

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 17 July	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 18 July	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Mass
WED 19 July	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 20 July	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 21 July	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
SATURDAY 22 July		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 16 JULY 2017 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This weeks readings: Isa 55.10-11, Rom 8.18-23 Mt 13.1-23 or 13.1-9

16th Sunday Ordinary (A)

(Matthew 13: 24-43)

If we had the Parable of the sower last week in our Gospel, we have this time another "agricultural" parable: **that of the Weeds and the Wheat.**

God wants all to be saved: good and bad, saint and sinner alike, with equal graces for both. If that is the case, who are we now to limit God's all-embracing salvific love? Who are we to refuse accepting the weeds of life, and restrict ourselves to only the wheat?

In the face of good and evil, we need an extra dose of patience --- something that we must pray hard for these days. Our prayer should not be like that of the famous joke: *"Dear God, I pray for patience. And I want it right now!"* That's not the kind of prayer which our Second reading today talks about, the prayer inspired by the Spirit.

Patience makes us endure the evils of this world --- not only with dumb resignation, but also with a song of joy. Patience coupled with faith which makes us affirm that through and in spite of it all, it is still right and just to give God thanks and praise. We do this most especially in our Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

May we all be motivated by God's patient and all-embracing love in everything we do, as we strive to accept, love and uphold our society, where the Kingdom of God germinates --- with both the weeds and wheat.

Fr Don Don

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

As the People of God we're a rather 'mixed bag', aren't we?! Opinions about the Christian community seem to range from saints to sinners to hypocrites, all mixed in with ordinary, faithful people. Next week, the author of Wisdom speaks of this 'mixed bag' as something that attracts God's mercy - *"For your strength is the source of righteousness and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all."* Sin and hypocrisy are no threat to God - *"Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us."* It isn't the good deeds of an always perfect community that prove God's greatness, but the good deeds of an imperfect, forgiven and forgiving community. In the gospel, Matthew's Jesus gives us three different pictures of the kingdom of God. It's constantly growing like the small mustard seed which becomes a sizeable bush or like a small portion of yeast that leavens the whole batch of flour. At the same time, just as weeds get into the farmer's crop, the kingdom can be threatened by failings in the Christian community.

Unlike Matthew's Jesus who says don't try rooting out the weeds before the harvest in case you ruin the whole crop, we often respond in fear and immediately tear out the good along with the bad, e.g the unjust excommunication of St Mary MacKillop.

How much more might we accomplish if we thought less about sin and evil and focused instead on the fact that we're dealing with God's kingdom, not ours, and God's way is to nurture goodness through compassion, love, and forgiveness. The antidote to any fears we might have lies in living by what the second reading says, *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness."*

JB Kendall rsj

ROSARY BEADS:

One of the Sisters is collecting rosary beads to take to the Islands. If you have any spare sets please pass them on to Pat at Holy Family or Jo at the Office.



THE PRO LIFE-ROSARY:

This Monday night Devotion has been going since 16 July 1990 (the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.). So for 27 years a small group meet to pray from 7.00-7.30pm to pray the Rosary asking Our Lady to keep Wanganui "Abortion Free". This despite many attempts to have Abortion Services Introduced here show the power of the Rosary. Our numbers are down to about 6 so we would love to have others to join us.

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, Phyllis O'Hara

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), Katie Moriarty (26/7), Janet Flintoff (16/07); Hilda Hughes (19/7), George Barr (01/07), Carol Bell (17/7)

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, Lois Dougherty (29/6), Ross Whelan (21/7)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

CHURCHES

St. Mary's
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Convener of Care & Concern
Team 348 9303

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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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

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

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 Orsbon
ph:3442245 and she will
deliver it to you.

Need Extra Prayer ??

The Prayer Vine is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and /or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for. Christian names only are used, so it is confidential.

Please call either Maureen Ph 3455480 or Barbara Ph 3425812
The Prayer Tree details are- contact Merle Manson on 344 7652 after 5.00pm each night. Christian names only are used.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Kevin Shore
DRS: Helen Dougherty



15 Peat St., Wanganui
Ph: (06) 349 0105
Email: office@cullinane.school.nz
www.cullinanecollege.school.nz
School Holidays

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.



Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389
Email: office@stannes.school

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. Marcellin School

Principal: Maia Williams
Acting DRS: Korty Wilson



Totara St. Wanganui.
Ph: 349 0023
Email: stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz

School Holidays

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault



30 London St. Wanganui
Ph: 343 1227
Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz

School Holidays

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SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST
2 PM ♦ ST MARY'S CHURCH ♦ WHANGANUI

The starting point for our decision making in social, political and moral issues is the protection of human life from conception to the grave.

David Seymour's Bill legalising Euthanasia and assisted suicide has its first reading in Parliament at the end of the month. At the end of Mass there will be a card circulated so we can indicate to our local MP that the protection of all human life is essential for our society and we ask them to vote against the Bill. All you need to do is fill in your name and electorate and the name of your MP.

The local MPs are::

Chester Burrows

NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

We hope for positive, pro-life attitudes and policies. Love and care for the unborn, the vulnerable, the disabled, the elderly and the different, are marks of a compassionate society, as are well-funded palliative care services.

Legalisation of assisted suicide undermines trust in the medical profession and puts vulnerable groups in our society at risk.



StAnne's Catholic School Jubilee

Friday 28 July

Please join us to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of St Anne's Catholic School

Friday 28th July commencing at 9.30am

Procession from the original school site to the current site Jubilee mass beginning at 10am

Shared memories and tour of the school

Morning tea and display of old photos

We would love to share our special day with you.

Please RSVP to stannes75@stannes.school.nz by Monday 24th July.
Warmest regards, Joanne Gichard, DRS

StAnne's Catholic School, Raine St, Wanganui Phone 06 3438389