

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	St Mary's Sun. 3 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 23 April	NO MASSES	9.00am, Service 4.45pm SVDP 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	
TUESDAY 24 April	NO MASSES	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	12.05pm NO Mass
WEDNESDAY 25 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass	12.05pm NO Mass
THURSDAY 26 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Liturgy 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	12.05pm NO Mass
FRIDAY 27 April	NO MASSES	9.00am Mass	12.05pm NO Mass
SATURDAY 28 April	NO MASSES	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

PRAYER TREE:

Names for the Prayer Tree are taken between 5 and 8 pm weekdays and all day weekends. They must be phoned through please. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL MASS:

This year Pentecost falls on 20 May so we will be celebrating the International Mass at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Vigil on 19th May. If you or your family would like to be a part of this Mass to celebrate our diverse range of cultures in the Parish of Whanganui, whether it be to carry your national flag, or to proclaim a reading or Prayer of the Faithful please contact Pat or Srian Fonseka. There will be tea and coffee after Mass so please bring a plate so we can enjoy a taste of international culinary delights.

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: Liam Glennon. (Ireland); Shane Bullock, Peggy Coogan, Stephen Carr; Puti Waretini; Mary Jane Figueroa; Doreen Hackett;

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: John Smillie (3/4), Christopher Quilter (19/4), Dan Moriarty (6/4), Elsie Pinkerton (1/4), Shane Gallagher (11/4), Joyce Burrell (20/04); Mandy Dodd (22/04); Patrick Haddock (07/05), Peter Vodanovich (24/4) Bernard Daws (06/04); Shane Gallagher (08/04); Patricia Gallagher (09/04), Sr. Damian (26/04)

MASS OFFERINGS: Aileen Croasdale, Thomas Hoare, Bruce Challies (23/3), Rose O'Leary (6/4), Ellen Haden, Tim O'Leary, Family Intention, Mother Simon OSB (London), Sale Ah Chong (Auckland), Peggy Coogan, Stephen Gibson, James Stewart, Vicente Reyes, Potenciana Reyes, Eulogio Reyes, Soilo Reyes, Margarita Reyes, Lucio Reyes, Guilerma Reyes, May Reyes, Kenneth Reyes, Anna Secretaria, Alan R. Wilson and family, Morrie Meynell (26/4), Margaret Vaughan (25/4)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 22 APRIL 2018 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Readings for this week: Acts 4:7-12; I Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Jesus declares: "So there will be one flock, one shepherd." (Jn 10: 16) In the secular world this is threatening. In a relativistic environment any talk of "oneness" is perceived as a menace to the freedom of others. Likewise, St Paul says: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph 4: 4-6) Yet, it is only in Christ and joined to him that we can know the true freedom to be ourselves.

The totalitarian relativism that suppresses difference to allow for "diversity" hides a will to power of elites who mask their control of society through the promotion of minorities who are dependent on them. These are used as a vehicle for instituting a new norm that proscribes what was previously regarded as "normal." Paradoxically, as it was with the Roman Empire, you can worship any God as long as you worship Caesar (the dollar) above all. In this world one can can't acknowledge any religion because that would be an affront to those who have no religion.

One can't have an ordained priesthood because that would be an insult to those who are not ordained. Paul tells us: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues." (1 Cor 12: 27-28) All of these complement each other and find their beginning and end in love which abides as the greatest of God's gifts (See 1 Cor 13: 13).

On Good Shepherd Sunday let us sincerely pray for shepherds to help the one Good Shepherd in leading, ministering to and sanctifying the one flock.

Fr Marcus

5th Sunday of Easter Next weeks readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

In next week's gospel reading John has Jesus using the image of a grapevine to describe what it means to be in a relationship with him – *"I am the vine you are the branches."* Common sense tells us that the branch cannot be separated from the parent vine if it is to live and grow. But there's more to it than simply being connected to the vine, there's also the question of producing fruit. In using this image, John's Jesus is urging us to do more than simply 'fulfilling our religious duties', as we used to call it.

The second reading gives us an indication of the 'fruit' Jesus is looking for. Words alone are not enough, John says, when it comes to the Love God calls us to. The truth of our words must be borne out in our **actions** - *"let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."* The way we **act** is the measure of our love for God – *"All who obey God's commandments (love God, love your neighbour) abide in God and God abides in them"*.

If we apply the image of the grapevine to our own living of our Christian faith, maybe the fundamental question is: Am I dead or alive? Am I a living branch on the vine that is Christ? Am I a Christian that bears the fruits of forgiveness and love, of kindness and compassion, of respect, generosity and acceptance regardless of colour, race and creed? Do I live my life in a way that benefits others as well as myself? Is my relationship with God real and important? The gospel puts it this way: *"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."*

JB Kendall rsj

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10am at Margaret Haddock -7 Gilligan Close Ph:3452805. Any new ladies are most 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

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

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

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

We will be taking a break over the school holidays.

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

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Change your thoughts and you change the world.



Old Timers Day Marist Rugby

Saturday 28th April from 12pm at the Marist Clubsheds. Finger food provided. All are most welcome.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa
Josephite Retreat Centre
14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui
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Living & Dying Well Weekend

A weekend workshop exploring the questions: "What is a good life?" and "What is a good death?" and "How are these linked?"

Friday 4 May 5.45 – 8.30pm
Saturday 5 May 9.15am – 5pm
Sunday 6 May 10am – 3pm
with Ann Jennison \$20ea for w/end
DVD Evening – Noble

A fearless Irish woman leaves the slums of Ireland and goes to Vietnam and brings about change for many people.

Thursday 10 May, 6.30pm, Koha supper provided

World Fair Trade – High Tea & Collection

Friday 11 May, 2.30 – 3.30pm

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.

Tax Receipts are now ready. They can be collected at the Holy Family Church.

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme.

First Reconciliation Date: Friday 22nd June at 5.00pm at St Annes Church

First Reconciliation programme will run from 20th May until 17th June. We start our first lesson on 20th May at St Annes Church at *4.30pm.(Before 5.30pm Mass

First Communion Date: Sunday 23rd September at 9.30am Mass at St Marys Church

First Communion programme will run from 19th August until 16th September. The first lesson will be 19th August at St Annes Church at *4.30pm (Before 5.30pm Mass)

*4.30pm lessons are so that the children can fully participate in the Mass after the lesson. We will break for public holidays.

Microwave wanted for Te Rau Oriwa Marae kitchen.

If anyone is looking to upgrade their microwave and need a home for their old one, please let Jo know in the office



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

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SEMINARY APPEAL 2018

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

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with prayer and financial support

Our Seminarists



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Trung Nguyen

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