

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. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am 9.30	Sun 1 & 3 9.30	Sun 2 & 4 9.30	St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30	Wed 1 & 3 9.30	St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40
Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 31 July	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 1 Aug	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Mass
WED 2 Aug	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Prayers to St Joseph	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 3 Aug	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 4 Aug	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane
SATURDAY 5 Aug		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

INDIAN MASS: The next Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite will be held at St. Anne's Church on Saturday 5 August at 4pm. This is to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Alphonsa (28 July).

All are welcome to attend. St. Alphonsa was an Indian Franciscan Sister who died in 1946 and was the first Indian to be canonized. Her shrine is in Keraia where a number of our local Indian Community come from.

ST VINCENT de PAUL: The next meeting of the Holy Family Conference of SVDP will be held on Monday 14 August at 4.45pm. The group will return to meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. For further information please contact Kevin Foley on 345 0542.

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, Mikaele Perez, Paerangi Lewis, Dylcie Bowden (Australia)

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 Wynncroucher (14/7), Katie Moriarty (26/7), George Barr (1/7), Janet Flintoff (16/7), Hilda Hughes (19/7), Bill Eriksen (24/7), Allan Gray (14/7), Iolande Murphy (11/7), Patricia Albert (24/7), Brian Alexander (29/7), K J Thomas (26/07), Edward McGifford (13/7), Vivien McGifford (24/7), Constance McGifford (4/8)

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, Christopher O'Kane, Phyl O'Hara, Erin Mcrea Bartrum (26/7), Dylcie Bowden, Alex Leone, Brian Knuth, Mass for the souls of Eunila Foster, Remedios Canada, Magarita Reyes, all souls in purgatory, Jenny Fore; Alexander family, Ena Hannah O'Donohue (2/8), Sr Josephine Brown HOC

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 30 JULY 2017 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for this week: I Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

I wonder how we would respond to that "genie-like" situation which King Solomon faced in the First Reading today? "Ask something of me and I will give it to you," he was told. Imagine that we are the one in the scene and the Lord asked us that question. What would be our answer?

A salary increase or a luxury house unit? Fancy a latest-model car? Or would we rather win at the lotto, succeed in business? Honestly, what would be our answer?

King Solomon asked for wisdom. So, shall we follow his example and ask for similar, transcendental "things" such as fortitude, peace, faith or serenity?

And so, what is it that we really, sincerely want? Perhaps there lies the problem. We are not clear and convinced when it comes to our desires. All along we know deep in our hearts that God and His Kingdom should occupy the number one place in our scale of values. Maybe those material things we enumerated earlier are not entirely bad in themselves and there's nothing wrong in possessing them. But we must admit that they do blind us. They make us suffer some sort of amnesia when it comes to Gospel or spiritual values, and we get attached to them.

Let us put a stop to our lack of focus and determination, to our mediocrity and indifference. It's time to place our bets and take a risk. Let's not be afraid or timid, hesitant or dubious. We know that this investment is not a scam of sorts. Countless saints across the centuries have proven it.

Jesus once said, "**Where your treasure is, there your heart is.**" Hopefully our hearts are in the right place: in the Kingdom of God, our one and only treasure.

Fr Don Don

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

All four of the Gospel writers record the Transfiguration story that we will hear next Sunday in the Gospel reading from Matthew. They did that because they wanted their Christian communities to realise that Jesus was the one who showed them what God was really like. In the story they all have Moses and Elijah appearing along with Jesus. Why Moses and why Elijah? Moses because he was the one who gave the Hebrew people the Commandments that formed them into the People of God. Elijah as the representative of all the prophets who spoke for God. The Law and the prophets – speaking with Jesus but then they ultimately disappear. What's the implication? It's as simple as this: Jesus goes beyond the Law and the prophets in showing us what God calls us to be. That's why Peter is so overcome in the story and says: "I will make three tents here....." For the Jewish-Christians, that would immediately bring to mind the Festival of Tents they celebrated every year as a remembrance of God's unfailing presence with their forebears as they travelled through the desert to the Promised Land.

The climax to the whole Transfiguration story comes with the voice of God saying: *This is my Son.....listen to him!* If we really listen to Jesus, what are we likely to hear? Maybe the Jesus who says, "Blessed are the merciful" so we'd look more critically at our justice system; or the Jesus who says, "Love your neighbour as yourself" so maybe we'd treat refugees in a more welcoming way; perhaps the Jesus who says "Forgive" so we'd let go of personal hurts and family differences. It's only if we 'Listen', listen to Jesus that we'll know how to bring God's compassion, God's love, God's joy, God's peace into our world.

JB Kendall rsj

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OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10am at Colleen Webster, 139 Harrison St. Phone 348 2442
All are welcome.

Mainly Music

Contact Anne 3446569
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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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Writing for Self-Awareness & Healing Workshop

Writing is an expansive process. Writing opens you up and helps complete your inner cycle. Writing therapy can be used for: expression; understanding old hurts; dreaming; increasing awareness; trialling new ideas; discharge; meditation etc. This workshop will use a number of processes to invite you to unlock unfinished business & build awareness, in a safe environment.
Please bring your lunch on both days.

Saturday 12th August 10am – 5pm

Sunday 13th August 10am – 1pm

\$20 for the weekend.

with Fliss Newton, Jacque Aldridge & Mary Proctor

Tending the Soul as we Journey

Monday 14 August, 10am – 3pm
Koha

with Catherine Woodcock rsj

Tui Motu Group

Wednesday 16 August, 4.30 – 6pm

Liturgy

Sunday 20 August, 4 – 5pm

To register please call Pam on 3455047 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

High Tea Tickets

Tickets for the High Tea will be on sale after mass on Sunday 30th July. They are \$15.00 each.

Tickets are also available at the office Mon-Fri.

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WHANGANUI

You're invited to HIGH TEA

Tickets \$15

Bring a friend

AND ENJOY A LOVELY AFTERNOON OF FANCY TEA, SCRUMPTIOUS FOOD, AND GOOD COMPANY

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

2 PM ♦ ST MARY'S CHURCH ♦ WHANGANUI

The Catholic Discipleship College invites you to a 10th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner

6pm Saturday 5th August | \$60 Ticket | Includes 3 course meal with a glass of bubbly on arrival | BYO drinks | Live Entertainment and Raffle

To book your ticket email info@cdc.ac.nz or call 09 489 8197

RSVP by 24th July

We delight in the cultural diversity of contemporary New Zealand and we wish to welcome to our shores not only those people whose skills are deemed to be of immediate benefit to our economy, but also those for whom their homeland has become unsafe, including refugees and asylum seekers.

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OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?



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Term 3 is now underway. This term the focus is very much on academic work, especially for senior students as they work towards completing NCEA. Catch-up continues after school on a Tuesday for students who need extra time to complete their work.

There will be two Junior debates this coming week, we wish our teams well.

On Wednesday senior students who are looking at studying at Massey or UCOL next year, will be attending the Open Day in Palmerston North. Friday sees our weekly Mass in our chapel at 10:45am which will be prepared by 12A. We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

ST. Marcellin School

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'God looks with love upon every one of us.' Pope Francis

E te Iwi Whakapono, brothers and sisters with Christ, tēnā koutou.

Welcome to Term 3, and a special welcome to our new students and to Whāea Marata Scott who has joined our teaching team.

This term we begin what will be a three term journey to connect students, staff and families of St Marcellin School to live and learn about the whakatau-ā-ki (proverb) 'E rere kau mai te awa nui mai te Kāhui Maungā ki Tangaroa, Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au. - The big river (Whanganui) flows from the mountain to the sea, I am the river and the river is me.' In term 3, we start at Ruapehu Maunga and we will finish in term 1 2018 at Whanganui beach. Congratulations to St Annes as you celebrate your 75th year.

Happy are we to get this term rolling. Ngā Manaakitanga, Maia Williams.

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Congratulations to St Annes School on their 75th Jubilee celebrations that were held on Friday 28th July.



Mary McKillop Feast Day

An INVITATION to all Parishioners - to celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day
with the Sisters of St Joseph on Tuesday August the 8th at the mid-day Mass at St Marys.



Following the Mass there will be a cuppa for all!

Congratulations
On Your Baptism



Congratulations to:

Mia and Cooper Hepburn and their families. Mia and Cooper were baptised on Saturday 22nd July at St Josephs Chapel.

Porsha McGlinchey and her family. Porsha was baptised on Saturday 22nd July at St Marys Church.

Lucy Fenerty and her family. Lucy was baptised on Sunday 23rd July at St Marys Church.