

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SSUNDAY MASS TIMES: **Miha Maori** Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am **Patea** Wed 2 & 4 9.30am **Waverley** Wed 1 & 3 9.30am **RECONCILIATION:** St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St. Anne's Sun 5.30pm **St Marys** Sun 9.30am **Holy Family** Sat. Vigil: 5.30
 Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am Sun. 1 & 3 9.30am Sun. 2 & 4 9.30am St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40am Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm
 Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 13 MAY 2018 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Readings for this week: Acts 1:1-11; Eph1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO EVERY ONE

The Lord's Ascension reminds us of our final destination. Jesus "ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father." The God-man who lived in this world is no longer bound to the earth. He awaits us in heaven.

Our goal is to be one with Jesus and with the Father in heaven. But before we can get to heaven, we must undergo what Jesus underwent. We must live our baptismal commitment and carry our cross. We accept our Good Friday to get to Easter Sunday and our final reward of heaven.

To join Jesus in his ascension to heaven is to go all the way with him in his life and his ministry. As St. Catherine of Siena says, " Nothing great was ever done without much enduring, the more afflictions for Jesus in this world, so much the glory of Christ in the future."

The Ascension also reminds us of our mission. With Jesus returning to the Father, our share of the mission now begins. We are being sent out "to go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We proclaim how much God loves us. We bear witness to what God does for us. We go in the name of Jesus to the poor, the lonely, and the abandoned. We go to those in need of God's mercy, forgiveness, presence, and love.

Fr Don Don

Next weeks readings Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5: 16-25; John 20:19-23 PENTECOST

It is only in the Acts of the Apostles and St John's Gospel that there is any account of Pentecost which we celebrate next week. The gospel writings of Matthew, Mark and Luke do not in any way describe the coming of the Spirit and the two accounts that we have in Acts and John's Gospel differ quite considerably and yet, together, give us a very real picture of what the presence of the Spirit is about.

In the first reading for next week, Luke's Pentecost recorded in the Acts of the Apostles takes place 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. It uses imagery of wind, noise and fire to give us a startling picture of minds and hearts being first cleared of the chaos caused by fear, doubt, and cowardice and then seared with the love, wisdom and courage of God's Holy Spirit - "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."

John's gospel gives a much simpler Pentecost story. He has Pentecost taking place on Easter Sunday night when Jesus simply appears in the middle of the disciples hidden away for fear of the Jews, breathes on them and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

But John's gospel reading for Pentecost Sunday this year is actually taken from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper and spells out what disciples of Christ can expect from the Holy Spirit at work in their lives - "when the Spirit comes, he will guide you into all the truth...."

Paul uses his letter to his Galatian community to expand on what that 'truth' is and what the guidance of the Spirit will lead them (and us) to - "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

JB Kendall rsj

| | ST MARY'S | HOLY FAMILY | ST ANNE'S/OTHERS |
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| MONDAY 14 May | NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary | 9.00am, Service 4.45pm SVDP 7.30pm Faith Exploration | |
| TUESDAY 15 May | NO MASS | 10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC | 11.30am Mass |
| WEDNESDAY 16 May | 12.05pm Mass | 9.00am Mass | 9.30am Patea Mass |
| THURSDAY 17 May | 12.05pm Mass Exposition follows mass | 9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft | |
| FRIDAY 18 May | 9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am NO Benediction 12.05pm NO Mass | 9.00am Liturgy | 10.45am Cullinane NO Mass |
| SATURDAY 19 May | NO MASS | 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass | 9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass |

ROSTER: The roster for Holy Family for the period June to September is being prepared. If you know you are going to be away during this period and you are part of the Ministries could you please contact Pat. If you would like to be part of the Ministries or maybe you have decided you would like to withdraw your name please let Pat know.

THANKS: We have received a letter of thanks from City Mission Wanganui thanking the congregation very much for the generous donations of food during the last year. Our support helped to enable them to give out 1160 food parcels to individuals and families. Each food parcel is equivalent to one weeks' worth of grocery items. The Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul team collect the food items on behalf of the Foodbank on the first Saturday of each month although items are accepted at any time at St Marys and Holy Family and can be placed in the basket. (St. Mary's Church items are taken to Foodbank on Monday mornings)

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 02040325086 or Srian Fonseca 347 7262. 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: Derick Matthews, John Williams, Anna Scoullar-Jones (29/4), Tony Griffiths (29/4), Colleen Stanford (1/5), Phillip Hopkins (27/4), Lawrie Toohey (22/4)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Frances Jones (03/05); Patrick Haddock (07/05) Steven Rumford (9/5), Francis Respinger (10/5), Monica Connors (8/5), June Seconi (19/5), Ian Kerr (7/5), Elwyn Healy (20/5), Neil Crowley (27/04), Decease Priests and religious, Phil Hopkins Bernard Daws, Pa Hancy (27/05), Jocelyn Larsen (27/05), Stephen Gallen (12/05)

MASS OFFERINGS: Trevor Robin Blakemore, Carmela Cortez, 70th Birthday Intention; Knuth families; Sr. Chanel (speedy recovery), Norah Barron (16/4)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

St. Mary's
1 Campbell St, Ph. 345 3872
Office hours: 8.30am—3pm
Jo Boulton Parish Secretary

Holy Family
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✉holyfamily@extra.co.nz
St. Anne's
47 Raine Street

Fr. Marcus Francis
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Norma O'Connor
Hospital Chaplain
027 2334557

Fr. Adonis Rancho (Fr. Don Don)
021 02735829

Jane O'Connell
Convener of Care & Concern
Team 348 9303

Father John Roberts

Kevin Foley
Chairperson of Liturgy
345 0542

FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

There will be no meeting on the 9th May.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th May 10am at Frances Huijs—Unit 17, 108 Mosstown Rd Ph:344 1121
Any new ladies are most 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 Meeting Room

We will continue to explore:

"The Aramaic form of the Lord's Prayer"

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552, Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning Group)
Led by Sr John Bosco
Kendall rsj

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

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped behind the scenes over the last few months towards getting the church cleaned, polished and tidied. We are very grateful and it looks amazing.

A special thank you to Pat Seconi who has been doing a tremendous job on the gardens. They are looking beautiful. Thank you Pat.

Thank you

Juliet Kojis and David Scoullar offer their heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their support following the loss of Tony and Anna.
Your aroha has helped us greatly at a difficult time.
Juliet and David

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Scarlett Rhodes and her family. Scarlett was baptised at St Annes on Saturday 5th May.

Marian Mothers

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Those who dance are considered insane by those who cannot hear the music.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa
Josephite Retreat Centre

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

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 16 May, 7 – 8.30pm with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

Liturgy – 'Cultivating an attitude of Gratitude'
Sunday 20 May, 4 – 5pm

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

How to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. Over a weekend, couples will be invited to discuss and reflect privately on their marriage relationship including the art of communication, the power of forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex and love in action. Based on Christian principles, the course is designed for couples only, both married and de-facto, from both faith and non-faith backgrounds.

Friday 25 May 7 – 9pm, Saturday 26 May 9am – 5.30pm, Sunday 27 May 9am – 3pm \$25pp with Pam Hopper

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 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 St Marys Church.

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

Reminder:

St Annes Sunday Mass time has changed to 5.30pm on Sundays.

Rest Homes

The new roster for Masses at **ALL** rest homes will begin from the start of June. This is because Fr John is away for the month of May and we need to ensure that everything is organised with the various rest homes.



Cullinane College

Principal: Justin Harper

DRS: Helen Dougherty

15 Peat St., Wanganui

Ph: (06) 349 0105

Email:

office@cullinane.school.nz

www.cullinanecollege.school.nz

This coming week our Principal, Justin Harper, along with some students, will be visiting our contributing primary schools as we prepare for our Open Evening early next month.

On Monday evening our Senior netball team begins its season in the Premier Division.

Our Junior Debate team will be hosting Palmerston North Boys High here at Cullinane on Tuesday.

On Friday our Year 12 and 13 students will be attending a careers expo as they look towards their future directions.

Our Inter-House Cross Country will also be held on Friday afternoon. This is compulsory for Year 9 & 10 students and optional for seniors. We wish all competitors well.

Finally, this Friday we will have a Liturgy of the Word with Communion prepared by 10BD. We welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

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)

Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Personal Carer / Support Person

The Personal Carer will provide high quality personal care and support for frail, aged Sisters.

This part-time position (approx. 15 hours per week) will be based in Whanganui at Quinlan Court with some care of Sisters also in local Rest Homes. The Sisters are seeking someone with previous experience in personal care duties, a national certificate in health, disability and aged support or previous nursing experience. The person needs to hold a New Zealand driver's licence, be a NZ resident or hold a valid NZ work visa. If you are interested, please send your CV to nzadmin@sosj.org.au. The full Position Description is also available on request.

Applications close 18 May 2018.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui
Ph:343 1227

Email:school@stmarys.ac.nz



We had the pleasure of having Deano Yipadee, an International Best-Selling Kiwi Children's Musician and Author, visit our school on Tuesday. He had the children totally enthralled and participating in his hour long show.

Last weekend a number of our students were involved in Arts competitions. 4 students were competing in the Brass band competition and another 4 students danced at the Wanganui Ballroom Dancing competition, walking away with a number of placings. Congratulations to these kids who have practiced so hard to be performance ready. You did your family and school proud.

Next week our teachers are meeting with the other Catholic primary schools' teachers to moderate writing to ensure we are all marking to the same level. Our PTA are running a Rollar disco at the skating rink this week, which our students are very excited about. We wish our Cullinane neighbours good luck at O'Shea Shield this weekend and pray they are safe in their travels and successful in their events. Finally a big thank you to all the mums in our community. Often you put yourselves last for the love and care of your family. For all the school lunches, taxi runs, scrapes that were cleaned, tears that were wiped and homework completed we thank you. God gave us a precious gift in you.



Liturgy books, Spiritual books

and Music CDS (various) from the Nazareth Rest Home – are available for the taking after **9.30am Mass on 20th May** in the foyer of St Mary's Church. A koha towards the Sisters of St Joseph's wetland upkeep would be appreciated.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl

Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Richard.

Raine St. Wanganui East

Ph: 343 8389

Email: office@stannes.school



Thanks to a grant from the four regions trust we have upgraded our sound system in the hall. This system can now be used wirelessly inside and outside so gives us greater flexibility. Special thanks to the 'Four regions trust', Gat shack, and Hayley McNight for getting this project complete. On Monday our three Catholic schools teachers will combine in a shared writing moderation meeting after school. The purpose of the moderation is to ensure that we have consistency in the way we evaluate writing across our schools.

ST. Marcellin School

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

Ph: 349 0023

Email: stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz

E te Whanau Whakapono, tena koutou To celebrate the start of a new school term we had a 2-day learning focus on the Rosary guided by the support of Mr Chris Walker. On Monday, was an introduction to the Rosary, learning of each prayer, painting of individual beads that would combine to create a giant school rosary bead.

Day 2, finished with a visit from our new friends the Sisters of St Dominic's and students of St Dominic's college who came to teach us the Salve Regina in Latin and to share an insight into their lives, he ataahua!

During May we pray the Rosary each morning 8.20am, in Champagnat Chapel. Roll on Term 2, we are ready.

CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART CHAPEL AT JANE WINSTONE.

There is to be a public ceremony to honour this sacred space, and those who have cared for it on

Tuesday, 22 May at 2 pm in the Chapel.

When Rymans purchased Sacred Heart they agreed to maintain the Chapel and they have kept that "handshake promise" magnificently.

Currently the Stations of the Cross are being expertly upgraded by Chris Gullery, and Rymans have ensured the Chapel has been earthquake proofed.

You are invited to this occasion but will need to RSVP to Rymans by 18th May. Phone: 3456783. Marie Skidmore rsj

SHARING
= OUR FAITH =