

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Miha Maori	Patea	Waverley	RECONCILIATION:
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		Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

(Hiruharama)

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 2 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Liturgy 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	
TUESDAY 3 April	NO MASSES	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.3.0am Jane Winstone Mass 12.05pm Mass
WEDNESDAY 4 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass 12.05pm Mass
THURSDAY 5 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	12.05pm Mass
FRIDAY 6 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass	12.05pm Mass
SATURDAY 7 April	NO MASSES	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Please note: There will be a 7.30am Mass and 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday the 1st April at Holy Family Church. There will be no 6pm Mass at St Annes Church.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will be held on Monday 9th April at 2.30pm in the Holy Family Chapel. All members and Auxillaries are requested to attend. Interested parishioners are welcome.

THANKS: The Aki family and friends would like to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers recently for their son Pohi. He is now well on the road to recovery.

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.

RAFFLE: The winners of the SVDP Easter Raffle were 1st. 116 Colleen Tasker. 2nd.228 Audrey Curran. 3rd. 290 Frances Huijs.

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, Fr Brian Quinn (24/3), Liam Glennon. (Ireland)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Roberts (2/3), Kathleen Mitchell (21/3), Bernard Fenerty (29/3), Patrick Roberts (2/3), Kathleen Mitchell (21/3), Aileen Croasdale (23/3), Fr Des Levins (25/3), James Ian Palmer (9/3), Peter Bamford (4/3), Fr Pat McCullough (14/3), Thomas and Ella Sullivan, John Harrison (12/3), Bill Briggs (22/3), Margaret (Maggie) James (26/3), Margaret Shaw, John Smilie (3/4), Thomas Hoare (25/3), Christopher Quilter (19/4)

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 McRea, Morrie Meynell (26/4), Sandlot & Briggs families, Aileen Croasdale, Thomas Hoare, Bruce Challies (23/3)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 1 APRIL 2018 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF



Readings for this week: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

In the Gospel reading for the Easter Vigil for Year B Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James and Salome bring spices to the tomb in the morning. They wish to fulfill the ritual requirements of Jewish burials. They did not expect to find an empty tomb. Ritual is sometimes derided by people who have a great regard for enthusiasm and novelty. Yet, it is sometimes rituals that keep us putting one foot in front of the other as we have to deal with tragedy and grief. This is often the case when we have a bereavement and our brains struggle to deal with what has happened while our emotions are being overwhelmed. Nevertheless, we hang on in there and do what is asked of us especially when it comes to prayer and the liturgy. The vigil and the Mass take place as the Church prescribes. It is in this moment however, as it was on that Easter morning, that our God is revealed as being truly the "God of Surprises." It is through the pain, loss and grief that the true value of God's power and risen life in Christ Jesus shines through.

Fr Marcus

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Next weeks readings : Acts 4:32-35 | John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Have you ever noticed that the Gospel for next Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter, is the same every year? That suggests that what John says about Jesus' resurrection is so important that it should be very much in our minds during Eastertide.

When John's Jesus appears to his disciples on Easter Sunday night the very first thing he says to them is "*Peace be with you.*"

He then shows them "*his hands and his side*" reminding them that peace usually comes at a price. The clue to what that price might be comes next when Jesus says: "*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*"

We tend to think that those words refer to the priestly power of sacramental forgiveness but Scripture Scholars are of the opinion that they were never meant in the way we have come to understand them.

They believe that when Jesus said those words he was speaking to all his disciples, not just the apostles. He was reminding them that each of them as individuals and all of them as a community were called to be forgiving people as part of following him in his resurrected life.

Obviously, since it's part of the Gospel, John wanted his community to reflect on the importance of forgiveness.

Perhaps a practical outcome of next week's gospel might be giving some thought to whether we are as ready to be forgiving outside the reconciliation room as we are to receive forgiveness within the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Letting go of the things that have hurt and offended us and being truly forgiving or apologising for our own offences is possibly much more demanding than simply naming things in confession, receiving absolution, and doing nothing to actually put things right.

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

Resuming meeting on the 11th April.

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

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

EVENING: As it is Easter Monday we will not be meeting.

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9pm
Holy Family Meeting Room

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

The topic will be:

"The 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.

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
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FOCOLARE

Monthly meeting on 4th Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave,
Ph: 3454709 All Welcome

HOLY HOUR; SUNDAY 1st APRIL:

Why not spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Church from 2.30pm until 3.30pm.
Rosary- Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction Hymns.

I would like to remind parishioners that the preparation for First Reconciliation will begin after Easter. Please enrol your children for this as soon as possible.

Happy Easter! Ngā mihi harikoa o te Aranga!

I started Holy Week at St Joseph's in Shannon for Palm Sunday Mass where I was delighted to learn that this small community has a flourishing children's liturgy programme. Fantastic. Tuesday saw the celebration of the magnificent Chrism Mass with a packed Cathedral in full song as we invoked God's blessing on the sacred oils that lead us to the sacred duty of pastoral care throughout the year. This morning I was at St Peter's College for an optional Reconciliation liturgy at which over 200 students participated.

It's a great joy for me as Shepherd to be greeted so warmly and personally by so many of our school pupils. On Good Friday I will join the Hui Aranga at the Maungārongo marae in Ohakune and then of course for the Easter Vigil, the mother of all liturgies, I will be back at the Cathedral before heading to another of our strong small rural communities at Sacred Heart Church in Rongotea on Easter Sunday morning. Holy Week is like no other. And rightly so! I pray that all of us will be renewed in our experience of God at work among us, 'humbling earthly pride' (*Exsultet*, Easter Vigil), and 'inflaming us with hope!' (*Blessing of the Fire*). If you would like to read my Chrism Mass homily, it's on the diocesan website <https://pndiocese.org.nz/> and some photos from that beautiful Mass are on www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan. Blessings to you and your whānau members especially any who are sick or suffering.

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OUR THANKS:

To all who prayed for our son David who has been undergoing treatment for the last 15 months at Auckland North Shore Hospital and the Boston Cancer Treatment- we give thanks for all who have prayed and fasted. He has been given a complete remission of cancer. Truly a miracle! Thanks to Jesus of Mercy and to the intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph. Deo Gratias.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa

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DVD Evening – Lion

A 5 year-old boy in India gets lost on a train & ends up adopted by an Australian couple. 25 years later he sets out to find his lost family...
Thursday 5 April, 6.30pm, Koha
Supper provided
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 Holy Family Church foyer.
You can claim a 33.3% tax credit on all donations/planned giving that you have given. Thank you

Marae time will close after Easter. Marae Time Committee thank the Te Rau Oriwa Board for their generosity in supporting Marae Time Drop Inn Centre regarding the venue hire.

Marae Time
Marae Time is closing the door for good. Thank you to all who have supported us and helped us. We are very sorry to do this-but there will be another door open, to those in need and are thirsty. Aroha nui Anne Murray, Maria, Robyn and Sr Litia.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

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May the blessings of the risen Christ be with you all as we celebrate the true meaning of Easter this weekend. This coming week is a short one for us. We will begin with a Resurrection liturgy on Wednesday morning. Some senior students will be completing a course in food safety also on Wednesday. On Friday we will have our regular Mass at 10:45am in the chapel. This week it will be prepared by 11DD. Parishioners are most welcome to join us.



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E Te Whānau Whakapono, tēnā koutou.
At St Marcellin we begin every new week gathered as one whānau to pray. This week Kowhai class led prayer. Parishioners are welcome to join us, Monday 9am in Fr Levins library. Hmm.. just not next week Easter Monday.



On Tuesday, our Senior Prefects, families and friends attended Mass of the Oils.

On Wednesday, Y7/8 attended technology at Cullinane college, Y5/6 swim team competed at the Whanganui schools swim meet.

Holy Thursday, in the morning we gathered to re-enact Jesus final moments with his disciples. In the afternoon, was the children's liturgy of the Stations of the Cross.

Wishing parishioners a happy Easter. St Christopher, be with those who travel these holidays.

Easter Schedule 2018 NO MASSES AT ST MARYS CHURCH

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

Normas Farewell

Pastoral Assistant (Lay Pastoral Coordinator) Norma O'Connor has, for eleven and a half years, worked in parishes in Whanganui. This multi-faceted role has been of great assistance to the clergy and people of this region. She has decided to retire from this role although she will continue with her hospital chaplain duties. The parish will express its gratitude for all her hard work at the St Anne's School Mass scheduled for 11am on Sunday 8th April. Fortunately, Norma will stay on the Leadership Group and contribute as a Mass Coordinator for St Anne's Sunday evening Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass on 8 April to wish Norma well as she begins a new phase in her life.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent parishioners have gathered in St Anne's Catholic Church around 5:30 in the afternoon to enter into the Lord's final days on earth to death - death on the Cross by the way of the Stations of the Cross. Noted have been to those who attended, stepped up to read, provided music, held the candles and prepared the accompanying brochure. This spirit-filled liturgy has prepared us well, to really and truly celebrate the Day of Resurrection. See you next year for our Stations of the Cross and may you have a holy and blessed Easter. Thanks to you all!!!

Daylight savings starts this Sunday 1st April.

Remember to put your clocks back one hour.



1 hour

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Over the past week we have been focussed on actively participating in the events of Holy week. Our mission groups met on Monday and Tuesday and commemorated Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday events. Our two liturgy leaders also represented our school at the annual chrism mass at the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit in Palmerston North. This mass is a major mass in the diocese and all parishes and priests in our diocese try and attend to receive the holy oils for the coming year and also be with Bishop Charles as the priests reconfirm thinner vows as priest in the service they undertake. On Thursday we will meet as a whole school as our Intermediate children reenact the Easter story and the journey of Jesus. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). As Fr Marcus made us aware in his homily on Palm Sunday it is not about us remembering what happened rather we as Christians are part of this journey in our faith.

School Mass A reminder that this will be held on Sunday 8th April at the later time of 11.00am at St Anne's Church. At the end of the mass we will be presenting a small gift to Norma for her services and efforts she has given our school over a number of years.

SHARING
—OUR FAITH—