

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		Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

(Hiruharama) SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 17 April-Restarts 1 May

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 17 April	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 18 April	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Liturgy
WED 19 April	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 20 April	11.45am Benediction 12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth
FRIDAY 21 April	9am-12pm Exposition 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
SATURDAY 22 April		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

16 APRIL 2017 EASTER SUNDAY

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

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay." (Mtt 28: 5-6) Fear turns to amazement and despair to joy! On this happiest of days we are heirs to both the promise and the mission given to the disciples of Jesus. Just as Jesus died for them he dies for us; as he rose for them he is risen for us. The only reason the disciples, who were all practising, monotheistic Jews, could proclaim Jesus to be the Son of God was because he did what only God could do.

John starts his gospel speaking of the beginning: "In the beginning was the Word ..." (Jn 1: 1). That was when the spirit hovered over the waters (Gen 1: 2). Throughout his ministry Jesus worked seven signs to reveal the work of God who created the world in seven days. Jesus brings this creation to completion from the Cross: "When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (Jn 19: 30) In the Resurrection, therefore, he shows forth an eighth sign and a new creation. It is the eight day - the Lord's Day. Again, the Spirit is poured out, this time upon the disciples who are commissioned to take this new reality, unconstrained by sin and death, to a world in desperate need of the Good News. "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained'." (Jn 20: 21-23)

For the Jews it was only God could forgive sins: "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2: 7) Now, with the gift of the Spirit, the disciples can do what previously only God could do. In other words, we share already in the resurrection! The Church continues the mission of the risen Christ and we are the heirs to his risen power. Let us use this as we journey throughout Eastertide to bring God's forgiveness to those we meet: "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Cor 5:20)

Fr Marcus

Next Week's Reading SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:42-47 | Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

All too often, we think of the Gospels as a historical record of Jesus' life, whereas the Gospel writers are trying to spell out the implications of commitment to the risen Christ. It's the **risen** Jesus, the Christ, next week's second reading is talking about when it says, "Even though you do not see him now, you **believe** in him.....you are receiving the outcome of your faith". The risen Jesus, the Christ, could only be experienced by those who believed. John emphasises this teaching in the Gospel reading when he has Jesus asking after the resurrection, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Thomas had been quite definite that he would not believe "Unless I see the marks of the nail in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side..." He needed to be certain that Jesus had died before he could be certain that he had risen. Next week's readings make a strong connection between the total self-giving that led to Jesus' death and the sharing of self through which disciples experience the reality of the risen Christ in their lives. "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all as any had need." says the reading from Acts. Sharing ourselves and our gifts is not without pain, as we well know, but the risen Christ becomes evident only when we give of ourselves, in whatever way we can. It's no accident that John connects Jesus' Easter Sunday appearance with his command to forgive others. One of the most important Easter messages is that, if we're not open to forgiving and being forgiven, we're closing our hearts and minds to the presence of the Risen Christ within us.

JB Kendall rsj.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Voice For Life A.G.M.,

Friday, 28 April, 7.15 pm at Christ Church Community Centre. Guest Speakers, Hillary Kieft and her daughter Ariana, who are seeking parental notification for young women. The push to liberalise the Abortion laws is likely to have national focus. Come. All welcome. Phone Joan 343 3374.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY; 23 APRIL.

This great feast day honouring the Divine Mercy is celebrated worldwide in Catholic Churches. It was instituted by St John Paul 2 and carries a Plenary Indulgence for those who observe it. (The usual conditions apply- Confession and Communion within 8 days). This means a complete remission of Purgatory Due. Who wouldn't avail of this? Sunday 23 April. 2.30- 3.30pm. St Mary's Church.

St Marys Bowling Club will restart on **Thursday 20th April at 1.30pm**. Enquiries to Brian Cummings on 3476460.

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), Roger Allen

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), Peter Vodanovich (24 April)

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, Des Thorne (8/4), Morrie Meynell (26/4), Roger Allen, John McDonald (16/4), Living and deceased members of Manson and Walsh families

MASS OFFERINGS

WANGANUI 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:
We will be taking a break the next two weeks.

The Evening Group will resume Monday 1st May.

The Morning Group will resume Tuesday 2nd May.

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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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.

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 Goldsworthy 06 753 6923 or janicegoldsworthy45@gmail.com

Make your own rosary

Come and join Chris Walker in making your own Rosary and hear about the history and traditions of this devotion.
To be held on Saturday 13th May at 1pm at St Marys Church.
Cost \$20.00 per person.



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 and receipts
Envelopes and receipts 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?

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Office Closed

Please note the office will be closed Monday 24th April and Tuesday 26th April (Anzac Day)

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We hope you all have a happy Easter. Enjoy the break.

Christ
is
Risen!

It has been an eventful two weeks. Unfortunately on the weekend of the school mass our staffroom was flooded by some children who wedged open a window and turned taps on. We mopped up 9 buckets of water on the vinyl. Later that week we were also sandbagging and moving furniture as part of the State of Civil Emergency. Thanks to this parents, staff and members of our community who were able to assist in the flood preparations. We really valued your help. Thank you to the parents who supported our special character by being present with your children at our mass. Special thanks for the kind donations to the Whanganui Foodbank, they were very appreciative of these items. This week we farewell Maggie Nicolini while she is on maternity leave as she spends time with the new addition to her family. Danielle Willan will take on the role as teacher in room 7 until Maggie returns from leave. Elizabeth Schaw will take on the role as Acting principal until I return in term 3.

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.

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.



It's not too late!

You and your spouse deserve nothing but the best for your relationship regardless of your age, whether the kids are young or left the nest, or whether you have been married 1 year or 100 years! Why would you not want the very best? What have you got to lose? We know that even those couples that think they are ok and do have a good relationship have made wonderful discoveries and deepened their love for each other after attending a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Gift your spouse something so special that they will thank you for the rest of their lives! Join us on the next weekend!

Weekend Date: 12th – 14th May. To be held at Masters Hall SH2 Pahiatua. Ph. 0800 362 686 for more information and to book a place on the weekend.