

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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| Miha Maori | Patea | Waverley | RECONCILIATION: |
| St. Anne's Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30 | Sun 1 & 3 9.30 | Sun 2 & 4 9.30 | St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am |
| Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am 9.30 | Sun 1 & 3 9.30 | Wed 2 & 9.30 | St Mary's Thurs & Fri 11.30—12 |
| Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am | Wed 2 & 9.30 | Wed 1 & 3 9.30 | Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm |
| Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama) | | | |

| | ST MARY'S | HOLY FAMILY | ST ANNE'S/OTHERS |
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| MONDAY 10 April | 12.05pm Mass 7pm Pro-Life Rosary | 9.00am No Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration | |
| TUESDAY 11 April | 12.05pm No Service 7pm Mass of the Oils at the Cathedral Palmerston North | 10.00am No Service 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC | 11.30am St Annes No service Ladies Guild Lunch |
| WED 12 April | 12.05pm Mass | 9.00am Mass | 9.30am Patea Mass |
| THURSDAY 13 April Holy Thursday | 7pm Mass | 9.00am No Mass 9.30am No Exposition/Craft | 6.30pm Patea Mass |
| FRIDAY 14 April Good Friday | 3pm Service | 9.00am No Mass | 2pm Waverley Service |
| SATURDAY 15 April Easter Saturday | 7.30pm Vigil | | 9.30am No Mass |

THANKS: Many thanks to the many people who paid respects to Father Des Levins during his passing. So many people were available to support us. We especially thank the students and staff of St. Marcellin's School who were there to welcome him home to his beloved church and for those who kept vigil with him on Thursday and Friday nights. The numbers who attended his Rosary, Funeral and Burial were testament to the high regard in which he was held. His niece Rosemary and her husband Eamonn who travelled out from Ireland were overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity of the people. God bless you all.

REMINDER: The Divine Mercy Chaplet - time to locate your copies of this leaflet as the Novena commences on Good Friday next and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday (9 days). If you are unable to find your copy at home there are some in the Church porch for those who require a new copy.

Save the Children are having an Open Day on Tuesday 11th April at 25 Gilligan Close (off Purnell St) from 10am-3pm. Warm socks and hats now in stock. Look for our flag. All welcome. Phone Sue on 345 2211 for more

Rosary Roster: We would love you to join the list of people who receive the statue of Mary into their homes for 1 week every 9 months approx. For those who do not have a statue of Mary in their homes, this opportunity helps to make the praying of the rosary a little more special. I am about to update & prepare a new roster. Existing members, please advise any changes of address. New members are most welcome to join the list. Contact Kathleen Orsborn ph: 3442245 by Wednesday 19th April. Thank you.

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), Fr Des Levins, Kathleen (Kay) Mitchell, Aileen Croasdale, Bernard Fenerty, Margaret Back (Patea)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Deanna Shepherd (10/4), John Smillie (3/4), Maureen Brown-Sharpe (25/4), Dora Edmonds (21/4), Rose O'Leary (6/4), Margaret Shaw (25/3), Elsie Pinkerton (1/4), Mandy Dodd (22/4), Shane Gallagher (08/04), Joyce Burrell (20/04).

MASS OFFERINGS: Fr Levins, Rose O'Leary, Deceased members of O'Kane, Doherty and Culver families, Dave Moriarty (25/4), Neil Crowley (27/4), C & M Little and family

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

**9 APRIL 2017
PALM SUNDAY**

This weeks readings Isa. 50.4-7 Phil.2.6-11 Mt.26.14-27:66

Today we recall how the child, who once asked questions of the teachers in the Temple (Lk 2: 46) returns to Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Mtt 21: 1-11). A lot of water has passed under the bridge in the intervening years. We can see the entry into Jerusalem as the culmination of the Galilean phase of Jesus' ministry with all of the signs and teaching of that period, as well as his hidden life in Nazareth, coming to bear.

Jesus unequivocally announces by this prophetic action that he is the fulfilment of God's promises. He is the Messiah and that "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4: 21) Do I see Scripture being worked out in my own life in the present and throughout the rest of my life? Can I testify to those moments when God's promises have been fulfilled for me or for others? Is Christ my saviour or, through my actions and sins, do I indicate that I am waiting for someone else? Let us join, this Palm Sunday, with the rejoicing crowds who celebrated Jesus as their Messiah and the definitive sign of God's love and faithfulness for them.

Fr Marcus

Next Week's Reading EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; I Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

We cannot even begin to understand the mystery of Easter if we do not understand the difference between **resuscitation** and **resurrection**. In the Christian Scriptures, Jesus is the only person who rises from the dead, experiences resurrection. Lazarus, the widow of Naim's son, Jairus' daughter, for example, are all resuscitated.

They continue to be the same persons they were before they died, with the same DNA, the same looks, the same personality and so on. And, of course, in due time each of them dies again. On the other hand, resurrection brings a complete transformation.

For a start, unlike the resuscitated, the resurrected never die again. From Easter Sunday on, in the Second reading, Jesus is always referred to as the 'Christ' and, while we will not hear it next week, Paul makes it very clear that the risen Christ is a **'new creation'** - *'neither gentile nor Jew, slave nor free person, male nor female'* Paul says - in other words, someone completely outside our ordinary human experience. To grasp the full implications of that, we need a completely new way of looking at reality - *'let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast of malice and evil but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.'*

Experiencing the risen Christ in our lives calls for a rethink of our values and what the gospels call us to. John, like the other three Gospel writers, takes it for granted that his readers already believe that Jesus has risen so he is not giving a factual account of the event; he's explaining its implications for those who want to follow Christ.

One of those implications is that the Resurrection takes us beyond Jesus, the man of Nazareth, to the risen Christ, forever *'the visible expression of our God'*.

Is it possible that one of the reasons we struggle to experience that risen Christ in our lives is that we are still thinking in terms of a resuscitated Jesus?

JB Kendall rsj.

**Refrain for entrance into Church on Sunday 9th April
(Palm Sunday)**

All Glory Praise and Honour

**All glory, praise and honour to you Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing**

CHURCHES & PEOPLE

•Holy Family

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•St. Anne's

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•St. Mary's

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•St. Patrick's

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Waverley

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Sue Langford

Chairperson of Finance Team
3444624

Kevin Foley

Chairperson of Liturgy
345 0542.

WHANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING
The next meeting will be held **after Easter** 10am at Moya Ericsson 17 Lindsay Cres Phone 3443137 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 Easter"

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
14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui
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ssjoseph@xtra.co.nz
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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 26 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

Please Support the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Collections

Rightly, we are moved by the stories and images we see on TV and YouTube of teachers, and nurses and doctors who, notwithstanding great danger, set out daily to work in Aleppo and Mosul and other war zones. Similarly when the Ebola Virus was rampant in Liberia and Sierra Leone, I often thought the local medics, wrapped from head to foot in protective gowns, were surely the unsung heroes going about their daily duty away from the safe media zones.

For some people in our world, going to Mass is also dangerous. For a complexity of reasons, Churches and our schools and clinics can become targets of violence in parts of Iraq, Iran, Syrian, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Yemen as well as the Holy land itself.

The ancient but fragile Christian communities in the **Middle East** and the **Holy Land** (where Brother Ben Shore OFM Cap, from our Diocese, is currently serving as part of his formation with the Capuchin Friars) face oppression and harassment yet they remain courageous in their charity and their appreciation of Mass.

It is to them that our annual **Good Friday collection** is destined. You can support this appeal by placing a donation in an envelope marked **Good Friday Collection** on the Friday itself or in the usual Sunday collection basket.

Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated.

Easter Sunday Collection

This collection is a "thank you" for our priests. It is divided equally among them and used for holiday costs, books and periodicals, and the priests' own charitable donations. We are blessed with the service of our priests whose workload is far from light. This is one way to show your appreciation. Thanks everyone. Kia ora tātou.

+ Charles

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

is holding the **CWL Diocesan Conference in Palmerston North, April 26-27**, at the Diocesan Centre (33 Amesbury St). The nearby Broadway Motel has been set aside for those attending. Kay Blackburn the National President and Susan Dickson, National Social Concerns will be there, as well as speakers from PARS and Bev Raine, talking on the environment. For further information contact Janice Goldworthy 06 753 6923 or janicegoldworthy45@gmail.com



AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

Week 6

Encountering the face of Christ through the Passion

E te Atua, God, in the times where we have denied you, show us Your mercy and forgiveness.

May we find the courage to say yes to your daily call and by your grace, guide us in our struggles.

May we see the face of Christ and reflect your love to those we encounter each day.

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

PLEASE COLLECT

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

Thank you for your generous support.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Kevin Shore
DRS: Helen Dougherty
15 Peat St., Wanganui
Ph: (06) 349 0105
Email: office@cullinane.school.nz
www.cullinanecollege.school.nz



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams
Acting DRS: Korty Wilson
Totara St. Wanganui.
Ph: 349 0023
Email: stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.
Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389



Email: office@stannes.school

NOTE: on Monday 10th April there will be a Mass at St Marys Church at 12.05pm

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.**

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault
30 London St. Wanganui
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Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz



Easter Mass Times

Monday 10 April
12.05pm St Marys

Tuesday 11 April-

No Services at St Marys, Holy Family or St Annes

Mass of the Oils-

7pm The Cathedral Palmerston North



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Wednesday 12 April

9.30am Patea
9.00am Holy Family
12.05pm St Marys 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 St James Church at 11am.

2pm Waverley Service 3pm St Marys Service

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



Are you feeling unwell or lonely? You can borrow our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to assist you in your prayer time. Contact Kathleen Orsborn ph:3442245 and she will deliver it to you.

Free Relationship Insurance!

Marriage Encounter are running an enrichment weekend for all couples that believe their marriage is important. Without constantly working on improving your relationship complacency can creep in and wreak havoc, sometimes destroying the beautiful relationship you currently have. It's not worth the risk! Book on the **Marriage Encounter** weekend now and protect your relationship. You insure your house so why not your marriage? Join us on the next weekend.