

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Miha Maori</b>	<b>Patea</b>	<b>Waverley</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>
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
<b>MONDAY 11 July</b>	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service 4.45pm SVDP	
<b>TUESDAY 12 July</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass Ladies Guild
<b>WED 13 July</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Liturgy
<b>THURSDAY 14 July</b>	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 15 July</b>	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
<b>SATURDAY 16 July</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 9 JULY 2017 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This weeks readings: Zech.9.9-10 Rom.8.9,11-13 Mt.11.25

We have in our Gospel today among the most tender and most consoling words of Jesus. But this passage offers us more than just sweet words and nice consolations. For one thing, it shows that God is not a cool, detached onlooker who, after creating us, left us to fend for ourselves. He is a God who knows our burdens and suffers alongside us in His Son Jesus Christ.

That is why Jesus invites us to come to Him and He will refresh us. But He also asks us to take His yoke upon our shoulders. This is strange. Come to think of it. Yes, He knows our burdens ---- and He still gives us His own (that is, His yoke). There is no explicit mention of His removing our own burdens, and He even adds to our burdens His own yoke.

Of course, there is a difference with the yoke, which Jesus gives to us: *"My yoke is easy and my burden is light."* It could very well be that it's not the burden as such or what constitutes it (whether they are financial burdens, health woes, family problems, and so on). Rather, it's our attitude toward such burdens and difficulties in life.

Probably God will just shake His head when He sees us in our struggles ---smiling at us and downplaying our woes. And for all we know, maybe our burdens can even serve as the golden opportunity for a badly needed reassessment of our lifestyle and values. The difficulties we are experiencing now might help us to trim down the fat, detach ourselves from our luxuries, and see the great beyond --- and that is no other than a life of genuine happiness and contentment with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Fr Don Don

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Next week' readings remind us that when God speaks things happen, e.g God said, "Let there be light and there was light." The first reading puts it this way: *"Just as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout..... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but..... succeed in the thing for which I sent it."*

In contrast to our biblical ancestors, are we more given to following the word of Church authorities than we are to following the word of God? If you think about it, prior to Vatican II, we weren't even obliged to hear that word proclaimed in our Sunday Eucharist. We had fulfilled our Sunday Mass obligation as long as we got there for the Offertory and didn't leave until after Communion! If we timed it well, we could miss God's word every Sunday without ever having to worry about 'mortal sin'. Jesus' earliest followers would have been aghast because they believed God's word to be one of the most important aspects of their faith. Matthew shows the power of that word in the gospel reading. Unfortunately, we're generally so busy focusing on all the seed sown on waste ground, (the word that falls on deaf ears) that we completely miss the point Matthew's Jesus makes about the yield that unfailingly comes from giving God's word even the smallest chance to take root in our hearts (*'.....some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen*). Perhaps next Sunday we might make an extra effort to give that word the attention it deserves.

JB Kendall rsj

## FRIENDSHIP MEAL

It is hoped to start the Friendship Meal in St Joseph's Hall again within the next while. For those interested there will be a meeting in the hall after Mass on Sunday 9 July. Mary-Anne Elliott has offered to be co-ordinator.



*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:** Harry Triplow, Shirley Boyle, James Bartosh

**CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:** Betty La Roche (29/7), Jess Punch (2/7), Patricia Tasker (27/7), Rosina Gallagher (07/07), Katherine Reid (20/7), Laurie Conder (10/07), Edwiin Wynnroucher (14/7)

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Patrick Vaughan (19/6), Bob Kavanagh (30/6), Kirsty Campbell (30/6), Anne Haddock (3/7), Fr Levins, Fr Corcoran, Pa Hancy, Ericsson, Flynn, Summerhays and Cromarty families

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

## CHURCHES

**St. Mary's**  
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## PEOPLE

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**Father John Roberts**

**Kevin Foley**  
Chairperson of Liturgy  
345 0542.

## OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held 10am on the 26th July at Moya Ericsson, 17 Lindsay Crescent. Phone 344 3137 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



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### Tending the Soul as We Journey

Monday 10 July, 10am – 3pm, Koha with Catherine Woodcock rsj

### Liturgy

Sunday 16 July, 4 – 5pm

### 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 19 July, 4.30 – 6pm, with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

### DVD Evening – Miracles from Heaven

*Miracles from Heaven* is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family.

When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident and falls three stories, a miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

Thursday 20 July, 6.30pm, Koha  
*Supper provided*

To register call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3

or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### The Cross

On occasions parishioners will have noticed an altar cross at St Mary's and other churches. It is there for the priest to be aware of as he celebrates the sacrifice of the Mass, as the Council Trent taught: "That the Sacrifice of the Mass is propitiatory both for the living and the dead. And forasmuch as, in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the mass, that same Christ is contained and immolated in an unbloody manner, who once offered Himself in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross;" (*Chapter II on the Sacrifice of the Mass*) and at Vatican II "As often as the sacrifice of the cross in which Christ our Passover was sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on..." (*Lumen Gentium*, 3) Thus, the connection of the crucifix with the Eucharist is an intimate one. In St Mary's church we have a large crucifix behind the altar for the people to gaze upon during the Eucharistic Prayer so the altar cross is there for the priest.

### 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](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

### Petitions

From time to time petitions are made available for parishioners to sign up to, if they so wish, in the foyer of the church. These petitions, at present looking to combat the relaxation of law on abortion and to oppose voluntary euthanasia, are not expressly supported by the bishops but are consistent with Church teaching.

They are sponsored by Catholic organisations looking, appropriately, to influence the public debate on these matters. No one is obliged to sign them.

I encourage all parishioners to look for ways in which they can exercise their mission as lay Catholics in wider society.

To that end I also recommend the statement of the NZ Bishops' Conference on the forthcoming national election. The web address for this is:

[http://www.catholic.org.nz/uploads/\\_cknw/files/NZCBC%20Election%20Statement\\_web.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/uploads/_cknw/files/NZCBC%20Election%20Statement_web.pdf)



### Cullinane College

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School Holidays



### ST. Marcellin School

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Korty Wilson  
Totara St. Wanganui.  
Ph: 349 0023  
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School Holidays

### Fr Marcus will be away

Fr Marcus will be out of the country on a holiday from July 17 - August 14. Fr John Dykes, ordinarily on retirement in Taupo, will supply for his Masses and be available, along with Frs Dondon and John, for general pastoral duties. He will reside at the presbytery in Gonville.

I encourage all parishioners to make him welcome.

### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Principal:** Karl Zimmerman  
**DRS:** Jo Gichard.

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Email: [office@stannes.school](mailto:office@stannes.school)



School Holidays



### Leadership Team

A number of vacancies have occurred in the leadership group for Whanganui parish. If you are interested in participating in the formulation of parish policy and pastoral strategy please make your availability known to Fr Marcus Francis.

No specific skills are required other than a desire to contribute to the pastoral life of the parish.

It is also an excellent opportunity to encounter other parishioners with a passion for making the Catholic Church flourish in this city.



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton  
**DRS:** Cath Daignault  
30 London St. Wanganui  
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School holidays have arrived with a lot of children looking forward to 2 weeks off.

This past Monday was a teacher only day where our staff went over to Palmerston North and visited a couple of schools to see different programmes being run. It was very enlightening and we have come back with some awesome ideas. Our year 7&8 students competed in Super 6 soccer this week and were third overall. Well done to all involved. Room 7-9 went to the Whanganui museum as a completion to their Harakeke unit. They did some amazing weaving which a lot of them found challenging but didn't give up!

Assembly this past Wednesday was run by our little 5 year olds in the JLC. Their singing was superb. Teachers are currently busy writing National Standard reports ready for going home early next term. Please keep all families and staff in your prayers that they have a good break, where they are recharged and come back safely next term.

