

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)		Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 22 May	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 23 May	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	11.30am St Annes Mass Pot luck Lunch follows Mass
WED 24 May	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 25 May	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 26 May	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45 Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 27 May		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass Morning tea follows 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.

ROSTERS: The roster for Holy Family Church is being prepared for the June –August 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.

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL MASS: St. Marcellin's School Mass for Term Two will be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday 28 May at 9.30am. All are welcome to join. Mass will be followed by morning tea. The School will also be attending Mass at Holy Family on Tuesday 6 June to celebrate the feast day of St. Marcellin Champagnet.

St Annes

After Mass on Tuesday 23rd May there will be a pot luck lunch to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the opening of St Annes Church.

Saturday 27th May– morning tea will follow 9.30am Mass.

Everyone is mot welcome!

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, Doreen Cobham, Monica Connors, Frank Respinger, Steven Rumford, Henny Willemsen (Patea)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Mandy Dodd, (22/04), Frances Jones (03/05), Lene McDonnell (30/4), Frances Jones (30/5), Garrod Orsborn (30/5)

MASS OFFERINGS: Roger Allen; James Stewart; Adrienne Rea (Wellington): Deceased members of the Gallen family, Bernard Connors (17/5) The Souls of Tony and Pearl Matthews, Patricia Mary Osborne (18/5), Karen Freer, Nola, Doreen Cobham

21 MAY 2017
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This weeks readings Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 Pet. 3.15-18
Sixth Sunday of Easter (John 14: 15-21)
"Better to suffer for doing good"

Philosophers, theologians and literary giants have said the same thing over and over again, in a million and one different ways. Suffering is part and parcel of the human condition. Our nature as limited, finite beings entails with it the truth of necessary pain, what philosophers call "existential pain."

The second reading for this Sunday's liturgy curiously refers to this reality of pain but connects it with two possible sources. Either way, St. Peter seems to say, one will suffer. But he reminds us of what the Lord Himself, in His righteousness and holiness, underwent... suffered and dies for a good cause: our salvation. In other words, we can suffer because of evil deeds and we can suffer because of good deeds. The former is suffering that enslaves; the latter is suffering that liberates. Suffering for the good that is part of our human condition of finiteness is, therefore, salvific and redemptive, like that of Christ.

This is the way of discipleship. This is the way of faith, hope and love. St. Peter counsels us to be "prepared to answer for the hope that is in us." When we do, when we begin to remind people of the world that goes beyond this earthly reality, we will inevitably get some flak for it. He connects this readiness to proclaim the Gospel with pain, just as the Lord did when He said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Take it from Peter and his Master: "It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." Amen...

Fr Don Don

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, so how come the gospel reading doesn't mention Jesus ascending into heaven? The final words of the reading are the final words of Matthew's gospel – "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – no reference to ascension. Most of us mistakenly take it for granted that what Luke says in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is what all the gospel writers say. Many of us don't even realize that Galilee where the gospel situates the disciples gathered with Jesus is at least 70 or 80 miles north of Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, the place from which the Jesus of Luke's Acts departs this earth. So what's going on? Quite simply, Matthew's theology differs from Luke's. Up until the end of the second century when Christians began to divide themselves into clergy and laity, every disciple of Jesus, not just the priest, was regarded as 'another Christ'. That's why our New Testament writers constantly remind us to fall back on the presence and support of Jesus for whatever we do in the name of Jesus. And that's why Matthew's Jesus doesn't disappear into the clouds but says, "I am with you always....." In contrast to Matthew's theology of the risen Jesus' constant presence in the community, Luke has to 'remove' Jesus so that the Spirit can take over and empower the frightened disciples to continue Jesus' mission - ".....you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.....When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight." If we find these two different theologies confusing, the reading from Ephesians might help us. The writer of this letter says that, whether we rely on the risen Jesus or on the power of the Holy Spirit, the end result is the same for those who are determined to be disciples of Christ: they eventually become Church, the body of the risen Christ.

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 Jessie Coleman 22 Mitchell Street Phone 3438031 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: "Ascension to Pentecost".

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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Liturgy

Sunday 21 May, 4 – 5pm

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

How to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. Over a weekend, couples will be invited to discuss and reflect privately on their marriage relationship including the art of communication, resolving conflict, the power of forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex and love in action. Based on Christian principles, the course is suited to both married and de-facto couples, from both faith & non-faith backgrounds.

Friday 26 May, 7 – 9pm

Saturday 27 May, 9am – 5.30pm

Sunday 28 May, 9am – 3pm \$20pp
with Pam Hopper

Living Well, Dying Well

A series of three workshops exploring what is a good life or a good death and how can we improve the quality of both. Issues include the spirituality of ageing, life's transitions, practical preparation for death, where can we find "Emotional Will", and time for contemplation and creativity. *Bring a school exercise book or A4 folder with paper for notes. Handouts and bibliography provided. Please bring your own lunch.*

Session 1: An introductory workshop

Using various ways to expand our thinking about life and death. We will summarise our own lives and plan the way that we wish to prepare for our own death.

Saturday 3 June, 10am – 4pm, \$20

With Ann Jennison

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

Passionist Youth Retreat 2017

Jul 10 - Jul 14 Venue: Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina Valley.

(approx 40min drive from Palmerston North)

Dates: (1st week school holidays) Starting 11.00am Monday 10th July and finishing following lunch on Thursday 13th July.

Cost: (subsidized amount) \$90.00 per person. Covers accommodation and meals.

Transport: For anyone using public transport, pick-up and transport to and from camp will be provided.

Registrations will be confirmed by email and further information will be sent out to all attendees 2 weeks prior to start of the retreat.

You can now register online by visiting www.passionistfamily.org.nz

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 PLEASE COLLECT

Could you PLEASE collect your planned giving envelopes and receipts!
They are ready for collection in the Church foyer.
Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

Diocesan Young Catholics

Don't forget our Diocesan Young Facebook Page is up and running! Stay connected to what's hot and what's not on the Catholic Youth Scene.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DiocesanYoungCatholics>



Check out our local facebook page too at:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Catholic-Parish-of-Whanganui>

Christian Life Program

A place to belong where we can stand firm in our faith and become united in God's love

You are invited to the Christian Life Program sponsored by the Couples for Christ.

This ministry is open to all married or single adults. Please join us.

When: 1 July 2017, Saturday at 1:00pm

Where: St. Anne's Catholic Church
47 Raine St., Whanganui East,
Whanganui

Afternoon tea will be served.

Please contact: Mon and Bing Hernandez ph:06 3441155
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Congratulations to the O'Shea Shield team and their results from last week at St Bernard's College Lower Hutt. The team had very satisfactory scores across the board and the community should be very proud of them all; of special note was Christie Wallace who finished first equal in her section for the Te Reo Scripture Reading category. She finished alongside the representative from St Bernard's. Also of mention last week was the 1st XV and their first game of the season. By all accounts it was a very well played game.

It's a slow week in general this week. On Monday, we have a number of students travelling to Rotorua for this year's Year 11 Geography trip. The students will be gone until Wednesday afternoon. Also on Wednesday, we'll have a number of students travelling down to Porirua and Bishop Viard College for this year's Quad tournament. This will involve the Senior A Netball, 1st XV, and boys and girls teams in Football, Basketball and Hockey. Finally, on Friday it will be our usual Mass in St Joseph's Chapel at 10:45am. This week's Mass is being hosted by students from 9TB. All of our wider community is more than welcome to join us as we celebrate the Eucharist on this day.

Just a note for your calendars - the College Open Evening is coming up next Thursday, June 1st, and everyone in our community is invited to attend and check out what's happening around the school on that evening.

Board of Trustees

The parish requires a proprietor's representatives on the Boards of Trustees for Cullinane College, St Mary's School and St Marcellin School. If you are interested in going on a Board please contact the parish office.

Jesus4Real Junior Camp October 4 - 8 2017

Oct 4 - Oct 8 · Palm Grove, Paraparaumu

<http://www.jesus4real.org.nz/>

This camp has a 25 year history and is very, very popular among young people. The senior camp has happened but the Junior Camp is still to happen for year 8-10.

For more INFORMATION Anne and Andy Lovell : (06) 364 3141 (Please leave a message if needed)

OR Email jesus4real@gmail.com

OR Go to www.jesus4real.org.nz

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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Please note: newsletter items need to be in by Wednesday pm to make print that week.

Thank you.

SOS Save our Statue

As parishioners may be aware the large statue of Our Lady at the entrance to St Mary's church requires surgery. Pictures and costings for the repair are available on the noticeboard outside the parish office in the parish foyer. Please look at them but leave them behind for others to view. The "Spring Fling" social event scheduled for Saturday 30 September will serve as a fund raiser to help reach our \$4,400 goal. Please note that in your diaries. If you would like to contribute money prior to that event please donate at the parish office. Our SOS fund stands at \$170. Thank you for your generosity.

Newsletter

As an extra service to parishioners all those who have their email addresses with us will receive the parish bulletin by email. If you **do not** want to get the bulletin in this way please contact the parish office. Parishioners are still welcome to take home the hard copy of the bulletin if they choose. I also encourage parishioners to make use of the parish website by looking up events there. This updated parish calendar will show you many of the upcoming events in the parish so you can organise your time appropriately. If you would like to advertise an event please notify Jo at the parish office so she can add it to the calendar.

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Calum Nixon, Jake and Kane Savage, Joshua Jago, Waimiria Nelson, Mackenzie Lee, Alexis and Emily Waitokia, Pierce Cloake and their families.
These children were baptised at St Marys on Sunday 14th May.



Save the Children are having an Open Day on Tuesday 23rd May at 25 Gilligan Close (off Purnell St) from 10am-3pm.

This is the last Open Day we are having before the winter sets in. Come and see what we sell. Look for our flag.

All welcome.

