

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

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

ST MARYS CHURCH IS CLOSED FROM MONDAY 25TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 25 June	NO MASSES CHURCH CLOSED 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Service 4.45pm SVDP 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 26 June	NO MASS CHURCH CLOSED	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am St Johns Healthcare Mass 11.30am Mass
WEDNESDAY 27 June	NO MASS CHURCH CLOSED	9.00am Liturgy	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 28 June	NO MASS CHURCH CLOSED	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 29 June	NO MASS CHURCH CLOSED	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 30 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

THANKS:

To all the Parishioners I thank you for your prayers- those on the Prayer Tree and Prayer Vine along with the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thanks to Fr. Don Don for administering the last rites.

Thanks to the wonderful dedicated staff at Wellington ICU, the Medical and Rehabilitation Unit at Wanganui.

Finally thanks to my wonderful family and numerous friends for being there for me.

A miracle did occur.

Mauveen Couchman.



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:

Dennis Fowler (20/5), Noleen O'Donnell, Lelaine Brown (30/5), Sr. Christina Williams **DOLC** (8/6)

Nicola Day (21/6)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Russell Hackett (5/6), Beryl Harris (30/05), Una Phillips (06/06), Bill Phillips (10/06), Roger Day (12/06), Jose Joseph (30/05), Beryl Harris (30/05); (10/06), Walter Pinkerton (26/06), Rose Conder (12/06), Maurice Woods (8/6), Brendan McCrea (10/6), Gavin McCrea (17/6), Trevor Connors (13/06), Gail Stewart (13/06), Matthew Taylor, Duncan Massey (16/6), John Bolton (19/6), Bob Kavanagh (30/6), Patrick Joseph Vaughan (19/6), Bernard O'Driscoll (20/6), Mr Toh Keng Seng (26/4), Madame Choe Gim Bee (26/4)

MASS OFFERINGS:

Knuth & Hunt families, Brendan O'Shea (8/6), Mervyn Charles, Emil Sheriden, Wolfgang Reifenberger (14/6, 60th B'day), Mary Gudsell; Norah Baron; Ellen O'Leary, Patrick Joseph Vaughan, Richard Brandon, Bob Kavanagh, Gerald McDouall, Sang-Yoon Kim (17/6), Renata Aapaty, Karen Smyth; Ross MacDonald

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN

24 JUNE 2018

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Readings for this week Isa 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Celebrating the birthday of John the Baptist, the only other person other than the Lord and Our Lady to have their nativity celebrated in the liturgy, is important.

One reason is that it prevents us from slipping into the heresy of Marcion who, in the first half of the Second Century AD, rejected the Old Testament completely and proposed a canon of Scripture of parts of the Gospel of Luke and the Pauline epistles.

To him the God of the Old Testament was different to that portrayed by the New. When we celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist we acknowledge the continuity of salvation history which goes from the beginning of Book of Genesis to the conclusion of the Book of Revelation.

I encourage all parishioners to study the Old Testament so as to be familiar with the sacred texts that Jesus himself knew and used.

Seeing how God's promises are fulfilled in history, even in the presence of sin, idolatry and failure, can help us to realise that God is at work in the present and able to accomplish his purposes despite all of the obstacles that might sometimes be regarded as insuperable.

The Church says: "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God'." (Is 49: 4)

However, she also needs to listen for the response: "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isa 49: 6)

Fr Marcus

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Next week's reading from the Book of Wisdom reiterates the Genesis statement that we are made in the image and likeness of God - "for God created us for incorruption," it says, "and made us in the image of God's own eternity."

Furthermore, the reading emphasises the goodness of all creation - "the generative forces of the world are wholesome and there is no destructive poison in them." Just one of the questions that raises is how we can claim a genuine relationship with God and yet contribute to the pollution of God's creation, poisoning it for future generations. The reading clearly says that God "does not delight in the death" of anything living.

Another challenge of modern life is the ever-widening gulf between those who have plenty and those who lack the essentials of life. In the second reading, Paul puts it to his Corinthian community this way: "...it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need." Pope Francis says, "We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor..... none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice."

Francis' reference to 'social justice' gives reason to focus on the two miracles recounted in the Gospel reading both of which show Jesus treating women with a dignity and respect that was not the norm in Jewish society.

To have contact with a ritually unclean woman and to touch a young woman of marriageable age (12 years old) unless actually courting her were both actions forbidden by Jewish law.

Jesus put the welfare of human beings before conformity to rules and regulations. Should we do anything less in the face of so much injustice in our own time, in our world and in our Church?

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. Phone 3452805 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

The topic will be:

"Reflecting on the First Commandment"

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.

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



The Catholic Institute
Adult Education Courses

Understanding the Old Testament SC 501

Palmerston North 9-11 July: PN Diocesan Centre

Taranaki 16-18 July: St Pius X School NP Whanganui 1-3 October: venue TBA

For enrolment forms or further information - contact

Rosalie Connors

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Kia ora tātou

This week I made a face to face submission at parliament. This was a first for me. The topic was David Seymour's Euthanasia or assisted suicide Bill. With me was a young Wellington doctor, Caroline Newson, who works in acute psych medicine.

Check out my facebook page to see something of what I presented:



BishopCharlesDrennan

Euthanasia would be a deeply regressive or backward step for New Zealand. We pride ourselves on being a progressive nation. This Bill points to the opposite. It is a cause for national shame or whakamā.

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MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A wise person will make more opportunities than he finds.



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A Day on Teilhard De Chardin

"We are the universe made conscious of itself." An exploration of the life and teaching of Teilhard De Chardin, SJ. This Jesuit visionary theologian and evolutionary theorist, who trained as a palaeontologist, was a scholar of geology and botany. He authored several books on philosophy and theology. He spent his life building a theory that would reconcile evolutionary science and religion, and is one of the foremost thinkers of our time.

Saturday 7 July, 10am - 2pm, \$20 with Marie Skidmore rsj
Please bring your lunch.

DVD Evening - The Shack

After a family tragedy and a crisis of faith, Mack is unable to move on until he gets an invitation to a shack and meets 3 strangers who transform his life. Thursday 12 July, 6.30pm, Koha Supper provided

Stampin' Up - Birthday Theme

An opportunity to make creative birthday cards.

Saturday 14 July, 10am - 12.30pm, \$10 with Julia Martin.

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

St Marys Church Closed

St Marys Church will be closed for the week of Monday 25th June until Friday June 29th for fan repairs.



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This past week our College celebrated many student achievements and performances.

On Tuesday 19th June and Wednesday 20th June our students put on performances for the Café Concert. This event was a mix of Drama, Music and Dance and was well attended on both nights.

We would like to thank the members of the Parish community who supported these events.

On Thursday 21st June, Eliza Reid, Pikiteora Takiari-Toro, Raemon Teki and Liam Boswell took part in 'This We Believe' at the Josephite Retreat Centre. Each student spoke about their personal journey and their philosophy for life. The speeches were both individual and inspiring.

For Week Nine of our schooling calendar, the term gains momentum with Family Days scheduled for Thursday 28th June and Friday 29th June.

There will be no school on these days as we will be holding midterm interviews over these days. This is where form tutors will meet with students and their family to go over their attendance, achievements and other important information.

On Friday 29th June, there will be our weekly Mass held in our College Chapel which will be prepared by St Mary's School.

We welcome any parishioners who would like to attend this Mass.

For more information about our College and our student achievements, please access our fortnightly newsletters which are available to view on both our school website and Facebook page.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

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Jacqui and Cath had the privilege of attending the Catholic Education Convention in Wellington last week.

There were amazing speakers from Australia, the US and Britain.

A resounding message from the convention was that Christ's Call is to love, to be and to do.

Children encounter Christ through us and we have to think about what face we are showing them.

We need to be joyous in our faith and to stand up to the constant "fear" that is facing Christian's in our ever increasing secular society.

Pope Francis' works are a strong beacon to us, encouraging us to embrace joy in our faith.

We had a successful mufti day on Thursday raising money so that we can send care baskets to affected farming families in New Zealand.

We also had a wheels day that was well supported by the students.

Currently our PTA are running a meat raffle to win a lamb.

If you would like a \$2.00 ticket you can ring Ivy at the office.

We have our School Mass coming up on Sunday 1st of July at St. Mary's 9.30am Mass.

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East

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ST. Marcellin School

Principal: Maia Williams

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Are you feeling unwell or lonely?

You can borrow our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to assist you in your prayer time.

Contact Kathleen

Orsborn

ph: 3442245 and she will deliver it to you.



DID YOU KNOW ?

That on Friday's at 11.00am at St Mary's the Rosary is recited for our priests and all of our Parishioners. Have you thought about coming along and joining in in this special prayer.

All are very welcome

IMPORTANT:

If family members or a friend is admitted to hospital or a rest home it is vital that you let the Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or Chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken. Thank you

PAUSE 2018 ME TŪ

a vocations retreat for those discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister Friday 6 evening to Sunday 8 July afternoon.

Magnificat retreat centre in the Wairarapa. Transport provided.

God is calling me - yeah right?

What will my friends and family say?

It's so confusing: diocesan Priests, Orders, Religious, charisms, Brothers, enclosed, apostolic, contemplative Sisters, consecration, habits and not? Where on earth do I begin?

Do I have to be 100% sure? What if I find out it's not me?

Join me, Sr Fina, Fr Neil and others for a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer karakia, and korero. Check out more at www.pndiocese.org.nz

To secure a place email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz. All welcome.

Also see brochure in your Church.

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