

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

<b>St. Anne's</b> Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30	<b>Miha Maori</b> Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am	<b>Patea</b> Sun 1 & 3 9.30am	<b>Waverley</b> Sun 2 & 4 9.30am	<b>St Annes</b> Sat. 9.00—9.20am
<b>St Mary's</b> 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30am	Wed 1 & 3 9.30am	St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40am
<b>Holy Family</b> Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

**RECONCILIATION:**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2 Oct-13 Oct**

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 9 Oct</b>	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 4.45pm SVDP 5.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 10 Oct</b>	12.05pm Liturgy	10.00am Service 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.30pm Rosary	11.30am St Annes Mass Ladies Guild
<b>WED 11 Oct</b>	12.05pm Liturgy	9.00am Service 5.30pm Rosary	9.30am Patea Liturgy
<b>THURSDAY 12 Oct</b>	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft 5.30pm Rosary	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 13 Oct</b>	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Rosary 10.00pm All night Vigil until 6am	
<b>SATURDAY 14 Oct</b>		5.00pm Rosary 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Memorial Mass

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 8 OCTOBER 2017 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Readings for this week: Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43**

## BREACH OF CONTRACT

The parable about the murder of the servants and the son of the vineyard owner ask for a lighter introduction. It is about two little brothers. The elder said to his younger brother, "I will give you \$50 if you let me break three eggs on your head." The little boy knew it would be painful but because he wanted the money, he agreed. The bigger boy then went on to break an egg on his brother's head who cried, "Ouch"! Then he broke the second egg on his little brother's head. It really hurt and the little guy cried out in pain, but he was determined to get his 50\$. So he braced himself for the third and last egg, but his elder brother walked away and laughing. "Come on, bring that third egg," said the little boy. "Nope!" said the bigger brother, "I don't want to lose my \$50.

One could dismiss the story as kids playing pranks, but there is something more serious going on here. It is called "breach of contract." It is about the sense of responsibility, the recognition that every privilege comes with a price tag. Like the big brother in our story, some people try to take advantage of others, of society and even of God. We see that in the parable of the rebellious farm tenants in today's Gospel who enjoy their benefits as managers but withhold the benefits that should go to the landowner.

What does it have to do with us? What is our vineyard? The vineyard is everything God has given us. The absentee vineyard owner is our Father in heaven and we are His tenants. What is our attitude towards the vineyard? Are we grateful for it and do we care for everything God has given to us? Are we like the tenants acting as if we own everything God has given to us, forgetting that we are to produce fruit for God? Are we forgetting about the Giver who has given us all these beautiful gifts?

Heaps of serious questions arise from the simple story Jesus told us and from that of the two little brothers. How do I answer these questions in my life?

Fr Don Don

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Readings for next week: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14**

It's significant that next week's gospel begins with the phrase, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to . . ." Matthew's Jesus uses the phrase "kingdom of heaven" as a way to talk about God at work in our everyday lives. In comparing the kingdom to a wedding banquet, Matthew is making the point that we're always **invited** to experience God as part of whatever we do. But no one's forced to recognise that presence. It's just an invitation and we can make other choices as did the people in the story.

However, like all invitations, whatever choice we make will have consequences. It's up to each of us to determine how important the invitation is to us and decide accordingly.

Jesus' invitation to experience God's kingdom wasn't quite the invitation most Jews were expecting. Many of them would have taken the first reading from Isaiah literally, believing that one day, when the messiah arrived, there actually would be a "feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines" on Mt. Zion. (Incidentally, many of us will be most familiar with this extract from the gospel as a funeral reading supposedly about life after death). But Jesus' teaching was always about how to live the here and now. For him, salvation centred on experiencing God in one's daily life.

That's what he taught, that's what he lived and that's what we are invited to live, too. St Paul reminds us that anyone who commits themselves to accepting the invitation to "the wedding banquet", as Matthew calls it, can be sure that "God will satisfy every need of yours according to God's riches in Christ Jesus."

JB Kendall rsj

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**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

**Walker-** If anybody has a walker they not longer require and is in good working order, we would very much appreciate it.

**CONGRATUALIONS:** Congratulations to Bernadette and Keith Thompson who celebrate 40 years of marriage this weekend.

**OCTOBER ROSARY:** The month long Rosary got under way on Sunday with a good crowd of 27. It was followed by a finger food tea. All are welcome to come and pray the rosary each day in the Holy Family Chapel from Sunday through to Friday at 5.30pm and then on Saturday at 5pm. Finger food tea on a Sunday.

*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:** Leona Boulton, Teresa Devassy (India)

### CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonios Koubaridis (10/10), Marie Tallot (15/10), Joan Gosnell (17/10), Joy Hall (17/10), Andrea Tapu (20/10), Bernard Sheridan (31/10), Patchett Family, Francis Hartley (21/9), Frederick Hartley (22/9), Gordon Harrison (28/09); Marie Harrison (04/10), Colleen Cavanagh (3/10), Patrick McGonigle (5/10), Ida Bourke (30/09), Timothy Bourke (04/10); Vera Dodd (24/10), Grant Patterson (22/9)

### MASS OFFERINGS:

Repose of the souls of Summerhays, Flynn and Ericsson families, Thomas Jellyman (recovery), Mary O'Shea (14/10), Doug Newick, Deceased members of the Walsh, Manson and Fitzjohn Families, Leona Boulton

**MASS OFFERINGS**

### CHURCHES

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**Kevin Foley**  
Chairperson of Liturgy  
345 0542

## FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will resume on the 18th October. 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

**Due to school holidays there will be no meeting this coming Tuesday 10th October. We will resume 17th October.**

St Mary's Community Room

**The topic will be "Praise and Worship"**

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552,  
Nancie & Brian Quigley  
347 8177  
Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning  
Group)  
Led by Sr John Bosco  
Kendall rsj

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave,  
Ph: 3454709

All Welcome

### 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.

**Spring Fling** -We made a grand total of \$1300.00!! Thank you to all those who donated to help make the Spring Fling a success. It was wonderful for our Catholic community and friends to come together to enjoy a night of fun, fantastic music and dancing. Especially a huge thank you to the ladies who prepared the amazing supper and those who helped in the kitchen, and finally and last but not least, thank you to those who put in so much time to help plan the night. Photos are available via dropbox. See Jo in office to view them.

### Can anyone help? A request from Bishop Charles.

It's holiday time for me soon. I'm heading back to India and Laos volunteering. Poverty in these places is often about blocks or obstacles to moving ahead. For example, government schools are free but the uniform and stationery aren't. This means many poor children don't start school. Some hospitals are free but medicines, x rays and lab tests aren't. Many make one visit to the Doctor but never return because the next step is beyond them financially. And mental health (as seems to be the case everywhere) is overlooked and grossly under-resourced. Could you help? Hostel fees, school costs and tertiary fees, medical bills, water access, start up employment, simple domestic livestock projects are some of the assistance you can provide. And more recently I've got involved with some Sisters in a vocational training programme in Laos for young women at risk of the scourge of trafficking. Any amount no matter how small goes a long way. Contributions can be left at the parish office or placed in a plain envelope marked "India and Laos Projects" in the collection basket. Alternatively deposits can be made directly to this bank account: Bishop C E Drennan 02 1248 0642423 01. (Note though it would be more difficult to write you a thank you note as I won't have your address.) Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

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Te Punanga o Hōhepa

Josephite Retreat Centre

14 Hillside Tce,  
Whanganui  
P (06) 345 5047 ext 3  
ssjoseph@xtra.co.nz  
www.ssj.org.nz

### Faith Traditions Evening

A panel consisting of representatives from several different faith traditions will share on the question:  
*'What's important to you in your day-to-day faith?'*

This is a respectful sharing from a people representing a variety of faith traditions in our country and is intended to help us grow in our understanding of others in this Year of Unity.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7 – 9pm, Koha  
*Supper provided*

### Fun with Flowers

A day to enjoy creating floral arrangements, with time for a tour of the beautiful gardens at the Josephite Retreat Centre.

Saturday 14 October, 10am – 3pm, \$20 with Dorothy Gibbs

### Liturgy

Sunday 15 October, 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 18 October, 4.30 – 6pm,  
with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3  
or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)



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### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### SVDP 2nd Collection

Holy Family total \$161.30.  
St Marys \$210.90.

There will be another collection on the 4th Sunday 22 October– this is to mark the 150th anniversary of SVDP.

Thank you for your generosity.

### Memorial Mass 14 October at St Annes at 9.30am

All parishioners are invited to attend a Mass celebrated for Victims of Suicide at St Anne's Church at 9.30am on 14th October. The term victims refers to all people who have had life or loved ones stolen from them by mental illness or for other reasons beyond their control. As a Church we have in the past failed to look after such people on many occasions. Let us take time for healing and hope as we join in solidarity with both the living and the dead so as to celebrate Christ's victory on the Cross and in our own lives. Please bring a plate for morning tea afterwards.

**ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL- 13 OCTOBER.** Holy Family Chapel will be the venue for this unique night of prayer and adoration from 10pm Friday until 6am Saturday morning. It is hoped that at least 16 people can be here for this 8 hour Vigil, this way we can have continuous devotion throughout that time. We realise that some can only stay for a short time, whilst others can remain longer. Whatever, it will be a time of adoration, prayer, intercession and reparation. It will be nevertheless (as Mother Teresa would say) **SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.** **Ted Downs. Ph: 345 5415**

### Martin Luther Had A Point

When Pope Francis went to Sweden in October 2016 to mark the quincentenary of the Reformation he praised Martin Luther for restoring the centrality of scripture. "There was corruption in the church, worldliness, attachment to money and power," he said. Some conservatives were unimpressed by this display of ecumenism. Bishop Peter Cullinane also sees benefits from the Reformation and will talk about them in Whanganui at the end of this month. More details next week.

### Whakarongo Mai- Retreat Day

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: 1 Samuel 3:9

Saturday 28th October: 9.30am-4pm at Te Rau Oriwa Marae

This retreat is an experience of one way a Christian may pray based on the teachings of St Ignatius Loyola. Come and enjoy a day of prayer facilitated by Rex Begley where everyone is welcome and where we are all beginners in prayer. Bring lunch to share. Koha. For more information see Anne Murray or Sister Litia ph 03484955 or 02108166034

## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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### Christmas Mass times 2017

#### Sunday 24th December

9.30am Mass St Marys

9.30am Patea/Waverley

Vigil 7.00pm @ St Marys

9.30pm @ Holy Family

#### Monday 25th December

9.00am @ St Marys

9.30am @ Kaiwhaiki

9.30am @ Patea/Waverley

### HOLY SOULS:

With the month of the Holy Souls coming up you are reminded that the names of your departed loved family and friends can be added to the Remembrance Book or filled in on the forms available in the Church foyers. If you are adding a Mass Stipend please put it in an envelope with the name on the front.

### Thank you

I am overwhelmed by all your kindness and good wishes for Gods gift that I won last week. God bless you all.  
Love from Helen

### Marian Mothers

The October meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 12th October at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road, commencing at 7.30pm. The subject for discussion this month is "Care of our Common Home".

Prayer and supper and raffle - Anne Smith Raffle - Raewyn Udy

Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members.

For enquiries or transport please phone Raewyn, 344 6299.

**MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** Time is what we want most, but what we use worst.

SHARING  
= OUR FAITH =