

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)		St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
			St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40
			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 8 May	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service 4.45pm SVDP 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 9 May	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass Ladies Guild Lunch
WED 10 May	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 11 May	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 12 May	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45 Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 13 May	1-4pm Rosary Making with Chris Walker	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

INTERNATIONAL MASS: This will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost at Holy Family Church on Saturday 4 June. If you would like to contribute to the Mass with the procession of flags, Prayers of the Faithful, Readings please contact Pat on 02040325086. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

HOLY HOUR: ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY 7 MAY 2.30pm-3.30pm. You are invited to spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament- with Jesus "Our Forever Friend". Rosary- Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction Hymns.

MAY- MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY: Throughout the Catholic world great devotion is shown to Our Lady in May with processions carrying her statue bedecked with flowers and her shrines and grottos festooned in flowers. Our little Lourdes shrine at St. Mary's would welcome potted flowers to show our love for her in this special month in her honour.

MASS IN INDIAN: The next Mass in Indian Syro-Malabar Rite will be at Holy Family Church on Sunday 7 May at 6pm. The Rosary will be recited at 5.30pm.

ROSTERS: The roster for Holy Family Church is being prepared for the June –September period. If you know you will be away during this period please contact Pat. If you would like to be included in the Ministries or feel you are no longer able to carry out your duties please have a chat to Pat.

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: Kathleen (Kay) Mitchell; Aileen Croasdale; Fr. Des Levins; Roger Allen

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Mandy Dodd, (22/04), Frances Jones (03/05), Lene McDonnell (30/4)

MASS OFFERINGS: Roger Allen; James Stewart; Adrienne Rea (Wellington); Deceased members Gallen family

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

7 MAY 2017 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**This weeks readings Acts 2.14a 36b-41 1 Pet. 2.20b-25,
Fourth Sunday of Easter
(John 10: 1-10)**

Every fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect upon the image and reality that God is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Here in NZ we have more sheep compared to other countries in the world, yet we have few shepherds or indeed a history of them. There are some farmers who tend to more than hundreds sheep. The traditional role of the shepherd, who knew each of his sheep individually, has given way to sheep dogs, motorbikes and helicopter as flocks are rounded up, yarded and then shorn or sent off to market.

In the time of Jesus, flocks were small in size and the shepherd knew each of his sheep. Believe it or not, the sheep could recognise the voice of their shepherd from the other shepherds in the area. Many claim to be shepherds in today's world. Many voices offer to guide us along life's paths. The question is, "Which of these voices should we listen to?" This is a very good question and the answer is not always easy to find as many of the voices can be very persuasive but should still be ignored.

We need to learn how to recognise the voice of God through the proper functioning of our own spirits so that we can hear what we need to hear when it comes to following Jesus. It is critical that we become men and women of the Spirit and the Word of God so that we can fully discern the good voice from the bad one. We can save ourselves a lot of grief if we learn this lesson well.

One of the most inspiring ways to learn how to listen to the voice of God is by reading the lives of the saints. Through their lives, we can see the many wonderful examples of what it means to listen to God's voice. Let us always remember to pray for the grace of the Spirit of God to help us in our discernment on which voice to listen to.

Fr Don Don

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7 | Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

There's a post-Vatican II poster that says 'God doesn't make junk!'

Next week, all three readings reinforce that message.

The author of 1Peter writes, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

surely an unmistakable message that, as followers of Jesus, you and I are not junk! The Jesus of John's Gospel takes it even further when he assures his followers at the Last Supper, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, and, in fact, will do greater works than these....." Isn't that telling us that the risen Jesus trusts us not just to carry on from where he left off, but to go beyond what he was able to do between 6 BCE and 30 CE, and doesn't it testify to our importance?

Next week's reading from Acts gives a practical example of that importance being used by the early Christians to solve a problem between their Greek-speaking and Aramaic-speaking widows. The apostles' unique solution was to have the Greek members of the community take responsibility for nominating some of their number to care for the needs of their widows who suspected they were being short-changed in 'the daily distribution of food'. While the institutional Church came to see this as proof for the diaconate, Luke was more concerned with showing the importance of being other Christs. Unfortunately, as the Christian community gradually developed institutional structures, it began to forget the dignity and importance of individual Christians until, ultimately, the community was divided into clergy and laity with one group becoming superior and the other subservient. There's still a long way to go before we return to the early Christian concept expressed in our readings but every time we gather, consult, reflect, plan together and share responsibility, we are moving in the right direction.

JB Kendall rsj

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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: 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: "Resurrection".

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 8 May, 10am – 3pm, Koha

with Catherine Woodcock rsj

World Fair Trade Day – High Tea & Collection for Oxfam

Thursday 11 May, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Treaty of Waitangi Workshop

This informative workshop will combine general Treaty knowledge, some constitutional issues, and local information.

Monday 15 May, 9.30am – 4pm, \$20

with Jillian Wychel & David James

To register call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3 or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

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.

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.

Planned Giving

Did you know that by giving your Sunday offering through our planned giving scheme, you can receive a 33% tax rebate on all your giving? If you don't wish to claim a tax rebate for yourself you can transfer the tax credit back to the Church. You can do this by filing out an Inland Revenue IR526 Tax Credit Claim form. Or alternatively see Jo in the office.



Foodbank Stocks Are Running Low Items Urgently Needed

Canned Fish (Tuna/Salmon), Creamed Corn, Pasta Sauce, Muesli Bars, Soap, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Tea Bags, Raro Sachets,

Instant Noodles

Total food parcels given out in 2016 were 1389 feeding 4363 people in our community.

ANY OF THE ABOVE FOOD ITEMS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

Marian Mothers

The May meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 11th May at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

The subject for discussion this month is "Do not Fear".

Prayer and supper – Debbie Todd

Raffle - Bernadette Thompson

Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members.

For enquiries or transport please phone Raewyn, 344 6299.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

No one is easy to live with all of the time

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.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

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It's great to be back at school. Our first week of the winter term has been a good one with the students looking really sharp in their winter uniforms. It's been great to see the turnout for this year's Survive A Slum which took place this past Friday and yesterday. From the sounds of it the sponsorship from the community for this important fundraiser has been fantastic.

This coming week is a lot busier for some of our students as a few of our Juniors and Seniors are taking part in six Roadshows promoting our College to our feeder Primaries and Intermediates. On Tuesday we have one of our Junior Debating teams hosting Palmerston North Girls' High School and on Wednesday another of our teams will be travelling to Whanganui High School. We wish both teams good luck and will report the results next week.

On Friday the College will be holding its Cross Country competition which will help select the team that will represent the school at local and regional events. Friday also sees our O'Shea Shield team travel to St Bernard's College in Lower Hutt. We wish them a safe journey and all the best against the other sixteen Colleges of the Palmerston North and Wellington Diocese.

Finally, we have our first class Mass on Friday as well. We will begin at the usual time of 10:45am in St Joseph's Chapel. This week's Mass will be hosted by students from 10CD, everyone in our wider community is welcome to come along and support our students in their Faith journey.

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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Rom 8:14

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, tēnā koutou.

On behalf of St Marcellin School thank you all for sharing your christian faith with us in Term 1, and as we begin Term 2 please remember that the kettle is always hot and the coffee is good. Calling for parishioners who are happy to share their love of reading, writing, stories of growing up in Whanganui and sewing/knitting skills or other interests with the children to please ring me. All of the staff and children have returned safe, full of holiday stories and open to receive whatever is to come. Pray for us,

Maia Williams.

First Reconciliation Programme

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



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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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DRS: Cath Daignault



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We have had a lovely start to the term with a number of new students. We will have a Powhiri for them on Wednesday 17th May.

Our students had an enjoyable night on Friday at the school disco; A huge thanks to our PTA for running this for our students.

Our PTA are currently running a meat raffle to help raise funds for our school.

We have 10 students from our school being welcomed into the Catholic Church.

We are beginning their Baptism Sacrament in our school assembly next week, then completing it at 6pm Mass on Sunday 14th May.

If you wish to have the Parish Bulletin emailed to you on a weekly basis please contact the Parish Office. You can do this in person or simply email the office to indicate your desire to receive the email in this way. We promise not to spam you!

However, when there are events in the parish, of particular note, we might notify you by email to ensure that you do not miss out.

Reconciliation Changes

The set times for the availability of the sacrament of reconciliation at St Mary's have changed. The Thursday time is cancelled with Friday time of 11am-11.40am. All other times at Holy Family and St Anne's remain the same.

Parishioners are reminded that they can request the sacrament at any time as long as it is convenient to the priest. If you want to address serious or complex issues it is usually best to make a separate arrangement so that issues can be dealt with in depth.

I encourage all parishioners to have confidence in the mercy of God and the discernment of their pastors.

Palmerston North Interfaith Group Pasifika Climate Change Forum.

Saturday, 20 May 2017, 10:00am- 2:30pm at Te Manawa Museum, 326 Main Street, Palmerston North. Film premier of "Making Waves: Stories of Courage and Hope", starring 6 Pasifika students from Massey University sharing personal stories about the effects of climate change on their lives and loved ones. The film premier is part of a forum which takes up the film's call to action, asking "What do Pasifika people need from us as they struggle to live with climate-induced devastation?" Keynote speaker, Teanau Tuiono will address the connection between the home islands and the diaspora communities in New Zealand. Lunch provided- Koha welcome. **You must reserve your seat for this free event at Eventfinda by 15 May, as spaces are limited to 100 people.** <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/making-waves-stories-of-courage-and-hope/palmerston-north>, or email bob-skipper@xtra.co.nz