

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

<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 4 Dec</b>	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 5 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone <b>St Annes No Mass or Liturgy</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 6 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Liturgy
<b>THURSDAY 7 Dec</b>	12.05 pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition/Craft	9.15am Nazareth Mass
<b>FRIDAY 8 Dec</b>	11.00am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	<b>9.30am Cullinane Mass (last one for the year)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 9 Dec</b>		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

## Exposition/Benediction

Please note Friday 1st December will be the last day for Exposition/Benediction at St Marys for this year.

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

Columban 2018 Calendars for sale. \$12.00 each. See Jo in the office.

SVDP are selling raffle tickets through December \$1.00 a ticket at Holy Family.

SVDP Christmas cards are also available for sale at Holy Family and St Marys office. \$2.50 a pack.

Brass cleaning at St Marys Church— Monday 11th December at 9.15am. We would welcome any new volunteers to help and to take over the co-ordination of this ministry.  
Any bright young faces are most welcome!

Holy Hour Sunday 3 December 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Why not spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament at St Marys— rosary chaplet of Mercy benediction, hymns.

*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:

**CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary O'Neill (1/12), Bryce Orsborn (20/12), William Dawson (22/12), Dorothy Hackett (30/12)

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Pat O'Leary (4/12), Carmela D. Cortez, Trevor Robin Blakemore, Angel Jacob

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 3 DECEMBER 2017 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Readings for this week: Isa 63:16b-17, I Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37**

The First and Second Readings on this day, at the start of a new liturgical year, both speak of confidence in God's mercy and love. In the First Isaiah is mindful of the failings of the people and longs for the Messiah to vindicate God's rule: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence." (Is. 64: 1)  
In the Second St Paul encourages the Corinthians to be faithful so they may continue in their faith until the Lord returns as he promised: "He will strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1: 8) Surrounded as we are with all the tinsel and blandishments of consumerism it is possible for us to lose heart.

The apostasy of Western civilisation to materialism, scientism and other ideologies antithetical to the Gospel can cause us sadness. How could people who have known the hope of the Gospel turn aside to other gods and other empty promises?: "Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?"

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water." (Jer. 2: 11-13).

The answer is for us, in this season of preparation, to renew our trust in God and in his ways: "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Is. 64: 8)

We do this through prayer and alms giving along with a reaffirmation in the power of God to save even when, as we see in the lead up to Jesus' birth, that all appeared to be lost.

Fr Marcus

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Next weeks readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 II Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8**

If we really want to understand the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Advent, we need to be aware that none of the sacred authors had Christmas and Jesus in mind when they spoke as they did.

Isaiah, who provides us with the first reading for next week, was preaching during the last years of the Chosen People's exile in Babylon to prepare them for their return to the Promised Land.

Most Israelites had long given up any hope of return but now they are being offered new hope and encouragement to stop thinking of God as a vindictive God – "..... for the mouth of the Lord has spoken ..... "Here is your God!" .....he will feed his flock like a shepherd....."

Their escape from Babylon will give them cause to reflect on and acknowledge the loving characteristics of God which they had failed to notice before because they were so wrapped up in the misery of their exile - a just punishment, they had been led to believe, from an angry, vengeful God. The prophet's promise of freedom was tied to a new image of God as caring, forgiving and protective.

The gospel reading from Mark is also tied to a new image of God: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the son of God." John the Baptist, like Isaiah, encourages those who come to be baptised to look forward to what is yet to come – "the one who is more powerful than I am is coming after me.....he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit". Mark's message, through John the Baptist, is that to accept Jesus is to accept a new image of God working in our lives through the Spirit in new ways.

JB Kendall rsj

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## 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,

### EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Holy Family Meeting Room.

MORNING: Tuesday 10.30am - 12.15pm

St Mary's Meeting Room

The topic will be

"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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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 Orsborn ph: 3442245 by Sunday 10th December. Thank you



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### 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](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.



CONGRATULATIONS;  
Congratulations to Merle Manson on her 80th birthday during the week.



A special congratulations and prayers to Moira and Ken McGifford who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 2 December.

### Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Phoebe, Tobias and Madeleine Doble and their families. They were baptised on Friday 24th November at St Marys.



**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.



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

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

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NCEA exams finished on Friday and our senior students can now enjoy a well earned break until next year. This coming week is the last week of the school year. On Friday we will have our final Mass for all our juniors. Family and parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please note that this will be at 9:30am in St Joseph's chapel. This will be followed by our Junior Prize giving at 11:00 in the Gymnasium. Again family and friends are welcome to celebrate with us.

I would like to thank the community for its continued support of the College. It is wonderful for our students to realise they are part of a much wider Catholic community. As we move into the season of Advent, preparing for the joyful coming of Christ, please ensure that you make time for yourself, your family and those important to you.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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We had visitors from Quinlan Court and Nazareth on Wednesday, who came to listen to our choir perform and have some afternoon tea, which was provided by the Service team. We had a large number of students compete in the Tough Kid challenge at Cooks Gardens on Friday. They had a great time. Our Ukelele group have two performances this week. On Tuesday they are going to Broadview and Thursday they are going to the Blind Centre. Wednesday is going to be a busy week with our Thank You morning tea to all those who have helped out this year by going to sporting events, class trips, camps, reading to our students and coaching teams. Later on at 5pm, we have carols being sung and a sausage sizzle on the school field as a community event for the school. Friday our Room 4 children are off to Kowhai Park for an outing.

### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Principal:** Karl Zimmerman

**DRS:** Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East  
Ph: 343 8389

Email: [office@stannes.school](mailto:office@stannes.school)



### ST. Marcellin School

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

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### Reconciliation Rite II

Tuesday 12th December

Holy Family @ 10.30am

St Marys @ 7pm

### Right for Life

The Mobile Life Centre will be outside St Marys Church on Tuesday 5th December after midday Mass. It will be outside Holy Family on Wednesday 6th December after 9.00am Mass.

### CDC Philosophy Camp

Join Fr Dominique Faure and CDC students to Search for the Truth, Ask the Big Questions, Go Deeper, Have Fun! Aimed at 16-19 year olds. 3pm, 26th December - 2pm, 28th December  
Cost: \$60 | Includes two nights marae-style accommodation, all meals  
Email [cameron@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:cameron@cdc.ac.nz) | [facebook.com/cdcnz](https://www.facebook.com/cdcnz) | 09-489-8197  
CDC, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

### 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](mailto:kfield@pndiocese.org.nz) 06 350 3824 / 021 509 436, or David Mullin on [dmullin@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dmullin@pndiocese.org.nz) 06 213 9264 / 021 707 266

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