

# 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	<b>Sun. 3</b> St Mary's 9.30am	<b>Wed 2 &amp;</b> 9.30am	<b>Wed 1 &amp; 3</b> 9.30am	<b>St Mary's</b> Fri 11.00—11.40am
<b>Holy Family</b> Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	<b>Sun. 4</b> Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			<b>Holy Family</b> Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

**RECONCILIATION:**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2 Oct-13 Oct**

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 16 Oct</b>	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 5.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 17 Oct</b>	12.05pm Liturgy	10.00am Mass 5.30pm MOWAC 5.30pm Rosary	10.30am Jane Winstone Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WED 18 Oct</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Rosary	9.30am Waverley Mass
<b>THURSDAY 19 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 20 Oct</b>	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Rosary	10.45am Cullinane
<b>SATURDAY 21 Oct</b>		5.00pm Rosary 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 15 OCTOBER 2017 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Readings for this week:** Isa 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mtt 22:1-14

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary (A) R.S.V.P.

Many people think of God's house as a place for seriousness, a place to close one's eyes and pray, but not a place of celebration where one can experience joy. The parable in today's Gospel paints a different picture. The Christian assembly is a gathering of those who are called to the Lord's party. In the Eucharist we say, "Happy are we who are called to his supper." The Lord invites us to a supper, a banquet, a feast. Can you imagine a wedding feast where everyone sits stone-faced, cold and quiet?

The parable shows us three possible kinds of guests. There are the absentee guests who initially accepted the invitation, but when the time came to honour the invitation they drew back. Then there are guests without wedding garments, who do not prepare properly for it. And then there are guests with wedding garments, who make the necessary preparation to present themselves fit for the banquet of the King.

The scary thing about the absentee guests is that they are not sinners. One went to his farm, another to his business. This tells us that sometimes what keeps us away from the joy of the kingdom is not sin but preoccupation with the necessities of life. If our job keeps us away from attending the Lord's Supper, then it hinders us from experiencing the joy of the Lord in our life.

There are also people who attend Mass only to fulfil a Sunday obligation; otherwise it would be counted as sin. This kind of fear should not motivate us. We should go to church because we know that we would be missing the joy of celebrating and feasting with the Christian community. Let us pray with St. Augustine:

"Help us, Lord, to disown our vain excuses. We want to attend the banquet... Don't allow our pride or sensuality or attachments or idle curiosity to get in the way of our attendance. Make sure that we show up... We have been invited by the wealthy one who became poor for our sake... We will come as sick people, since we need the divine doctor to cure our ills. We will come as lame people, and we will tell him: "Keep steady my steps according to your promise." Amen...

Fr Don Don

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Next weeks readings:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; I Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

It can be tempting to see next week's gospel reading as confirmation that our spiritual life is something quite separate from everyday living in a social/political world. The problem is that a church/state (God and 'Caesar') separation was unheard of for the Jewish people at the time Matthew wrote his gospel. It's against this background that we've got the Pharisees who despised the Romans and the Herodians who worked for the Romans colluding with each other to catch Jesus out with a question about taxes to which, in their minds, there wasn't going to be a right answer. If he said pay the taxes, the Pharisees could accuse him of disloyalty to his own people. If he said don't pay, the Herodians could accuse him of treason. Either way he would be caught.

Jesus has recourse to first century Middle-East economics in which the country's leader was considered to own the currency circulating in his realm. It was accepted that any Roman coins circulating in Palestine at that time belonged to the Roman Emperor and Jesus points out the obvious: "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's." But he sets a cat among the pigeons when he adds: "and [give] to God the things that are God's." Matthew's Jesus is making it clear that, in his mind, the coin, the person who has it, and the person who owns it (in this case, Caesar) all belong to God, something his enemies haven't thought about. The first reading makes that very point. Isaiah is convinced that everything and everyone belongs to God. God can work through anyone, even a non-believer. Actually accepting that God does that is up to us who are committed to God and to building God's kingdom.

J B Kendall rsj

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**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

**SVDP 2nd collection** St Marys \$121.70. Next collection—Saturday 28th October at Holy Family and Sunday 29th October at St Marys. Thank you for your generosity.

**MELBOURNE CUP:** The annual local celebrations of the Melbourne Cup will be held at the residence of Ann and Kevin Foley, 133 Glasgow Street on Tuesday 7 November from 4.30pm. Please hand your name with \$10 to the Foleys or to Pat or Jo at the Offices. This covers the sweepstake and food for the BBQ following the race. BYO drinks. All welcome.

**OCTOBER ROSARY:** 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) , Mollie Griffiths

### 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 Paddison (19/9), Timothy Bourke (04/10), Florence Smith (10/10), Tiny Smith (11/10), Sr. Mary Leonard (21/10), Vera Dodd (24/10), Henry Whalen (Bay of Islands)

### 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, Flo and Gordon Smith, Kirsty Campbell, Muriel Fleming (14/10)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

## 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 "What is Worship"**

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.  
For more information ring one

## 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



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### 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

### Window Stars for Christmas

Join in this practical workshop making these beautiful colourful stars which make a vivid display on a window. Limited spaces available.

Saturday 4 November 9.30am – 12.30pm,  
\$10 with Carlotta Penton

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3

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

### 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.



### HOLY SOULS:

**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.



**The Remembrance Mass will be held at Holy Family Church on Thursday 2 November at 7pm.**

### 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



### CITY MISSION WANGANUI

#### ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Please help us to continue to help the people of Wanganui in times of hardship by donating any of the following:-

**BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI , CANNED TOMATOES CREAMED CORN, TUNA or SALMON, INSTANT NOODLES ,CORN, MILK POWDER, SUGAR, CREAMED CORN, TEA BAGS, COFFEE , RARO SACHETS, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED SOUP, MUESLI BARS, CANNED FRUIT, RICE , TOILET PAPER, SOAP , TOOTHPASTE SPREADS ( JAM, VEGEMITE, PEANUT BUTTER)**



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

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### NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday reminds us that God says to each of us: "up and leave your place". Leave all that can lock us down in mediocrity – for some that is routines, for others tired agendas and pet hobby horses, and for others again perhaps it's overdoses of Facebook and Instagram etc. Set free of traps, we can bring the beauty and kindness of faith somewhere else, somewhere new, which may be just round the corner.

Faith transforms every possible human situation. Mission Sunday prompts us therefore to step back and marvel at the breadth and depth of our Christian faith. Let's relish the good at work in our communities (think of the St Vincent de Paul Society, this weekend celebrating 150 years of humble practical service in Aotearoa), let's take courage from the lives of our saints, sung and unsung, and let's grow in appreciation of our faith for which others have even died.

In many countries simply being a Catholic, or applying one's Christian faith to daily life, is dangerous. Our collection next week helps the Church in such places by supporting education and healthcare, pastoral programmes and family development projects, the protection of democracy etc which are all fruits of Jesus' Good News of mercy, compassion, justice, peace, reverence and eternal life.

Mission Sunday is for us all. Our prayers and offerings show that in Christ we are all brothers and sisters of our worldwide human family.

### Save the Children

are holding an Open Day on  
Wednesday 18th October at 25  
Gilligan Close (off Purnell St ) from  
10am-3pm.

Come and see our new goods for  
sale.

All welcome.

Look for our flag.

Combined Choirs of Wanganui.

Present Voices for Hospice on the  
28th October at 2.30pm. Central  
Baptist Church. \$15 adult. Children  
gold coin.

### Two Speakers On Reformation Benefits

Once it was unimaginable for a Pope to acclaim anything positive or legitimate about the Reformation -- but not Pope Francis. The 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's action which launched the Reformation falls at the end of this month. To mark the event Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane will address the question Can the Reformation Benefit Us All? Pastor Phil Husband of Harrison Street Community Church will speak on From Conflict to Communion -- Lutheran Catholic Common Commemoration. Time for questions and discussion. Join the conversation at the Te Rau Oriwa Marae at 3pm on Sunday 29 October.

### Baptisms in our parish

Congratulations to Jacob Serrano and his family. Jacob was baptised on Sunday 8th October at St Marys.  
Congratulations to Callum Farquharson and his family. Callum was baptised on Saturday 7th October at St Annes.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations and prayers to Maree and Don Adams who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 21st.

**History of NZ Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** "The New Day that Dawned" – a history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand has been compiled to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jubilee and is now available for purchase. \$20 per copy plus \$6.50 p&p. Contact "[ccrnz.org](http://ccrnz.org)" or Margaret Paton email [margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz) or phone (09).298.4409

Quinlan Court require a cook for 5 hours each Sunday – Contact 06 3489505

