

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

<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 Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30am	Wed 1 & 3 9.30am
Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)		Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

**ST MARYS CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS**

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 5 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>	9am Liturgy 7pm Pro Life Rosary 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 6 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	10.30am Jane Winstone 12.05pm Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 7 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b> 7pm Lenten Seminar @ Te Rau Oriwa Marae	9.00am Mass 9.30am St Joseph Prayers	9.30am Patea Mass 12.05pm Mass
<b>THURSDAY 8 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition	9.15am Nazareth 12.05pm Mass
<b>FRIDAY 9 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane 11-12pm Exposition 12.05pm Mass 12.45pm Benediction 5.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY 10 March</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Morning prayer through Lent—8.30am at Holy Family

**THERE IS NO INDIAN MASS ON SUNDAY 4TH MARCH**

**Holy Hour: Sunday 4th March 2.30-3.30pm.**

You are invited to spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Church. Rosary– Chaplet of Mercy and Benediction hymns.

**Upcoming Event: 8th April 2.30-3.30pm.** The first Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was investigated by St John Paul II and carries a Plenary Indulgence for those who observe it. Catholic Churches around the world are celebrating this wonderful Feast Day. Fr Marcus will be officiating at Holy Family Church.

Upcoming Retreat

"Lent summons us and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life" (Pope Francis) Lenten message. This is the wonderful invitation that Our Lord extends to each one of us during Lent. It will be the theme of our Retreat Day at Te Rau Oriwa.

Date Saturday 17th March Time 9.30am-3.30pm Koha only. We would love to see you there. (Rex Begley, Anne Murray and Sr Litia). Please bring lunch to share.

*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:** Patrick Roberts (2/3), Kathleen Mitchell (21/3), Aileen Croasdale (23/3), Fr Des Levins (25/3), Bernard Fenerty (29/3),

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Paul O'Sullivan, Gwen Ruby, Patricia Orsborne

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 4 MARCH 2018 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



**Readings for this week:** Ex 20:1-17; I Cor 1:18, 22-25; Jn 2:13-25

## REFLECTION ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, we are introduced by Apostle John to share in the action that Jesus did as he went up to Jerusalem. Such actions is Jesus's way of showing his frustration and anger at the people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves in his Father's house which is the temple. Showing his frustration and anger, he throws out the coins of the money changers and overturns their tables and then drives them all out from the Temple.

*Why did Jesus do such actions? What do these actions mean to us in our lives today?*

Surely these actions that Jesus did show how human he is just like each and every one of us. Jesus understands what a temple is and he has the courage to do such things. And nothing can ever stop him from doing what he intends to do. In this case, we are reminded that every action in our day to day life requires both understanding and courage. Without understanding and courage, our actions can become so dry and worthless. However, Jesus's actions are seen oddly by the people in the temple because the temple is meant to be a sacred house, a house for praise and worship. Corresponding to this understanding of what a temple is, Jesus also refers himself as the temple. Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians supports this by telling the Corinthians that 'they themselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in their midst. If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and they are that temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).'

For us, individual, family and community of faith, these actions could mean different things. Because we are God's temple, it could mean that we need to throw out all the selfishness and pride we have for ourselves, be humble and drives out all the negative desires we have for ourselves and others. Apostle Paul backs this up in his letter to the Philippians telling them to "do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility (Phil 2:3)." In doing so, every action we are going to do will be worth doing. For us to achieve this we need to take some time this week to learn and reflect on our understanding of ourselves and our faith so that we can have a better and deeper understanding of the mystery of God's passion, death and resurrection throughout this Lenten season. More importantly, let us persistently pray to God in this third week of lent, and ask him to give us enough courage in every actions we do. So that that we do not do it according to our own will but the will of God.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Next weeks readings:** II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Next week the author of Chronicles spells out the problems he's facing in his community. Turning away from God, and worshipping pagan gods in the temple at Jerusalem are just the first examples of unfaithfulness.

But the one which he comes back to repeatedly is some-thing that we might never think of as a transgression: ignoring the prophets in their midst. *"They kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great that there was no remedy."*

Listening to and obeying the prophets that God continually sent was the accepted way for discovering God's will. Prophets were the 'conscience' of the people.

The difficulty was how to tell the real ones from the fake ones.

Authentic prophets always go back to the origins of faith. In terms of Christian faith they are clear about what is true to and what deviates from the truths and values that Jesus taught.

For instance, the writer of Ephesians reminded his early Christian community that salvation was the result of God's unfailing love, not something they could earn by slavish adherence to rituals and rules - *"By grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.....For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works."*

If we want to know exactly what those 'good works' are, the 'good works' we are called to, we have only to turn to Jesus with the certainty that, as the gospel says, *"those who do what is true come to the light....[because].....their deeds have been done in God."*

JB Kendall rsj

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GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS



## FAITHSHARING GROUPS

### WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

*There will be no meeting this week.*

### 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 -  
9pm  
Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 10.15am -  
12.15pm  
St Mary's Community Room

**The topic will be:**

**"Language of the liturgy"**

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.

344 4828



## 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

### 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.

**Chrism Mass-Held at the Cathedral,  
Palmerston North on Tuesday 27th  
March at 7pm**

If you would like to carpool to attend the  
Chrism mass this year please leave your  
name and number with Jo at the office .



### Easter Triduum Practices

Musicians/Singers practices for the  
Easter Triduum 2018

The practices for the Easter  
Triduum take place on 14, 21 and 28  
March at 5.30pm at St Anne's.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa

Josephite Retreat Centre

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

### DVD Evening – Mahana

Two East Coast Māori sheep-shearing families, rivals & enemies; the truth & implications of this family vendetta.  
Thursday 8 March, 6.30pm, Koha  
*Supper provided*

### How Films Impact Our Spirituality.

A series of five films spread over ten weeks which will explore how movies help us in our personal spiritual lives. This will explore (at an individual reflection level) what can be learned about oneself from watching movies and aid growth towards authenticity. The structure of the programme means it will be of most benefit if participants can be present at each session.

Session 3: Courage to act. Film: Sophie Scholl Tuesday 13 March, 7 – 9.30pm, Koha  
with Marie Skidmore rsj

### Stampin' Up – Easter Theme

Come along and create cards in the Easter theme.

Saturday 17 March, 10am – 12.30pm, \$10  
with Julia Martin

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

### PLEASE COLLECT

**Planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection. They are ready for collection at the Holy Family Church foyer for the next two weeks-then St Annes foyer for two weeks. You will notice that the envelopes have all been renumbered. This was done to avoid the costs and unnecessary printing that have previously been incurring. You can claim a 33.3% tax credit on all donations/planned giving that you have given. Or alternatly you can donate the tax credit back to the Church. See Jo in the office for more information. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.**



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

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

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[www.cullinanecollege.school.nz](http://www.cullinanecollege.school.nz)

Last week we said farewell to Kevin Shore with a wonderful community BBQ. Thanks to all those who contributed to this.

We were blessed with good weather on Tuesday for our athletics sports, which were very successful. Congratulations to Woods, the winning house.

On Monday some students and staff will travel to Palmerston North to St Peter's College to hand over Kevin Shore during his welcome powhiri at midday.

On Tuesday our Year 13 Sports Science students will be out.

On Thursday afternoon there is an opportunity for parents of our Year 9 and 10 students to meet their child's teachers. This will run from 2:30-6:00pm. Parents will have received details as to how to make appointments.

On Friday morning students interested in a career in the Health field will be investigating more about this option.

Finally, on Friday 12G will be hosting our weekly Mass.

We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.



### ST. Marcellin School

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.  
Ph: 349 0023

Email: [stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz](mailto:stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz)  
Brothers and sisters in Christ, tena koutou.

Last week we welcomed to the Board of Trustees our new Proprietors Representatives; Helen Dougherty, John Burlace and Luke Monaghan.

*Nau mai rā ki te poari matua o te kura.*  
On Tuesday, I met with members of our parish to discuss developing a St Marcellin Sacramental programme starting with Baptism.

These gatherings are not exclusive and everyone is welcomed to come and share their gifts.

St Marcellin has entered into a collaboration with Tawhero school to develop a shared Bike Track between our schools.

Phase 1 starts on March 8th and at times I will need to ask our parish community for voluntary assistance along this journey.

The children are excited about what is to come.

If you would like to receive an e-copy of the school newsletter please email [mwilliams@welearn.school.nz](mailto:mwilliams@welearn.school.nz).

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton  
**DRS:** Cath Daignault

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### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Raine St. Wanganui East  
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Thank you to all whanau at school for your generous support for our Mufti day towards helping Kolonga Village in Tonga after they were devastated by cyclone Gita. We have raised approximately \$915.00 and will forward this to our parish who have so far we have raised a total of \$2251.30.

Movie night  
Just a reminder that our community movie night will happen next Friday evening (Weather dependent). Bring along your chairs/food and drink and enjoy an evening at school boxing with others. We will draw out the name of the movie at assembly this week.

Next Friday is also a mufti day to donate items for our Easter raffle. Please bring along an Easter item for this annual raffle.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated towards helping Kolonga Village, Tonga.

So far we have raised a total of \$3746.30.

### First Reconciliation /First Communion

If you would like your child to be part of this years program please register with your school or fill out an application form from the office.

## IN PREPARATION TO OUR LENTEN SEASON

We invite you to join us to the

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

~ Weekly Devotion ~

6 Consecutive Fridays

(16 & 23 February / 2, 9, 16 & 23 March 2018)

St. Anne's Church – 47 Raine St., Wanganui East

5:30 PM

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Please log your name to the Weekly Readers Form if you want to be a reader of the Station Prayer

### Lenten Seminars

Wednesdays 7pm held at Te Rau Oriwa Marae

- 7 March Latin Mass, Vatican II Mass- what is the difference?
- 14 March Ordination of Women?
- 21 March Salvation for the non-baptised?
- 28 March The Easter mystery

All are most welcome.

