

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
Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30	Wed 1 & 3 9.30	St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			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 29 May	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 30 May	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass 3.30pm Kowhainui
WED 31 May	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 1 June	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 2 June	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45 Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 3 June		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil—International Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

INTERNATIONAL MASS: This will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost at Holy Family Church on Saturday 3 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.

STATUE: If you would like a statue for your home of the Sacred Heart please contact Pat.

MARY

Fr. Peter Kay was curate at St. Anthony's and chaplain to the Whanganui Hospital. He told of an incident when visiting a dying patient.

As he sat by her bedside she suddenly lifted her head off the pillow, raised herself forward looked towards the door and followed an unseen object as it came towards her.

She exclaimed very clearly, "Oh how beautiful she is!" She then fell back and breathed her last. Fr. Peter said he had no doubts that she had seen Our Lady who was coming to take her to meet her Son.

How fortunate we are to know that we have a Blessed Mother who will be there for us when we need her the most. Legion of Mary.

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), Pat Healy, Ian Kerr, June Seconi

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Mandy Dodd, (22/04), Frances Jones (03/5), Lene McDonnell (30/4), Garrod Orsborn (30/5), Brian Knuth (21/5)

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, Fr. Pat McCullough (Taita)

28 MAY 2017 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This weeks readings Acts 1.1-11 Eph 1.17-23

Ascension of the Lord (Matthew 28: 16-20)

We now come to the final act of the Great Easter event where Jesus returns to His Father. For 40 days, He has revealed Himself to the disciples and now is going away from their sight. They will no longer see Him physically, but He will be present in other ways. And so the final words spoken to His disciples were an act of entrustment to carry on the work in His power and authority. The instructions are simple: "Go!" Go and make disciples of all nations. "Just do it!" as the popular sports apparel company says.

Where do we go? We go to our families, to our workplaces, to our schools and places of recreation. We go everywhere and anywhere to make disciples of all nations. We first heard this instruction at our baptism, but perhaps we were sleeping. Since then, we have been entrusted with the duty to make disciples of all nations. And without knowing it, even from our infancy, we have been making disciples. We may not have said many words but through our lives we have spoken to many, loud and clear.

Take note of the disciples' reaction when they met Jesus at the designated point of departure. They worshipped but they doubted. Sounds familiar???

We also are caught up in the mystery of Christ. We worship Him; we desire to grow in the Lord and His ways. We attend the Eucharistic celebration. We worship, but we also doubt if He has enough time to bless our efforts. Perhaps we doubt if He will use us to proclaim His message. We doubt. And Jesus reassuringly tells us, "I am with you always... Stop your doubting and believe."

So, what are you waiting for? Go!

Fr Don Don

PENTECOST

[Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23](#)

Next week, as we celebrate Pentecost, we'll listen to Paul speaking about the different gifts that come to us through the power of the Spirit, gifts that we are called to use for the common good, for the benefit of others – 'to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good'.

Paul is telling us that the more we become involved in our community and share our individual gifts, the more we'll understand and value what it means to be part of the Body of Christ, part of a community that looks beyond itself. This is where John's account of Pentecost comes in.

Instead of having it 50 days after Easter, as in Luke's Acts of the Apostles, John records Jesus breathing the Spirit into his disciples on the very day of the Resurrection while they were cowering away in the Upper Room paralysed by fear of what the authorities might do. 'It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead.....Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send youHe breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Two things for which the disciples are empowered are the sharing of peace and the sharing of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The sound of rushing wind and the tongues of fire, whether real or simply imagery used by Luke, surely give us a startling picture of minds and hearts being cleared of the chaos caused by fear, doubt, and cowardice, cleared to be seared with the love, wisdom and courage of God's Holy Spirit.

That's the gift with which the Spirit empowers us, too, if we are open to recognising it and accepting it.

JB Kendall rsj

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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:

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm 9.00pm

Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 11.00am - 12.15pm St Mary's Meeting Room

We will be taking a break the next two weeks.

The Evening Group will resume Monday 12th June.

The Morning Group will resume Tuesday 13th June.

The topic when we resume will be "Paul".

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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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

This We Believe...'

Come along for an interesting evening as some **Cullinane College Students** share their ideas and beliefs.

Followed by questions & supper. Koha Thursday 8 June, 7 – 9pm

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

Seminary Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Seminary Appeal.

We have received approximately \$3,000 so far. Donors will be edified to know that the ordained ministry is an essential and constitutive part of the life of the Church and has been so from the beginning. In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #830 we read: "First, the Church is catholic because Christ is present in her. "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church."

In her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with its head; this implies that she receives from him "the fullness of the means of salvation" which he has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession. the Church was, in this fundamental sense, catholic on the day of Pentecost and will always be so until the day of the Parousia."

The ordained priesthood is essential to the life of the Church: "The ministerial priesthood is therefore necessary for a community to exist as "Church": "The ordained priesthood ought not to be thought of as existing (...) posterior to the ecclesial community, as if the Church could be imagined as already established without this priesthood".

Indeed, were a community to lack a priest, it would be deprived of the exercise and sacramental action of Christ, the Head and Pastor, which are essential for the very life of every ecclesial community." (*Ecclesiae de mysterio*, 3)

Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and encourage those who are considering a call to the priesthood to do so with courage and generosity.

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

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.

Father Joe O'Sullivan

Jubilee of Priestly Ordination 16/6/1957-16/6/2017

Parishioners and friends are invited to the celebration of Father Joe O'Sullivan's 60th year of priestly ordination.

Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

Friday 16th June at 12.05pm, followed by lunch in the Cathedral Gathering area.

A plate for the lunch would be appreciated.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

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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 or Carlo and Shereen Paglinawan ph: 0220776048

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams
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E te iwi whakapono, tena koutou katoa.

This is an open invitation for upcoming events.

ST MARCELLIN SCHOOL MASS

Sunday 28th May, at 9.30am, at Holy Family Church.

Following mass is morning tea.

ST MARCELLIN FEAST DAY

Tuesday 6th June, at 10.00am, at Holy Family Church.

This mass is to celebrate the gift that is St Marcellin Champagnat.

The children, staff and I would like to see parishioners at any or all of these events.

Come and join us in prayer and song, as we worship our Lord.

Ngā manaakitanga, Maia Williams.

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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.



Hui -Sunday 18th June

On 18 June we will have a hui to consider the ways in which the parish and wider Catholic Maori Community can better utilise the wonderful asset we have in the Marae and Hall, which is governed by the Te Rau Oriwa Trust.

The Trust Board is composed of three representatives respectively from the parish and the Whanganui Catholic Maori (previously Te Ahi Kaa Trust). The joint nature of the project is evident in the funding of the construction of the facilities. The Te Ahi Kaa Trust paid \$322,417.40 (\$80,000 of which came from the Maori Affairs Dept + \$100,00 from the Lotteries Grant Board) with the parish contributing \$321,317.40 plus the Diocese providing \$10,000 + interest on loans.

Money paid for use of the Marae/Hall does not go to the parish but to the Board, which is responsible for the upkeep of the facilities.

I invite all parishioners to join in the consultation and to bring a plate to share for lunch.

Thank You

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY and shop staff wish to thank all parishioners who supported us with prayers, moral support and donations during our recent break-in at the shop. It is very much appreciated.

Madeline McCrea -President

Pope Francis Twitter

We now are linked to Pope Francis on twitter (@Pontifex)

You can follow him on our webpage:

catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz



Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to:

Mila Koubaridis and her family. Mila was baptised at St Marys on Saturday 20th May.

Noah Donghi and his family. Noah was baptised on Sunday 21st May at St Marys.

Alfie O'Connor, Piper Quinn and their families. These children were baptised on Sunday 21st of May at St Annes Church.

