

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



## WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 29 OCTOBER 2017 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	<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	Sun 1 & 3 9.30am	Sun 2 & 4 9.30am	St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St Mary's 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
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
<b>MONDAY 30 Oct</b>	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 4.45pm SVDP 5.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 31 Oct</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 5.30pm Rosary	10.30am Kowhainui Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WED 1 Nov</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
<b>THURSDAY 2 Nov</b>	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am <b>No Mass</b> 9.30am Exposition/Craft 7pm Memorial Mass	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 3 Nov</b>	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane
<b>SATURDAY 4 Nov</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

**Readings for this week:** Ex 22:21-27 | Thess 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

### THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked which of those 613 commandments was the most important. Surely, there must be some more important than others. Even though they asked not for enlightenment but to trap Jesus, He answered in a way that silenced them.

For the first and greatest commandment, Jesus quoted the Book of Deuteronomy and stressed that, above all, we must love God. Then He quoted from Leviticus an equally important law: *"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."*

To love God above all sounds great but are we aware how often we violate the greatest commandment? Too often, things come first in our life when we say, for instance, family first, or work first, or sports first, or earning money first. Fine and good, but where does God come in? Certainly not in the first place. Remember, in the very first of the Ten Commandments, God demands that we do not put other gods before Him. Whatever takes the first place in our lives removes God from the place He deserves.

And what about the second but equally important commandment? In His parable about the Good Samaritan, Jesus taught us that any person who crosses our path and is in need is our neighbor. And we have to love this person the way we love ourselves and expect to be loved by others.

When we begin to reflect on the so familiar words of Jesus, beautiful as they are, they become harsh demands that can change our whole life if we take them seriously. Amen...

Fr Don Don

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; I Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

Father Roger Karban, an American Scripture scholar, theologian and parish administrator, suggests that we should read and listen to next week's readings **very carefully**.

The reason for this is that they deal with the perennial problem of what is referred to in our time as 'clericalism' or abuse of power – a 'disease', as Pope Francis calls it, that affects lay people as well as clergy.

The first reading makes it clear that it was a problem for the Hebrew people at least four centuries before Jesus because their religious leaders were so taken up with external trappings that they neglected the essentials of their relationship with God - *"You have turned aside from the way"*, Malachi says. *"You have caused many to stumble by your instruction..."*

It seems the same problem arose very early in the Christian community. Though Matthew's Jesus is seemingly rebuking the scribes and Pharisees, Scripture scholars agree that the rebuke is really directed to the early Christian leaders who have also forgotten what is at the heart of their faith and fallen into the temptation of putting themselves, or allowing others to put them on a pedestal apart from the rest of the Christian community - *"they tie up heavy burdens....and lay them on the shoulders of others"*, Matthew's Jesus says..... *"they love to have places of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues.....to be greeted with respect in the market place and have people call them rabbi."* In Jesus' book if religious leaders want to strive for any title, it should be that of 'servant'.

If leadership does not reflect the style of Christ, it is not Christian leadership. That must be built on the recognition that, as Canon Law puts it, "all the baptised, lay and ordained, are equal."

JB Kendall rsj

### CHURCHES

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Columban 2018 Calendars for sale. \$12.00 each. See Jo in the office.  
SVDP Christmas Cards are also available at the office \$2.50 a pack.

**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:** Thanks to those who supported the Rosary for October, especially those who lead the prayers and to Bones and Anne for their organisation. Finger food tea on a Sunday 29th.

**INDIAN MASS/RETREAT:** The Indian Community will be holding their Mass/Retreat at Holy Family Church on Sunday 5 November between 4pm and 9pm.

*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, Robin Johnson

### 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), Florence Smith (10/10), Tiny Smith (11/10), Sr. Mary Leonard (21/10), Vera Dodd (24/10), Henry Whalen (Bay of Islands), Jum Cleary (13/10), Michael Sullivan (20/12), Joannes Koning (27/10), Joh Reed (14/10), Kevin Anderson (20/10),

### 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), Molly Cleary, Paddy Cross, Timothy Dorgan (4/10) Megan Connors; Patricia Connors, Marie Manson, Sue Lamont, Gail Gudsell (24/10), Luke Shortall (birthday), Sr Adrienne Whitehead, Sr Joan Manson, Lecrivan and Leddy Families, Davis and Adams families and friends, Tasker and Rothery families, Manson, Dodd, Pinkerton & Town families

MASS OFFERINGS



## FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10am at Pauline McGregor, 99 Fitzherbert Ave, Phone 344 6020

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 - 9pm  
Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 10.30am - 12.15pm  
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 of the above numbers.

## SOCIAL GROUPS

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Holy Family Conference meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 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

Te Punanga o Hōhepa



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### 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

### 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 15 November, 4.30 – 6pm,  
with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

### Liturgy

Sunday 19 November, 4 – 5pm  
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.

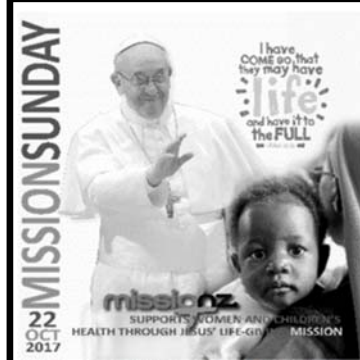
### HOLY SOULS:

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



### THANK YOU

for supporting this year's MISSIO-NZ MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission.



### THANKS:

I would like to thank all those who have been so supportive following my recent accident, especially those who have offered prayers, the Prayer Vine and Prayer Tree. I am now recovering at home. Thanks for your love and care.  
God Bless. Mary White.

Thank you to the people of our Parish for the blessings and good wishes we received on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

God bless you all - Maree and Don Adams

**THANKS**



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

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

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This coming week is the final week for our senior students before they go on exam leave.

Students should have a good study programme in place to help them prepare for these.

Yr 13 Art portfolios are due on Thursday and all students will be making a final push to complete their internal assessments.

The final catch-up session will be run on Tuesday.

Many students have been participating in outside courses during the year and three were acknowledged at the recent UCOL awards evening for their work and dedication.

Finally, we will have our regular Friday Mass in the chapel at 10:45am prepared by 9AB.

We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton

**DRS:** Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui  
Ph: 343 1227

Email: [school@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:school@stmarys.ac.nz)



### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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Ph: 343 8389

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### ST. Marcellin School

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

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E te iwi whakapono, tena koutou.

The week that was; Kowhai class led mass in Holy Family Chapel. Harold and Mark from Life Education were in delivering messages of what makes our bodies work and keeping ourselves safe. Friday mornings we have Chinese language lessons. Year 5 & 6 golf programme got off to a swinging start. Year 7 & 8 dance lessons with instructor whaea Porsche is tapping along. Athletics training has begun and our touch rugby teams play every Tuesday afternoon from 4pm.

Next week, on Monday, we add our school swimming programme. On Tuesday is Totara class mass at 10am, in Holy Family Chapel and we begin PAT assessments for years 4 to 8 student. Parishioners are welcome to join us at anytime on our journey. The Lord be with you.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ashley Penn. Ashley was welcomed into the Catholic Church with full Communion on Saturday 21st October at Holy Family Church.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Urgently needs a volunteer to serve in the shop on Thursday afternoons.

Please ring Ruth at the shop – 3450161

Join us at 3pm on Sunday at the Te Rau Oriwa Marae as we mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

### Global Christian music sensation performing live in Auckland Matt Maher in concert

**With support acts, Grace Worship and Monique Holden.**

Victory Convention Centre, Freemans Bay, Auckland Sunday, 3 December 2017

Internationally acclaimed Canadian Christian singer and song writer, Matt Maher will perform for what is expected to be a sell-out crowd at Auckland's Victory Convention this December. Matt will be joined by support acts, Grace Worship and Monique Holden.

Matt Maher is an outspoken champion of unity and collaboration, with an unprecedented number of hits and performances to his name, including before a crowd of nearly 4 million, including Pope Francis, for World Youth Day 2013 in Rio, Brazil. The concert will have limited seating capacity, with tickets selling fast. If you buy 10 tickets or more you receive a discount of 20%. Follow instructions on the concert website and use the promotional code: MATTMAHER2017

To book tickets and for further details please visit [www.MattMaherConcert.nz](http://www.MattMaherConcert.nz)

### Ministry Renewal

At Mass, this Saturday evening and Sunday parishioners will be handed a ministry renewal form. Please fill it out with what you wish to do according to the charisms and gifts the Holy Spirit has bestowed on you. You are empowered already through baptism and confirmation. Please keep in mind that it means that you are indicating that you will be available for the next roster and ensure that you do not over commit. Parishioners who are on ministry rosters are expected to either honour their commitment or find a replacement. This is the case for school holidays and other times when people tend to be away from the parish.

### Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard.

Visit and complete the Synod 2018 survey before **30 November 2017** by visiting: <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

SHARING  
—OUR FAITH—