

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

St. Anne's Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30	Miha Maori Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am	Patea Sun 1 & 3 9.30am	Waverley 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

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 26 NOVEMBER 2017 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE



Readings for this week: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; I Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” *[James 1:27]* St John Chrysostom said a similar thing in this manner:
 “Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect Him outside where He suffers cold and nakedness.
 He who said: ‘This is my body’ is the same One who said: ‘You saw me hungry and you gave me no food’, and ‘Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me’ . . . What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when He is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying His hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.”
 All of which, I suggest, means that as we leave Mass today and every Sunday we should be acutely aware of the poor among us. We should also think carefully of the differing sorts of poverty from which our brethren are suffering: loneliness, intractable pain, loss of work, marriage difficulties, the growing pains of our younger brothers and sisters, difficulties in faith, depression and other mental illnesses and so on.
 Sunday Mass should send us forth re-charged and re-energised, ready to work with Christ and his holy Church.

Father John.

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 27 Nov	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 4.45pm SVDP 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 28 Nov	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Kowhainui Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 29	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 30 Nov	12.05 pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 1 Dec	9am-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane
SATURDAY 2 Dec		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

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.

Christmas Trees.
 If anybody would like a Christmas Tree, please help yourself. They are in the Church foyer.



Sunday Missals: For those of you who ordered a Sunday missal— they have arrived and are at the office for collection \$15.00 each.

Extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan planned for 29 April – 19 May 2018.
 For full brochure and itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel P: 09 237 0013 or toll free: 0800 785 386.
 E: tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz.

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:

Celso Penaflor (Philippines); Norah Morrissey (Ireland), Margaret O'Connell, Judith Wakeling, Darrain Lumsden (Tauranga), Pat Smith, Fr Patrick Joseph Cumiskey, Colleen Wester

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Harriman (25/11), Ronald McDonald (15/11), Rod Stein (30/10), Blair Gleeson (7/11), Barry Bourke (02/11), Verv Ennis (08/11)

MASS OFFERINGS:

Lecrivan & Leddy Families; Davis & Adams families & friends; Tasker & Rothery families; Manson, Dodd, Pinkerton & Town families; Hoskin & Bristol families & friends; Alex Leone, La Pouple, Sheehy, Hodge, Jarret Families; Boland, Benton, Tuohy, Bryan, Bourke, Morrissey, Ryan, Young families; Patrick, Faith & Noeline Haddock; Deceased members of Boyle and Stein Families, Kevin Goodgame (30/6), Fr Eric Urlech, Summerhays, Flynn and Ericsson families, Margaret O'Connell, Judith Wakeling, Pat Smith, Terence McCashin (31/10), Val Nugent birthday (6/11), Knuth & Harris families, Family & friends of Sophie Crawford, Pat Smith, Souls of Anne Josephine Quilter, Patricia Jane Hocquard, Christopher Paul Quilter, Potenciana S.Reyes, Alan R, Wilson and family, Relatives & friends Daws family; Deceased members Shore & Hopkinson families, Deceased members of Falconer and McDermott families

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Next week's first reading won't make much sense unless we understand that the Hebrews believed that people thought with their hearts, not their minds (feelings, incidentally, started in the kidneys, not the heart). So when Isaiah talks about *"hardening our hearts"*, he's actually talking about being stuck in stereotyped ideas of God and refusing to consider any new ways of thinking. How sad to have hearts so hardened (or, to be exact, minds so closed) that, as Isaiah's reading says, referring to God: *"there is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you."*
 St Paul, on the other hand, talking to the Corinthian Christian community awaiting the return of Christ, gives thanks for the gifts of God that enrich them and enable them to live in hope – *"I give thanks to my God always for you.....for in every way you have been enriched in him.....as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
 It was to early Christian communities like this one, still expecting Christ's almost immediate return, that Mark's Jesus originally issued his warning to *"Beware, keep alert."* But there's a perennial message for all who are committed to the Christian way of life: We stay 'alert' by living the values of Jesus in our own time and place. Jesus becomes life for us when we bring him into the here and now by living out his example of commitment to non-violence, love and forgiveness, justice for the oppressed, compassion and generosity to the needy, inclusiveness of those that society demeans. And so the 'waiting' that next week's Scriptures refer to becomes 'living' in joyful hope..... *"as we wait for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."*

JB Kendall rsj

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 345 0542

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

Will resume next year.

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

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Holy Family Meeting Room.

MORNING: Tuesday 10.30am - 12.15pm

St Mary's Meeting Room

We will be doing an Advent Reflection over the next four weeks.

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 & 4th Mondays 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 Marianne Vine 3450281

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



Advent Reflection

Two short sessions
Wed 6th Dec 7.30-9.30pm
Sun 10th Dec 1.30-3pm @ St Annes Church Raine Street

The two sessions are complimentary but each will stand alone, presented by members of the retreat team.

Nga Huarahi O Wairua Tapu (Pathways of the Holy Spirit)

For further information ph: 3438031



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Advent Reflection

Saturday 2 December, 10am – 3pm, \$20 with Margaret Rowley rsj & Rita Cahill rsj

Nurturing Day – A Moveable Feast

A hands-on day taking care of your body.
Saturday 9 December, 10am – 3pm, \$20 with Maree Hickey rsj

Liturgy – mere Kirihimete

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)


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

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3
or email 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.

EXPOSITION

The final day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 2017 at Holy Family Church will be on Thursday 30 November. Many thanks to those who turned up weekly to share their time and to those who filled in the vacant spots. We look forward to you being part of the roster next year. 
God bless.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Kevin Shore
DRS: Helen Dougherty
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Bishop Charles is on holiday at the moment in India and Laos. If you would like to follow his travels and see some great photos then check out his facebook page: [facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)

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The Marian Mothers will be having their Christmas gathering at the Wanganui East Club next Thursday 30th November at 6pm. Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Please bring a small gift to share.
For further information or transport please phone Raewyn Hoskin 344 6299
MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
We must become the change we want to see.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault
30 London St. Wanganui
Ph: 343 1227
Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz



Congratulations to all our students who competed at Athletics competitions this week at Cooks Gardens. The students did our Catholic community proud and also got a number of placings within the Whanganui schools. Our Junior Learning Centre went to Bushy Park on Wednesday and had a great time. They learnt a lot about the world around us and what lives in it. Next Wednesday, 29th Nov, we are welcoming residents from Nazareth and Quinlan court to a Christmas sing along by our school choir and our service team are going to be putting on an afternoon tea for them. We are looking forward to sharing with them some of our gifts and talents.

We have also got a large number of students heading back to the Cooks Gardens on Friday to compete in the Whanganui Tough Kids Challenge. We wish them well. Meanwhile, back at school our 5 to 7 year olds are having a fun sports day at school between 11.30 and 1pm. It continues to be a hive of activity at school. Please keep all our students and prayers in your prayers as we lead towards the busy end of the term.
God bless.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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ST. Marcellin School

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Acting DRS: Kory Wilson
Totara St. Wanganui.
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Marist Rugby AGM

Sunday 10 December at 11am
Clubrooms Hatrick Street
Players and supporters welcome. Also a special invite to our generous sponsors.
Where to in 2018.

Rosary Roster

We would love you to join the list of people who receive the statue of Mary into their homes for 1 week every 9 months approx. For those who do not have a statue of Mary in their homes, this opportunity helps to make the praying of the rosary a little more special. I am about to update and prepare a new roster. Existing members please advise of any change of address. New members are most welcome to join the list. Contact Kathleen Osborn ph: 3442245 by Sunday 10th December. Thank you. 

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Palmerston North seeks people with passion and commitment to work with the Bishop, the Diocesan Young Catholics team, other diocesan staff, local faith community leaders, and young people as we work to build ministry to with, by and for young people in the Diocese.

AVAILABLE ROLES:

Diocesan Young Catholics Office (based in Palmerston North, responsible for the whole diocese):

- **Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader, Full-time**
- **Diocesan Youth Minister, Part-time (20 hours)**
- **Diocesan Young Adult and Young Families Minister, Part-time (20 hours)**

In the regions:

- **Parish Youth Minister, Palmerston North, Part-time (20 hours)**
- **Parish Youth Minister, New Plymouth, Full-time**

The Diocese is open to discussions about flexibility with regards to hours and the makeup of the job descriptions for all roles, including the possibility of job-sharing and or combining roles. Come and see!

To apply (by Friday, 8 December 2017), ask some questions, and/or request an Information Pack contact:

Kathleen Field on kfield@pndiocese.org.nz 06 350 3824 / 021 509 436, or David Mullin on dmullin@pndiocese.org.nz 06 213 9264 / 021 707 266



DIocese of PALMERSTON NORTH

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Special Collection Sunday 3 December 2017

On behalf of the Bishop, the Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests.

Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General

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