

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 18 MARCH 2018 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ST MARYS CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS- Sunday Masses 9.30am Holy Family, 6pm St Annes

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 19 March	NO MASSES	9am Mass Feast of St Joseph 7pm Pro Life Rosary 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 20 March	NO MASSES	10.00am Service of Word/Communion 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC	12.05pm Mass
WEDNESDAY 21 March	NO MASSES 7pm Lenten Seminar @ Te Rau Oriwa Marae	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass 12.05pm Mass 12.00pm Summerset Mass
THURSDAY 22 March	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation Rite II 9.30am Exposition and Craft	9.15am Nazareth 12.05pm Mass 7.00pm Reconciliation Rite II
FRIDAY 23 March	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane 11-12pm Exposition 12.05pm Mass 12.45pm Benediction 5.30pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 24 March	NO MASSES	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Morning prayer through Lent—8.30am at Holy Family

Indian Mass— The next Mass in Indian will be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday 18th March. Rosary will be at 5.30pm with Mass at 6pm.

Upcoming event: 8th April 2.30-3.30pm.

The first Sunday after Easter is Divine Easter Mercy Sunday. It was instigated by St John Paul 2nd 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.

St Marys Indoor Bowls— starts up on Thursday 5th April. For more info please contact Brian Cummings on 3476460. All are most welcome.

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: David Lever (England), Wally Croop, Mr Thomas (Lissys grandfather), Graham Takarangi

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Roberts (2/3), Kathleen Mitchell (21/3), Aileen Croasdale (23/3), Bernard Fenerty (29/3), Patrick Roberts (2/3), Kathleen Mitchell (21/3), Aileen Croasdale (23/3), Fr Des Levins (25/3), Bernard Fenerty (29/3), James Ian Palmer (9/3), Peter Bamford (4/3), Fr Pat McCullough (14/3), Thomas and Ella Sullivan, John Harrison (12/3),

MASS OFFERINGS: Paul O'Sullivan, Gwen Ruby, Patricia Osborne, Robbie Gembitsky, Gilbert Nugent, Gwen Ruby, Patricia Osborne, Knuth families, Members of Sullivan and Collis families, Gavin McCrea

Readings for this week: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

REFLECTION ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's readings, especially in the Gospel reading, it focuses our attention on one of the great challenges and demands that Jesus addresses to his disciples. This challenge is conveyed in that *"those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will be my servant be also (John 12:25-26)."* Firmly speaking, this great unselfish notion of selfless love that Jesus expresses to his disciples is his paradox about the mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection. Though Jesus's disciples did not understand this paradox in the first place, Jesus enlightens their minds and hearts to know and understand that the way that leads to eternal life goes through the narrow gate which is filled with suffering. Regardless, Jesus does not leave us alone on this path, for he, who died and rose from the dead so that we may have eternal life with him, constantly assists us in our trials through his abundant grace.

This portrayal of winning one's life is based on following Jesus wherever he goes. Following involves dying to oneself, ministering to all his people, and loving God and his creation. Dying to oneself means that his disciples had to really put aside and sacrifice their personal needs and wants for the sake of the Good News and evangelisation. Eventually, they all put their trust in Jesus and gave their lives to follow him where ever he walked, even to Golgotha and witnessing to him to all people, even to the ends of the earth. In doing so, they are rewarded a share in his glorious resurrection and endless joy in his presence. This does not necessarily mean that all Christians have to go through the exact same sufferings of those in the first century. Every Christian is challenged differently in different times and places. As Christ's followers, we are all encouraged by Apostle John in today's Gospel to make use of this time of the year to reflect on the Lenten readings and straighten our crooked ways in our daily life. We are all challenged in some way in this different modern era as Christians. We are also called to stand up for our faith, proclaim the Truth to all and fear nothing for he who strengthened the first disciples to boldly stand in front of judges and rules with no fear, is always present with us so long as we seek him genuinely.

Throughout this week, let us reflect on our lives and ponder upon those moments when we mishear the Lord's voice and do not do his will while acknowledging our weaknesses and frailty. Hoping in his healing touch, Jesus will undoubtedly grant us his grace to overcome all sins and wrong doings. He is so willing to stretch out his hand for assistance as long as we freely and genuinely seek him. For he himself said, *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me (Rev 3:20)."* Hearing the Lord's voice always implies response and action from us. Let us all open our ears to Jesus by genuinely listening to his voice and his will and responding to him accordingly through prayer, fasting, alms giving, our strengthening our relationship with one another and most importantly through receiving the Eucharist, the mystery of his real Body and Blood.
Simone

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Next weeks readings :Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

As we move into Holy Week, next week's second reading and gospel turn our attention to the **humanity** of Jesus. For one thing, there are no more miracles at a time when, given what he is faced with, we might expect a lot of miracles! As Jesus faces the end of his life, he's very clearly a human being just like us! We know that the physical torture referred to in the first reading – *"I gave my back to those who struck me"* - was a reality for Jesus. Yet, in Mark's gospel, there is no mention of any physical pain till half way through the passion narrative when *"Some began to spit on him.....and strike him saying to him "Prophesy! The guards also took him over and beat him."* The account of his actual crucifixion, the most excruciating pain of all, takes only four words: *"And they crucified him....."* On the other hand, Jesus' psychological sufferings are described in detail. He's betrayed by Judas, all his disciples desert him, Peter denies knowing him and the crowd rejects him in favour of a murderer. There's not one person that stands by him. The fact is that rarely does being another Christ, as we are called to be, demand intense physical suffering but, if we are going to give ourselves for others, we'll find that there is often mental pain and stress involved and we can't expect God to miraculously take it away. It's only by living through it that we become one with Christ – *"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"* Paul says. Maybe, this Holy Week we might focus on thanking Jesus for showing us how to give ourselves to and for others as he did.
JB Kendall rsj

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10am at Frances Huijs, Unit 17, Broadview, 108 Mosstown Road. Phone 3441121 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,

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:

"Actions 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.

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

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

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.

Save the Children are having an Open Day on Wednesday 28th March at 25 Gilligan Close (off Purnell St) from 10am-3pm. Lots of new souvenirs, winter socks and cards for sale. All welcome. Look for our flag. For more details phone Sue on 345 2211.

Confirmation

This year **Confirmation** in the Catholic Parish of Whanganui will be celebrated by Bishop Charles Drennan on Sunday 9 September at the 6pm Mass. Registration by teenagers 14-15 years of age, as well as any adults who have previously not been confirmed, are invited. Teenagers who have not been baptised need to contact Fr Marcus Francis. Participants who have not received First Reconciliation or First Communion likewise need to get in touch with Fr Marcus ahead of time.

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.



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Liturgy

Sunday 18 March, 4 – 5pm

Tui Motu Group

Wednesday 21 March, 7 – 8.30pm with Rita Cahill rsj

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 4: Alone and together. Film: Of Gods and Men

Tuesday 27 March, 7 – 9.30pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

PLEASE COLLECT

Planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection.

They are ready for collection at the St Annes foyer for the next week. 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.

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We are stronger when we listen, and smarter when we share.

Easter Triduum Practices

Musicians/Singers practices for the Easter Triduum 2018

The practices for the Easter Triduum take place on 21 and 28 March at 5.30pm at Holy Family Church.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



Cullinane College

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Thank you for your support of our Relay for Life team who walked for 12 hours on Saturday. It is most appreciated.

Our rowing team is away all week at Maadi Cup in Twizel. We wish the team all the best for their competition. Our waka ama team is participating in the Nationals from Tuesday.

On Monday Massey University will visit and speak to students interested in attending next year.

Christie Wallace and Calum Nesbit will be attending the next Marist Neighbours programme this week. They will be going to Ruatoria.

On Thursday a small group of students and staff from John Paul College in Rotorua will be visiting the College and staying overnight. We will visit some sites significant to Suzanne Aubert, and then they will travel on to Hiruharama where they will stay at the convent. Finally, our weekly Mass continues on Friday hosted this week by 11TB. We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 27th March at 7pm at the Cathedral Palmerston North.



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

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

ST. Marcellin School

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Easter Schedule 2018

NO MASSES AT ST MARYS CHURCH

Mass times:

Saturday 24 March 5.30pm-Holy Family Mass

Palm Sunday

9.30am- Holy Family Mass

6.00pm St Annes Mass

9.30am Waverley Mass

Monday 26 March

9.00am Holy Family Mass

Tuesday 27 March

10.00am Holy Family Mass

10.30am Kowhainui Mass

Mass of the Oils-Tuesday 27 March

7pm The Cathedral Palmerston North-

*if you would like to go please contact the Parish Office and we will organise a car pool.

Wednesday 28 March

9.00am Holy Family Mass

12.05pm St Annes Mass

Holy Thursday 29 March

9.15am Nazareth Mass

7.00pm Holy Family-Washing of the Feet Mass

7.00pm Patea Mass

Good Friday -30 March

Easter pilgrimage -starts 9.30am

St James Church, ends St James

11am 2.00pm Patea Service

3.00pm Holy Family Service

Easter Saturday Vigil - 31 March

7.30pm Holy Family Mass

Easter Sunday 1 April

7.30am Holy Family Mass

9.30am Holy Family Mass

9.30am Patea Mass

NO 6PM MASS AT ST ANNES

Reconciliation Rite II-

Thursday 22 March

9.30am Holy Family

7.00pm St Annes

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Our swimming sessions have come to an end this week. We thank you for your support of this programme and appreciate the donations to make it happen. There were 104 drownings in New Zealand in 2017 which is a real concern.

Our swim programme at school has provided children with skills and confidence to assist in keeping safe in the water. Water skills are critical especially when we live on an island nation and have an abundance of rivers and lakes.

Life saving achievements Congratulations to all or life saving teams who competed in the competitions last Friday. It is fantastic to see the skills and training the children have undertaken used to success.

Special congratulations to the intermediate boys for winning their division and the intermediate boys shield. This shield was first competed for in 1913 and is the first time our school has won it.

School Mass Our school mass for term two will be held on Sunday 8th April at St Anne's church.

The start time will be slightly later at 11.00am.

We do expect all families to attend with their children. Please keep this date free to join us.

Lenten Seminars

Wednesdays 7pm held at Te Rau Oriwa Marae

21 March Salvation for the non-baptised?

28 March The Easter mystery

All are most welcome.

SHARING
—OUR FAITH—