 6PM Mass at St Marys**

**Reconciliation times**

St Marys 7pm Rite II Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Holy Family Regular times

Thursday and Friday 11.30am at St Marys

Saturday 5pm Holy Family

Saturday 9am at St Annes