

# 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 (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

## WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 29 JULY 2018 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Readings for this week: II Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Jesus in the Gospel of John 6: 1-15 performed a miracle which none of us can ever duplicate: **the multiplication of the fish and the loaves of bread to feed a vast crowd.** The people were so amazed at the signs and wonders they had experienced. Like them, we often focus on the multiplication, and forget that the one more important thing is the duplication of Jesus' love and concern for the hungry and the poor. Christianity is not so much about the multiplication of prayers and devotions as about the duplication and imitation of Christ's loving heart. May our hearts become a sincere duplicate of God's heart.

Take note that Jesus knew how to solve the situation of the hungry multitude, but He still consulted His disciples on how to go about it. His style of leadership is consultative and participative. We who claim to be followers of Christ must learn to duplicate His humility in all we do, especially in empowering the people we serve. Enough of trying-hard superstars and self-proclaimed messiahs in our midst!

Why did Jesus instruct His disciples to have the people recline before He performed the miracle? It was His way of implementing crowd control. A hungry crowd is a rowdy crowd. More so, it was His way of making them focus on God and on the other people, and not just on their own selfish needs. Jesus teaches us again the value of letting go, and fading away. Someone once said: "It's amazing what can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit." A good reminder for people who are hopelessly limelight and credit-grabbers! Amen...

Fr Don Don

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 30 July	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Service	
TUESDAY 31 July	NO MASS	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 1 Aug	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 2 Aug	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 3 Aug	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.45am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 4 Aug	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

### Te Rau Oriwa Annual General Meeting

Sunday 5th August at 11am at Te Rau Oriwa Marae.

*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:

Sr. Christina Williams **DOLC**; Nicola Day, Dorothy Daignault (Darryl's mother in Canada) 28/6, Sr. Therese Devon, Marie Donovan, Yvonne Beeson, James Kennedy, Ruth Portland (4/7), Sr Chanel (4/7), Moya Anderson, Gail Burt, Wana Arahanga, Justin Maiden, Henk Hagenaars

#### CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Therese Hoskin (10/7), Mikaele Perez (13/7), Phyllis O'Hara (12/7), Paerangi Lewis (17/7), Una Phillips (06/06), Bill Phillips (10/06), Roger Day (12/06), Trevor Connors (13/06), Gail Stewart (13/06), Walter Pinkerton (26/06), Janet Flintoff (16/07), Hilda Stuart-Hughes (19/07), Patricia Tasker (27/07), Laurie Conder (10/07), Frank Hoare (3/7), Katie Moriarty (26/07), Bill Eriksen (24/7), Maurice Crowley (09/07), Rosina Gallagher (11/07), Ross Whelan (21/7)

#### MASS OFFERINGS:

Phyllis O'Hara (12/7), Renata Aapatu, Mary Gudsell, Norah Baron, Ellen O'Leary, Gerald McDouall; Nicola Day, Lois Dougherty (29/6), Margaret Mary Hunt (30/06), Bob Kavanagh (30/6), Patrick Joseph Vaughan, Richard Brandon, Gerald McDouall, Sang-Yoon Kim (17/6), Karen Smyth; Ross MacDonald, Kirsty Campbell, Sr. Therese Devon, Ruth Portland RIP, David Anderson, Phyllis O'Hara (12/7), Rosina Gallagher (11/07), Fr Anton Fuerstenberger (21/6), Erin McCrea Bartrum (26/7), Katherine Reid (22/7), Sr. Chanel McNamara, Nicola Day, Souls of Ericsson and Summerhays families, Ross Whelan, Deceased parents, friends and benefactors of the Sisters of Compassion

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

Bread is important in next week's readings. In the first reading from Exodus the Israelites failed to recognise in the 'manna', as they called it, the bread that God promised them in response to their complaints – "...in the morning you shall have your fill of bread." Many Scripture scholars believe that the "fine flaky substance" described in the reading was actually the dried overnight secretion of insects on rocks and vegetation in the Sinai wilderness which was known to stave off starvation.

If this is right then Moses' statement, "It is the bread that the Lord has given to you to eat", is a theological interpretation of a natural, daily event. For the Israelites who were looking for miraculous signs on which to base their belief and trust in one God this would have stretched their limited faith to the extreme. In the gospel, John's Jesus compares the bread he offers with the Israelites' manna but, as in last week's reading, John's emphasis is on the divinity of Jesus – "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry...."

We can make the mistake of focusing so exclusively on "the bread from heaven" as miraculous 'food for eternal life' that we miss the point that John's Jesus makes - "the bread of God gives life to the world." That life is life that flows from the values that Jesus lived, the values that must transform our lives if, as followers of Christ, we are going to live, in the words of the second reading, "according to the likeness of God". If we are genuine in our eating of "the bread from heaven", then we have to be committed to the everyday values of Jesus – non-violence, forgiveness and peace, compassion for the needy, justice for the oppressed, inclusiveness.

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

**St. Mary's**  
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Jo Boulton Parish Secretary  
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**St. Anne's**  
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**Fr. Marcus Francis**  
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**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

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday at Frances Huijs, Unit 17, Broadview, 108 Mosstown Rd  
Ph: 344 1121  
Any new ladies are most welcome

### MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP

Will resume 27th July.  
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

As the weather has turned cold, we will be taking our winter break.

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552

Nancie & Brian Quigley 347 8177

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco Kendall rsj

When we resume again, you will all be most 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave,  
Ph: 3454709

### Youth Group

Friday 3rd August at St Marys 6.30pm-8pm.  
Dress up as your favourite sports hero and see if you can show off some skills!!

Even though the Gospel today comes from the Gospel of John it flows on from that of last week which was from the Gospel of Mark. The people having followed Jesus around the lake and been taught by him are now in need of food. The intention of Jesus is not just to feed the people with his Word but also to meet their physical needs. He also wants his disciples, who have been taught by him, to be attentive to the people's hunger. This structure echoes that found elsewhere in both the Old and the New Testaments. On Mount Sinai Moses reads the Book of the Covenant and then the elders ate and drank (Ex 24: 9-17). On the way to Emmaus the risen Lord teaches the two disciples and then feeds them (Lk 24: 13-35). Likewise, this is the case in the liturgy of the Mass: "Blessed indeed is your Son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread." (Eucharistic Prayers for Masses for Various Needs)

We need to be fed both by the Word and the Sacrament to equip us for God's purposes. We have to attend to bodily needs as well as looking to the spiritual. It is also not enough that we listen to the Word we also need to embody it and put it into practice: "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, not being hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing." (James 1: 22-25)  
Fr Marcus

### MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Silence isn't golden and it surely doesn't mean consent, so start practicing the art of communication.

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### A Day on Thomas Berry (1914 – 2009)

*"Destroying rain forest for economic growth is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal."*

An exploration of the life and teaching of Thomas Berry, whose work showed us the importance of fostering mutually enhancing human-Earth relationships which help us to heal our traumatised global bio-system. He made a powerful call for a return to core values which include our connectedness with Nature and our recognition of the sacredness of the community of life in the evolving universe. He also helped us discover our spiritual bearings in this challenging time of concern for our planet. We will also take a look at the implications of climate change.

Saturday 4 August, 10am – 2pm, \$20  
*Please bring your lunch.*

with Marie Skidmore rsj

### A Journey with Suzanne Aubert

A day to reflect and ponder on the life of Suzanne Aubert and to explore the relevance of Suzanne's vision and legacy in our world today.

Saturday 11 August, 10am – 3pm  
with Sue Cosgrove dolc

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)



### Cullinane College

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Term Three has just begun and the calendar continues to be busy for the staff and students of Cullinane College.

Earlier this week members of our College community travelled to Whangarei for the Powhiri of Kamaka Manuel. This was the final part in the farewell of a much loved teacher and Assistant Principal of the College who will now begin his role as Assistant Principal of Whangarei Boys High School. Next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, the College will host the 2018 Quad Sports Exchange involving St Peters College, Bishop Viard College and Chanel College. Students will compete in Basketball, Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Football. We would like to wish all of our students the best of luck for this event.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August the College there will be our weekly Mass held in our College Chapel which will be prepared by the students from 12U. We welcome any parishioners who would like to attend this Mass.

### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

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Mr Mark Richards is well known in the Diocese as Manager of the Pastoral Services that assists Bishop Charles Drennan in his ministry.

Mark has been diagnosed with a serious cancer.

This is an great opportunity to pray asking Ven. Suzanne Aubert to intercede for him so he may be healed.

Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers.

## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui

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### ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

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Jo in the Parish office has done an excellent job completing a budget summary of this parish for the last three years. Among many other things it shows that our collection for Sundays (Planned Giving) has been \$247,252 for 2015-16 then \$232,555 for 2016-17 to the current year (2017-18) of \$238,882 (projected). Thanks to the generosity and self-sacrifice of all givers the situation has stabilized but is still well behind where we were previously. We have still a debt to the Diocese (CDF) of \$227,295 which costs about \$14,000 per annum to fund. What can be done to address the decline in our purchasing power so as to maintain parish plant and services and meet our obligations as well as further the mission given us by Christ? Here are some ideas:

1. for parishioners, on automatic payments, to increase their donation \$5 per month for every year since their last increase.
2. for parishioners, who receive a tax rebate, to gift back the rebate to the parish. We have \$17,283 in unclaimed rebates sitting in the Parish Office! If you need help to know what to do please contact Jo and she can help you. Recently, a parishioner donated \$2,000 in this way.
3. for parishioners, who give cash, to standardize their giving by using planned giving envelopes or going on automatic payment.
4. for parishioners to give one off donations: planned giving = priests + parish; donation = parish only.
5. for parishioners to put the parish in their will as a beneficiary for part of their estate.
6. for parishioners to support parish fund raisers such as the Parish Quiz scheduled for 21 September.
7. for parishioners who have businesses or special skills to give in kind.
8. for the Parish Office to continue to make savings and reduce unnecessary expenditure.
9. for clergy to continue to work in the best interest of the parish and give of their own resources.
10. for clergy and laity to act as the best advertisement for the parish by spreading the Gospel and encouraging lapsed/resting Catholics to participate in the community.
11. for the parish to cooperate with the school community as an organic whole for mutual benefit in the one mission given us in baptism.
12. for parishioners to pay for using St Joseph's Hall and Te Rau Oriwa Marae.
13. for parishioners who are better off to donate larger one off gifts to help extinguish the parish debt.

There is also projected maintenance on Holy Family church (rust on the roof, decoration of sanctuary and foyer), St Mary's church (rust under the eaves, maintenance of exterior window frames, painting of exterior doors, etc, etc) and St Anne's (cleaning/painting of the exterior, work on the roof) among other things. Clearly, to deal with all these things will take a team effort. I see great potential in the Catholic Parish of Whanganui in many ways it is a question of us acting together for the benefit of the Catholic community and not leaving it to others or future generations to accomplish.

SHARING  
= OUR FAITH =