

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

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| <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               |
| 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                     |
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| <b>MONDAY 21 Aug</b>   | 7pm Pro-Life Rosary                                                                  | 9.00am Service                                                  | 10am Mainly Music @ St Annes         |
| <b>TUESDAY 22 Aug</b>  | 12.05pm Mass                                                                         | 10.00am Mass<br>4.00pm Legion of Mary<br>7.00pm Liturgy Meeting | 11.30am St Annes Mass                |
| <b>WED 23 Aug</b>      | 12.05pm Mass                                                                         | 9.00am Mass                                                     | 9.30am Waverley Mass                 |
| <b>THURSDAY 24 Aug</b> | 12.05 pm Mass<br>Exposition follows Mass                                             | 9.00am Mass<br>9.30am Exposition/Craft                          | 9.15am Nazareth Mass                 |
| <b>FRIDAY 25 Aug</b>   | 9am-12pm Exposition<br>11.00am Reconciliation<br>11.45am Benediction<br>12.05pm Mass | 9.00am Mass                                                     | 10.45am Cullinane                    |
| <b>SATURDAY 26 Aug</b> |                                                                                      | 5.00pm Reconciliation<br>5.30pm Vigil Mass                      | 9.00am Reconciliation<br>9.30am Mass |

## WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 20 AUGUST 2017 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for this week: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

The Entrance Antiphon has us sing, "Turn your eyes, O God our shield; and look upon the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." [Ps 83; 10-11] It reminds us of the privilege given us in our baptism, becoming members of the household of God, those for whom God cares, and for whom the goal of the everlasting joys of heaven is entrancing. The Collect has us pray in part, "that amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found."

Only after this do we listen to Isaiah telling us that the "foreigners who join the Lord and minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants and hold fast to (his) covenant - these I will bring to his holy mountain." [Is 56; 6-7a]

We are those people! The Canaanite woman was one of the few whom our Lord recognised and helped outside the Judeans to whom he was sent to restore the kingdom to Israel. [Acts 1; 6, 13; 46] We are those privileged, to as Isaiah foretold, to go to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, and offer sacrifice at His altar. [Hebrews 12; 22-24, 28]

With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table, to be fed as His children. Let us enjoy the privilege and make of our lives a living sacrifice of praise.

Father John.

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Next week, listen carefully to the second reading in which Paul heaps praise on God's wisdom and knowledge. "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" he says. "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" If that's true, how do we recognise God's inscrutable wisdom and unsearchable knowledge at work in every aspect of our daily lives?

The first reading from Isaiah has God completely involved in human life to the point of arranging a change in political power. The writers of Scripture would have been totally bewildered by the way we separate politics and religion. In their understanding, if God was concerned about everything, then God was concerned about **everything** without exception. It might help if we listen to the Gospel next week with a different mindset. We are used to thinking of it in terms of Peter as the first pope but Scripture scholars say that Matthew was really stressing Peter's faith in the risen Jesus and it was on that faith that the Christian community was built – Matthew was focusing on faith, not the person. It's true that, at the end of the reading, Jesus gives the power to bind and loose to Peter but, two weeks' later, if we listen carefully we'll hear him giving that same power to the whole community. Knowing God's will does not rest exclusively in one person, one institution or one situation; we must always be open to seeing it where we have never noticed it before. Pope Francis, in wanting everyone's input into the Vatican's Synod on the Family and the upcoming one on Youth, is certainly acknowledging that the truth of faith rests in the whole community and the task of each of us is to seek it out.

JB Kendall rsj

Care for our common home, mother earth is a centre stage global challenge. Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' has become an authoritative reference point in this quest. New Zealand's export-based economy has started to show its environmental limits, with increased greenhouse gas emissions, diffuse freshwater pollution and threats to biodiversity. Are we, as a nation, really pulling our weight on climate change when we plan to meet our commitments in this regard by simply buying carbon credits from other countries?

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Parishioners will notice the pamphlets out for this year's Vocations Retreat. I urge all parishioners to pray for vocations especially to the priesthood and religious life. I have experienced a great welcome and reverence for the ordained ministry in Whanganui and Patea/Waverley. Yet, sometimes, it seems we are to pessimistic of our young people to think that they have the courage to respond to a call from god to serve him as a priest or in religious life! Please, do not be afraid to call on the Lord of the harvest and to encourage young people to consider a vocation to serve the Church. If anyone would like to talk about a vocation to the priestly or religious life do not hesitate to get in touch with me, Fr Marcus, or Fr Dondon and Fr John. We will be more than happy to chat about what it means to answer a call from God to serve the Church.

*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:** Dylcie Bowden (Australia) Del Deazley (Fielding 4/8) Muriel Sefton (16/8)

**CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:** Constance McGifford (4/8), Jacqueline Hogan (5/8), Joe Gibbs (20/8), Patrick Bruce (28/8), Noeline Haddock (20/8), Elaine Parsons (09/08); Jack Dodd Snr (18/08) Ian Matheson (7/8), May Victoria Conway (Aug 12), Dora Mary Croucher (30/9), Christopher Daws (7/8), Ryan Joseph Bourke (08/08), Noeline Haddock (20/8),

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Les Foley (02/08), Anni Reifenberger (8/8 birthday), Kalala Sesega, Alex Leone, George Hoskin (4/8), Chris, Steve and Andy (13/8), Darren Hudson, Knuth & Harris families, Walsh, Manson and Fitzjohn families, Edna M Sullivan (6/8), Timothy O'Leary (8/8), Moira and Ken McGifford

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

### CHURCHES

**St. Mary's**  
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**St. Anne's**  
47 Raine Street

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### PEOPLE

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## OUR FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10am 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 starting again in*

*September. Hopefully the worst of the winter will be over by then!*

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 20 August, 4 – 5pm

### Tending the Soul as we Journey

Monday 11 September, 10am – 3pm  
Koha with Rita Cahill rsj

### Waiata, Kōrero & Karakia

Join us as we celebrate **Maori Language Week 2017.**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 12pm with Kura & Kahu Simon

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3

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

### Spring Fling

Our Spring Fling is coming up and we are looking for businesses or individuals who would be happy to help subsidise some of the expenses eg: hiring equipment, catering, photocopying/printing.  
Please contact Joan O'Neill-Fong 021466022 or 3439228 or Paula Darlington 0212727100 or 3445968.

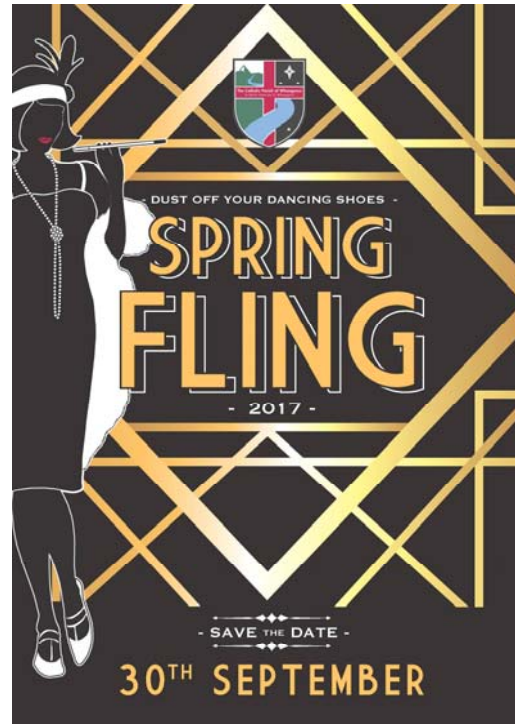
### MARAE TIME

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)



### Māori Education Special Collection

This annual collection has growing support. Thank you. An investment in something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori are good for all New Zealanders.

All of our Catholic schools serve Māori students well. In our Diocese we are also blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools: Hāto Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. They achieve outstanding results with the students they nurture, teach and form.

There is a desire which resonates deep within all New Zealanders to foster educational achievement among all families of our nation. All of us – as a community of believers, as iwi whakapono – can contribute to this vision and make it real. For this reason the annual special collection for education of our young Māori is something that I hope will appeal to everyone.

Your donation, no matter the amount, is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. May I also take the opportunity to thank those who support families of other ethnic groups including of course Pākehā struggling to pay school attendance dues.

Thank you.

Thank you.

+ Charles



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

**Principal:** Kevin Shore  
**DRS:** Helen Dougherty



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Email: [office@cullinane.school.nz](mailto:office@cullinane.school.nz)  
[www.cullinanecollege.school.nz](http://www.cullinanecollege.school.nz)

This coming week our senior students will be sitting practice exams in preparation for the external exams at the end of the year.

When they are not sitting exams, students will be in regular classes. As we are in the middle of a major building programme, these exams will be held in our chapel.

It will be a very busy week for Year 10 students also.

They will be out visiting various trades of interest over the course of the week. On Friday afternoon they will all be attending a Careers Expo. Some students will also be travelling to Palmerston North during the week to participate in a business challenge.

Our regular Friday Mass will continue in the chapel at 10:45am, with 9TB preparing the Mass.

We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

### ST. Marcellin School

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Korty Wilson



Totara St. Wanganui.  
Ph: 349 0023  
Email: [stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz](mailto:stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz)

In Mary we see humility is not a virtue of the weak but of the strong who don't have to treat others badly to feel important. Pope Francis Brothers and sisters in Christ, tena koutou.

On Tuesday, we gathered with our parish community to celebrate Mary's Assumption. It was a truly spiritual mass filled with messages of hope and songs of praise to our Lady. The year 5 & 6 students have started training for their soccer tournament and the school wide fitness programme is running along (lol). Check out our facebook page to see the photos.

Next week, we welcome DRS's from all corners of the Palmerston North Diocese, as they begin their 3 day conference. Peace be with you all, Maia.

### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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



Raine St. Wanganui East  
Ph: 343 8389  
Email: [office@stannes.school](mailto:office@stannes.school)

### Hui Sunday 20th August

Today, Sunday, at 3pm there will be a meeting regarding the possibilities for use of the community garden and other parish facilities to serve the people of Whanganui. This takes place within the context of a renewal of the Friendship Meal and the desire to reach out to the social justice needs of the city. We will meet in Te Rau Oriwa Marae. There are many possibilities open to us so as to meet the needs of people in innovative and effective ways. I hope that everyone who has an interest in youth or in social justice will be able to join in.

### Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Hazel Lewis and Thomas Jellyman and their families. Hazel and Thomas were baptised on Saturday 12th August at St Marys.

Congratulations to Nathaniel and Harley Chant and their families. Nathaniel and Harley were baptised on Sunday 13th August at St Marys.



### PAUSE 2017 ME TŪ a vocations retreat for those discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister Friday 1 evening to Sunday 3 September afternoon. Magnificat retreat centre in the Wairarapa. Transport provided.

We already have nine young men and women enrolled for this weekend. That's good news! Join me, Sr Clare O'Connor and others for a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer karakia, and korero. Find us on facebook events: [www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](http://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan) To secure a place email [bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz). All welcome. Also see the flyer in your Church.

+ Charles

Bishop Charles.