

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)	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 17 April-Restarts 1 May	

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 24 April	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 25 April ANZAC DAY	9am Mass	10.00am No Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes No Mass 3.30pm Kowhainui Mass
WED 26 April	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 27 April	11.45am Benediction 12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 28 April	9am-12pm Exposition 11.30am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
SATURDAY 29 April		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

23 APRIL 2017
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

This weeks readings Acts 2.42-47 1 Pet.1.3-9, Jn 20.19-31

The famous account of Thomas and his doubt is our Gospel for today. On television there is much made of priests who have doubts as if this indicates they are always threatened with the possibility that their fantasy of God is always on the verge of crumbling to the relentless onslaught of "reality". It is either that or irrational individuals with "blind faith." The reality, of course is different. Since Christians deal with mystery there is always an element of their faith which is challenging. This is fitting and is not noxious to faith in itself. The opposite of faith, in fact, is not doubt but certainty. Blind faith is problematic because the Christian believer must be reasonable since God himself is reasonable. Jesus did not ask for blind faith from his disciples. He explained the reasons for believing in the Father and in him in a very ordered and rational manner and manifested his authority by the works he performed. To his opponents he said: "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." (Jn 10: 25-26) To us, on this Easter day, his message is: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (Jn 20: 29)

Fr Marcus

Next Week's Reading THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

In next week's first reading, Luke's Peter puts the Resurrection right at the centre of things - "God raised this Jesus," he proclaims, "of this we are all witnesses." The second reading stresses the very same thing - "God raised him (Jesus) from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God." But where and how do we twenty-first Century disciples experience his resurrected presence? The Emmaus story provides us with a heart-stirring answer. Notice how the story begins: Two of the disciples, heading to Emmaus, are joined by Jesus whom they don't recognise. He joins their discussion and explains so much that has been puzzling them - 'Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.' They are so moved by his words that, still not recognising him, they urge him to stay and eat with them. And then the gospel says: 'When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus ...' Notice that Luke has them telling their fellow disciples that they recognised Jesus, not **in the bread**, but in the **breaking of the bread** - 'then the two disciples told.....how the Lord had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Next week's readings point to experiencing the risen Christ in the same way as the disciples on the road to Emmaus did. The Church is so anxious that this emphasis not be lost that it recommends a separate place of reservation for the Blessed Sacrament so that, when we gather to celebrate Eucharist, rather than focusing on the tabernacle, we are caught up in a growing awareness of the risen Christ present in the words of Scripture and in the sharing of the Euchar-istic bread and wine - an awareness that leads us, too, to say: 'Were not our hearts burning within us?' JB Kendall rsj

A heartfelt THANKS!!!

THANKS

I would like to extend my utmost thanks to all those who supported the Stations of the Cross activity in our parish. Thank you to our core group and to all the parishioners who joined the 6 consecutive Fridays devotion during Lent despite busy schedules.

I hope and I pray that this will be a start of a traditional yearly preparation during Lenten Season. Again, thank you and see you all again next year. Fr. Don

CHURCHES & PEOPLE

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•St. Mary's

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•St. Patrick's

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Sue Langford

Chairperson of Finance Team
3444624

Kevin Foley

Chairperson of Liturgy
345 0542.

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.

Please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea.

Vine Family Group Pot Luck,

Sunday 30th April at 11:45-ish. All welcome. For more information phone Barbara 3457757

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: 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 (24/4), John McDonald (16/4) , Bernard Daws, May Wells, Maurice Joseph O'Neill (25/4)

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, Alex Leone, Mass for "D" souls of Vicente R Reyes, Potenciana S Reyes, Margarita S Reyes, Euologio S Reyes, Soilo S Reyes, Lucid S. Reyes, Petronila G Reyes, Guillerma E Reyes, Trevor Blake More, Alan R Wilson and family, James Stewart.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI CATHOLICS' WEEKLY

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wed 3 May at 10am 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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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

The Central Catholic FB page. This page will ideally be the 'hub' for sharing news and events from around the Diocese. Our aim is for everyone in the Diocese to follow it; <https://www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz/>

Of course we have our own facebook page also - the Catholic Parish of Whanganui that you can explore.

Thank you to all everyone who participated in the ministries at all the Easter Masses. In particular the musicians who played and sang beautifully at each mass.

We really appreciated you sharing your gifts and talents with us all.

Thank you

Marist Rugby & Netball Centenary 2017

On Queens Birthday weekend 2017, we will celebrate 100 years of Marist rugby in our city. We would like all past players to be part of our celebrations.
:www.wanganuimarist.nz or call Peter Dunlop 3457641 for an enrolment form.

These are also available at the Parish Office.

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?

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



School Holidays

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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



School Holidays

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.
Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389
Email: office@stannes.school



School Holidays

Keys to Safe Driving

How well do you know the CURRENT ROAD RULES?

At: St Andrew's Church, Glasgow St

On: Thurs April 27th 10am—2.30pm

Includes workbook and luncheon

Call us to register & for catering: Age Concern Wanganui 345 1799

CarFit sessions coming up in May.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault
30 London St. Wanganui
Ph: 343 1227
Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz



School Holidays

Office Closed

Please note the office will be closed Monday 24th April and Tuesday 25th April (Anzac Day).

First Reconciliation Programme

This starts on Sunday the 7th May at 5pm.

Enrolment forms are available in the church foyer or at the Office.



RECONCILIATION

*Congratulations
On Your Baptism*

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Delilah Hill, Teingoa Sam,

Tvzowyuxi, Amelina and Tionneeie Robertson

and their families. These children were baptised on Sunday 16th April at St Marys.

Congratulations to Manaia Wiparata and his family.

Manaia was baptised on Saturday 22nd April at St Marys.



Calling all Passionist Family Group leaders and members (and those curious to join PFG)



Our annual formation day is **SATURDAY 6TH MAY 9.30am – 3.30pm** at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, PN. Come to be informed and inspired about: modern marriage, ageing, conscience and moral decision-making. Bring a gold coin donation and a plate for shared lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Please RSVP to Jenny 0274187906 or email doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 4th May 12 noon.

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.

Missing

Keys for organ, piano and music room. On a ring with green plastic tag. Please phone 3433374 or leave at Parish Office.

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.