

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 Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30	Wed 1 & 3 9.30	St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40
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 26 June	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 27 June	12.05pm Liturgy	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass 3.30pm Kowhainui Mass
WED 28 June	12.05pm Liturgy	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Liturgy
THURSDAY 29 June	12.05 pm Liturgy Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Liturgy 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 30 June	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Liturgy	10.45am Cullinane Mass 11.00am Summerset Mass
SATURDAY 1 July		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

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This weeks readings Jer 20:7,10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mtt 10:26-33.

Our seminary professor teaching us scripture used to remind us, not infrequently, that there are “hard sayings” in the Gospels. We will hear today our Lord’s warning to the disciples, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul...” [Mt 10; 28] It can be easy to become almost paralysed with fear when we need to speak in defence or explanation of the Gospel or the Church. We shy away from this sort of discussion with family and dear friends. Yet, these are the ones who rely on us for “truth-telling” and honest explication of the faith we love so dearly. On Thursday I celebrated the Mass in honour of Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More. Both were in positions of honour and power, yet both were risked everything for the faith. They would not allow King Henry to sway them from their loyalty to Christ and his Church - not even threats of death by beheading. There are many martyrs who shared in the determination not to deny Christ in the face of death. You and I will not be called to martyrdom, but may be called to be confessors for the faith. I recall drinks and nibbles one summer evening when I was challenged about the usual “hot button topics”, abortion, euthanasia, birth control and so on. I received apologies the next day! And friendship and trust has grown because I was not willing to be swayed from defending our faith. I’m sure you do the same! May the martyrs pray for us.

Fr John Roberts

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

II Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Next week’s second reading from Romans 6, reminds all of us that we are expected to “die with Christ.” The strange contradiction is that few, if any of us, will actually be martyred for our faith. We’ll live rather ordinary lives and, for most of us, our obituaries won’t make international or even national news. That’s why next week’s first and third readings are so important. They were written for “ordinary” people of the time seeking God just as we are. Then as now, prophets generally weren’t welcomed by the people they tried to minister to and anyone who did welcome them was taking a risk. Yet that’s what the Shunemite woman did for Elisha and it’s what Matthew’s Jesus encourages us to do: “Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward,” The same gospel mentions other ways of putting our lives on the line in our following of Christ: “Whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous.” And taking it even a step further, “...whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” Think how Jesus constantly gave himself in this way, ending his life with the strangest contradiction - death by crucifixion as a common criminal followed by new life as the Risen Christ - “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” Maybe ‘dying with Christ’ is all about living positively in the seeming contradictions that are part of daily life.

JB Kendall rsj

Raffle

St Brigid's parish in Feilding, like that of Whanganui, has a beautiful church but also, like us, a debt. They are selling a fundraising raffle with excellent prizes and will make these tickets available for purchase prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family on 1 July and after the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 2 July. I encourage you to support the raffle as well as social/fundraising initiatives for our own church. Please note in your diaries the Spring Fling dance scheduled for 30 September.

First Reconciliation Service

This will take place on Friday 23rd June at 5.30pm at St Marys Church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Noah Elms, Ella Sullivan, Georgia and Sienna Beswarick, Jaimie Connelly, Gina Wilson, Mollie and Sophie King, Jay Takarangi, Lincoln Clutterbuck, Joshua Jago, Cicily Jiss, Don Arachchige, Daniel O'Neill, Isla Ericsson, Maks Reitsma, Darius Mow, Flynn Peters, Hamish, Samuel and Sophie Cranstone, Reagan and Isla Carver, Amy and Owen Parker, Dinishiya Keeth, and Johnpaul Pious.

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: Fr Steve Hancy, Fr Terry Fitzpatrick, Pat Healy, Russell Hackett, Ruth Thelma Putaka, Matthew Taylor (Wellington); Gerald Haami, Tharian, Mary Elizabeth McKee (Christchurch). Kathleen Phelan, Maureen Turfrey

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: William Puohatau (20/6), Emma Kennedy (17/6), Jose Joseph, Kevin John Bourke (5/6), Una Phillips (6/6), Bill Phillips (10/6), Elza Rose Conder (12/6), Walter Pinkerton (26/06), Brendan O'Shea (8/6), Maurice Woods (8/6), Bob Kavanagh (30/6), Trevor Connors (08/06); Gail Stewart (08/06); Bill Phillips, Wendy Vettise (26/06); Martin Boswell (26/06), Brendan McCrea (10/6), Gavin McCrea (17/6), Kevin Goodgame (30/6)

MASS OFFERINGS: Fr Des Levins. Fr Steve Hancy, Fr Tony Fitzpatrick, Garrod Osborn (30/5), Fr Pat McCullough (Taita), Alex Leonie, Michael and Patrick Hickey, Wolfgang Reifenberger (4/6 birthday), Dr Brigitte Gullath, Stephen Whalley, Duncan Massey (16/6), Kathleen Phelan, Matthew Forsyth

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

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345 0542.

OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held 10am at Margaret Haddock, 7 Gilligan Close Phone 345 2805 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 and MORNING GROUP:

We will be taking our annual winter break, now that it is getting cold and dark!

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

Josephite Retreat Centre

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui P (06) 345 5047 ext 3 ssjoseph@xtra.co.nz www.ssj.org.nz

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 3: Celebrating Life & Death

Final workshop encompasses the first two workshops:

"Exploring strategies for a good death."

Saturday 1 July, 10am - 4pm, \$20

with Ann Jennison

Tending the Soul as We Journey

Monday 10 July, 10am - 3pm, Koha

with Catherine Woodcock rsj

Liturgy

Sunday 16 July, 4 - 5pm

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

Peter's Pence Collection next Sunday

Charity above all requires an attitude of inner joy (Pope Francis)

Next week we have the opportunity to support Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world by contributing to the Peter's Pence Collection. The collection also supports the work of the Pontifical Councils for Justice and Peace, Laity, Family, Inter-religious dialogue etc.

Visit www.peterspence.va/opere to see great images of the works Pope Francis is supporting through this collection in Central Africa Republic - Bangui Children's hospital, Jordan - the Catholic University, Iraq - scholarships for young adults, Ethiopia - poverty alleviation etc.

"Let us be renewed by God's mercy and become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish" (Pope Francis).

If you are not on Planned Giving and would like to donate to the Peter's Pence collection, you can make your donation in an envelope marked Peter's Pence and place in the collection basket.

Thanks every one, kia ora tātou,

+ Charles



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.



Holy Cross Seminary

www.holycross.org.nz

Maori Masses

Parishioners are reminded that they are welcome to attend Sunday Masses on the maraes up the Whanganui River. Te Miha Maori at these places of faith and belonging is always special and the communities are very welcoming. It is an excellent opportunity for bi-cultural dialogue which leads to greater understanding in the wider Whanganui community of the relationships that underpin the Treaty of Waitangi and our shared Catholic faith in this region.

My next Mass at Kaiwhaiki, which is about 20 minutes out from the city up the river road, will be at 11am on Sunday 2 July. The turn to the marae is well sign posted from the main road. Turn right when you get to the end of the road to get to the whareniui.

The Mass is similar to te Miha that is celebrated every third Sunday of the month at St Mary's although with a number of the traditional elements brought to the Mass by the Maori missionaries.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

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A very quiet week last week at the school. Not so easy this week as we begin the final run into the Term holidays.

On Tuesday we will be having an early finish as the staff joins the other Colleges in Whanganui for some Regional Moderation.

This is an opportunity for the schools to compare notes on how we're marking the work of our senior students; making sure that we are in line with the rest of the country.

On Wednesday one of our Junior Debate teams will be facing off against Collegiate at Cullinane. This is the second round of the local competition so we wish them luck.

Thursday sees our Manukorero competitors take to the stage for the Regional Championships. Friday is the Paerangatahi competition as well. We wish all of the students the best in all of their categories.

Friday also sees our next Cafe Concert evening which showcases some of our student talent from the Music Department. Please come along and support these up and coming musicians.

As usual Friday also sees our Weekday Mass in St Joseph's Chapel at 10:45am. This week's celebration is being hosted by students from 13HD.

There is an open invitation to all of our wider community to come and join our students in this important aspect of our week.

Pa Steve Memorial

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Memorial Mass for Pa Steve and the hui that followed.

There is a genuine sense of gratitude for the past and positive sentiment for the future. Parishioners are encouraged to keep an eye out for ongoing consultation about the use of the hall/marae as well as the community garden.

If you have any ideas please contact Fr Marcus or the parish office.

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13.*

E te Iwi whakapono, nei rā te mihi ki a koutou katoa.

Congratulations to Jisna who recently competed in the Indian Community Scripture Competition. This required Jisna to learn the Gospel of Mark and then answer a set of questions. Jisna will go on to compete at the regional's. *Ka mau te wehi!* On Tuesday 27 June, at 10am is Whānau Tawa mass with our church community in Holy Family Chapel. Friends and families are welcome to join with us. On Wednesday, buy your lunch from St Marcellin, for the small cost of \$3.00 you will get a delicious American Hot Dog with your choice of topping. All in support of the year 7 & 8 end of year camp. On a personal note, on behalf of my whānau thank you all for your messages of love and prayer on the recent passing of my tuakana Ruth.

Be well, Maia Williams

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Last weekend we had a large number of students compete in the Wanganui Ballroom Dancing competitions. They were impressive and it was wonderful watching them dance the waltz, foxtrot and chacha. We got numerous placings in all events, with many students getting the top three placings.

We had an amazing concert on Tuesday night as a fundraiser for the Senior camps. Thanks to the Parish for letting us use the church to host this event.

Congratulations to our students who received First Reconciliation on Friday.

It has hard to believe that there is only two weeks left of Term 2. All classes are busy getting topics finished before the end of the term. Room 7-9 are going to the wetlands below Mt. St. Joseph to study Harakeke on Monday Our school is joining Cullinane College for Mass every Friday. You are most welcome to come along and join us.



Perceptive parishioners will have noticed that a number of liturgical changes have been brought about since the

arrival of Fr Marcus. These include new gold Holy Communion bowls for Holy Family and St Mary's churches and other minor within the Mass. The idea is to bring the practise of the parish into line with the provisions of the recent renewed General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) and the instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* (promulgated in 2004). If you can any queries please ask Fr Marcus or write to the Liturgy Committee, whose chairman is Kevin Foley.

Congratulations to Isla Ericsson and her family. Isla was baptised on Friday 23rd June at Holy Family.

