

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 18 Sep	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 19 Sep	12.05pm Liturgy	10.00am Liturgy 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone Mass 11.30am St Annes Liturgy
WED 20 Sep	12.05pm Liturgy	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Liturgy
THURSDAY 21 Sep	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Liturgy 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 22 Sep	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Liturgy
SATURDAY 23 Sep		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass SVDP morning tea

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY wishes to invite the parishioners to our Festival Mass and morning tea on Saturday 23rd September at St Anne's Church at 9.30am as we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul and 150 years of SVDP in NZ Members a plate thankyou

Volunteer wanted: 38 Guyton Street lawns (with own lawnmower)
If you are able to mow the lawns at 38 Guyton Street, please let Jo know at the office

ST. JOSEPH MISSALS 2018: The New Saint Joseph Missals will soon be available. So that I can order please add your name to the order form on the table in the foyer at Holy Family or give your name to Jo at St. Mary's office. The cost will again be \$15. Please pay on receipt of your missal. Thanks. Pat

Next month marks 500 years since Martin Luther's call for church reforms launched the Reformation. To mark this important anniversary the parish of St Mary's plans a seminar at the Te Rau Oriwa Marae at 3pm on Sunday 29 October. Watch this space for more details.

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: Rose Ogden (24/8), Hato Lewis, Terry Refroy-Butler, Margaret Donoghue (30/10), David Teki (4/9), Rangī Haami

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Dora Mary Croucher (30/9), Patricia Sheahon (12/9), Michele Gray (9/9), Jean Seconi (5/9), Liza Mancer (15/9), Anne Cross (26/9), Haimona Rzoska (29/9), Stuart Tasker (1/9), Colin Tasker (11/9), Johanna Smith (30/08); Sr. Mary Eugene (01/09); Gordon Smith

MASS OFFERINGS:

Ron Haddock (Greymouth), Sr Mary Eugene (1/9), Deceased members Gallen family; Deceased members O'Kane, Doherty & Culver families, Flo and Gordon Smith and living relatives, Ellen Reed, Knuth & Harris families, Souls in Purgatory, (8/9), Bill Butler, David Teki, Lynette Wallace (2/9), Dr T Jaquiere (recently deceased), Fr Don Don

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 17 SEPTEMBER 2017 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for this week: Sir.27-30-28.7, Rom 14.7-9, Mt 18.21-35

The first reading this week from the Book of Sirach, called elsewhere Ecclesiasticus, is especially powerful: "Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them." (Sirach 27: 30) Notice that the sin lies not in anger or wrath themselves but in the holding on to them.

Anger, in itself, is an emotion and is not morally culpable but what I do with it is another matter. Sin is *always* a choice.

It is tempting, for anyone, to hold onto victimhood and offense. Our society sees value in grievances.

The danger is that we forget mercy and love that call us to "turn the other cheek" (Mtt 5: 39) and "go also the second mile" (Mtt 5: 41). Our Lord practised this on the cross when he said: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23: 34)

How can we put our anger into perspective without turning it in on ourselves?

The same reading from Sirach gives us the remedy: remember the end of your life; remember corruption and death; remember the commandments; remember the covenant of the Most High.

If we do this before we give vent to our anger we will be less likely to cause enduring hurt, damage relationships or poison our own soul.

Fr Marcus

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 55:6-4 Philippians 1:20-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a

If we don't know anything about the community for whom Matthew's gospel was written, next week's gospel mightn't make a lot of sense. A community which had begun almost 50 years previously as a Jewish group following Jesus had come to a point where Jews were almost a minority in their own Christian community. Non-Jewish converts, though welcome in the community, were expected to embrace Judaism and its 613 laws before they could be considered disciples of Christ. However, this practice began to disappear when more liberal thinkers like Paul of Tarsus began baptizing Gentiles without insisting they first convert to Judaism and its laws. Many Jewish Christians had problems with this, seeing it as unjust that Gentiles could become Christians without having to submit to circumcision or the 613 laws that regulated Jewish life. That's when Matthew's Jesus comes on the scene with his story of a landowner who hires workers at various times of the day under an agreement that means they will all be paid the same amount of money at the end of the day even though some have worked more hours than others. (Possibly, in our heart of hearts, we rather agree with the longer-working labourers who complain that they are being treated unjustly!) But the point that Matthew's Jesus is making is that God has never had a 'one size fits all' theology. That raises the question of whether we understand and accept God's freedom to show generous mercy as and when and to the degree that God chooses. Shakespeare gives us something to think about:

"Though justice be thy plea, consider this - That in the course of justice none of us - Should see salvation; we do pray for mercy, And that same prayer doth teach us to render, The deeds of mercy."

JB Kendall rsj

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10am at Jessie Coleman, 22 Mitchell Street Phone 343 8031 All are welcome.

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

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9.00pm Holy Family Meeting Room MORNING: Tuesday 10.30am - 12.15pm

(NOTE EARLIER TIME CHANGE FROM 11am TO 10.30AM)

St Mary's Community Room

The topic will be "St PAUL"

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552, Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj

You're all welcome to attend.

SOCIAL GROUPS

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

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP

Meet weekly on Thursdays at 9.30am. For further information phone Shirley on 344 6365

ST MARYS CRAFT GROUP

Meet every second Sunday of the month in St Marys Church foyer 2-4. Contact Marianne 3450281 or Richelle 3452652.

LADIES GUILD GROUPS

St. Anne's
Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Ring Kay Wilkinson Ph. 343 3367

MAINLY MUSIC

Contact Anne 3446569 Facebook:Mainly music-st annes

FOCOLARE

Monthly meeting on 4th Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave, Ph: 3454709

All Welcome

Come..! On Sunday 24th September 2017 at 1 p.m. in the lounge area of St Mary's Church to hear and reflect about Venerable Suzanne Aubert, New Zealand's Saint in the Making.....did you know that Suzanne Aubert in 1905 burst into our hospital in Heads Road and after a heated exchange with the authorities removed him into her own care. Young John McMahon an orphan from Jerusalem was at death's door from an infection in his arm. Suzanne feared the medical superintendent wanted to amputate his arm in a medical experiment. Suzanne restored 'her-boy' to full health and after a good education worked for the Government for many years. Everyone is invited to hear about Suzanne Aubert. Organized by Sue Seconi of the Associates of Suzanne Aubert - Te Hunga Whai i nga Akoranga a Suzanne - a reflection will be led by Home of Compassion Sister, Sister Litia. Looking forward to seeing you.

ROSARY:

There will be the usual Daily Rosary recited at Holy Family Church during the month of October. Copies of the roster are available from the church.

The Rosary will commence on 1 October at 5.30pm.

The Sunday rosary will be followed by a finger food tea. All are welcome. Please bring a plate.

During the week the rosary will be at 5.30pm except on a Saturday when it will start at 5pm in the Chapel.

Enquiries to Anne or Bones Smith.

One day retreat on 28th Oct by Rex Begley @ Te Rau Oriwa Marae

Time: 9.30am-4pm Bring lunch to share. Koha.

More information see Anne Murray or Sr Litia ph: 3484955 or 02108166034

The Whanganui Bible Society are organising a 'Garage Sale' in October.

We are gathering items to raise money, to help the Bible Society continue to send Bibles, translated in into other languages, overseas.

If you have any thing you can donate anything for this garage sale, please contact Kay Wilkinson 3433367 or Mike Coleman 3438031.

Thank you.



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Liturgy – Pop Music & Spirituality

Sunday 17 September, 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 20 September, 4.30 – 6pm, with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3

or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

Holy Cross Seminary

www.holycross.org.nz



MARAE TIME

at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.

The Drop-in Centre is open 9-1pm every Monday to

Thursday. Nau Mai, Haere Mai .

All Welcome.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

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On Thursday some Year 10 students went up to Mt St Joseph's to help the sisters with some planting. Luckily the rain stayed away during this time. This coming week is busy in the College.

On Tuesday many of our Year 11 students will be sitting the first of their external exams, the MCAT. This is an algebra assessment. We wish them well.

From Wednesday to Friday students from Years 10-12 will be participating in option interviews with staff and their parents. This is an important process for students to choose subjects wisely.

On Wednesday afternoon students in Year 12-13 will be going to the Jubilee Stadium along with students from other Colleges for a SADD event. The focus will be about being safe on our roads.

On Thursday and Friday members of our Kapa Haka Roopu will be attending the National Manu Korero competition in New Plymouth in support of our two finalists- Elise Smith and Caitlyn Huwyler.

Finally on Friday we will have our weekly Liturgy in our chapel at 10:45am which will be prepared by 10KO.

We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Our classes have been busy with the Caritas Social Justice week. Our junior classes have been reaching out to our community by putting cards they made into the letterboxes of our school neighbours and have received so lovely cards back.

Our Junior Learning Centre invited the community of Cullinane College over to get to know a class of Year 10 students who came and read with them.

Each student in the school received 2 books this week that they could take home through the amazing Duffy Books programme.

It was a joy to see the excitement on children's faces when they received their new books.

26 Year 4-6 students represented St. Mary's at Aranui Cross Country. It was a very wet and muddy course, which added to the challenge, but these kids were amazing. Congratulations to them all, they did the school proud.

Congratulations to our Isla and Regan Carver, Josh Jago, Savannah Cheerington, Darius Mow and Dinishiya Keeth on receiving their First Holy Communion last Sunda

It is such a pleasure being part of their Sacramental Journey with them.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Social Justice Week

On Sunday 17 September, as the conclusion of Social Justice Week, a second collection will be taken up at all Vigil and Sunday Masses as the Whanganui Parish contribution to Christian Social Services Whanganui. Previously, the parish has given a sum to support this ecumenical enterprise on parishioners behalf. In order to have members of the parish more aware of the work of CSSW it has been decided that parishioners can show their support by giving to the collection according to their means. The work of CSSW includes the united foodbank, budgeting advice, Friendship Meals, the City Mission and counselling to some of the poorest and most vulnerable members of Whanganui community. I encourage parishioners to donate generously as well as offering their services as volunteers to the St Mary's Friendship Meal and other aspects of CSSW. As Catholics we need to be ever mindful of the call to promote social justice and to work together with other Christians as a sign of Christ's love to the world.

We are deeply disturbed by the growing prison population in New Zealand. It is a national disgrace. Crime rates have in fact fallen in New Zealand. What is driving the increase in prison numbers is changes to bail law, sentencing and parole. We want our communities to be safe. We want deterrents to be positive. Pathways of care and guidance, of participation and belonging, of work and purpose are what our at-risk young need, not corridors of bars and negative mentors. (New Zealand Bishops Conference)



First Communion

What a wonderful celebration!

Thank you all for being a part of our wonderful group – Cath and Adelie (course presenters/teachers) parents, grandparents, support people and of course our awesome children.

Special thanks to Heather and Adrienne who attended to the flowers and “dressed” the church, Cath, who made the beautiful cake, Jo who took the photos, the musicians and to every one who prepared the food/ laid it out and cleaned up afterwards.

We greatly appreciate what you all have done.

