

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 19 AUGUST 2018 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 20 Aug	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy	
TUESDAY 21 Aug	NO MASS	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	NO SUMMERSET MASS 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 22 Aug	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Liturgy	9.30am Patea Liturgy
THURSDAY 23 Aug	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 24 Aug	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass (Note time change)
SATURDAY 25 Aug	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Readings for this week: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

We take up where we left off last week. We heard then those wonderful words of our Lord, "Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." [Io 6; 51] This week we hear the with an addition, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." [ib 57]

The wisdom of God has prepared a feast for us. We must be like children in order to be able to accept the invitation. [Mt 18; 3-4] If we are not then we will not understand the great mystery presented to us; the mystery that is the folly of the Cross. [cf I Co 1; 18] Many are not able to understand or believe that Christ rose from the dead. Many more find it hard to believe that He would give us his flesh to eat. Yet, this is exactly what Christ left for us and which Mother Church provides for us Sunday by Sunday – the opportunity to join with Christ in his self-offering on the Cross restoring the relationship of communion with the Father through the Holy Spirit and to be nourished by this food for salvation. The Catechism expresses it this way: "We must therefore consider the Eucharist as; - thanksgiving and praise to the Father; - the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body; - the presence of Christ by the power of his Word and of his Spirit." [CCC 1358]

St John repeats the words, "eat", "drink", "my Body", " my Blood" several times to heighten our awareness of the realism Christ intends. He does not use the usual greek word for "eat", rather he uses a cruder word once used to describe an animal eating – almost "munching". The wisdom of children enables us to understand and accept the gift our Lord offers us each Sunday; and, like children going to a birthday party, we cannot wait for long to join the feast prepared for us. The Martyrs of North Africa could not imagine Sunday without Mass so they went joyfully to their deaths because they believed. Indeed one said, "Sine dominico non possumus" – we cannot live without this thing of the Lord. He was referring to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist that the emperor had declared illegal, but in which they had chosen to participate even at the cost of being tortured and sentenced to death.

Let us rejoice in the goodness, in the feast which gives life as we journey to our eternal destiny.

Father John.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Next week we will hear the last part of what is called the "Bread of Life discourse" from St John's Gospel in which Jesus explains that he is the bread sent by God to give life to the world. As the teaching develops, John's gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept what they are hearing.

The numbers dwindle from "the large crowd" to "the disciples" to finally next week just "the twelve" because even those who have followed him faithfully up to this point turn away. Jesus' listeners have dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to just 12 followers on whose behalf Peter asserts "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

With those words, Peter models what, in the end we all have to do – make our own judgement about the truth of who Jesus is and the truth of what he teaches and why, and in the light of that, decide on the way of life we will give our hearts to.

The first reading describes the people of Israel doing exactly that, making their choice of who to follow and why – "far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord who brought us out of the house of slavery.....who did those great signs in our midst.....who protected us all along the way.....therefore we will also serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Perhaps Pope Francis gives us something to reflect on when, in talking about the choice to follow Christ, he says, "Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness God brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches in the wind?"

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ladies Coffee Club

Come - just as you are! Ladies Coffee Club met every Wednesday at 10.00 am at Country Cafe 149 London Street Whanganui and we would love to welcome you.

If you're new to the parish or been here for years, (kiddies play area built into the cafe) experiencing cabin fever because of the winter months or like to met other parishioners then come!

There is no agenda and the conversation goes where it will.

The core group live at the 5 corners of the city and you might like to come with one of us.

Phone Sue Bannister on 0273322018 or, Helen Codlin on 3482188, Dale Greenbury on 3487052,

Anna Thomson-Fraser on 3443490 or Sue Seconi 3437384



Do you want to get past "Be a Catholic 101?" Got questions about the Catholic Faith?

How about trying some of these excellent Catholic sites online. cwn.com catholic.com wordonfire.org

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:

Justin Maiden, Henk Hagenars, Gordon Edmonds, Lorraine Hartley, Eileen Hickey, Anthony Edgar Berry (9/08)-brother of the late Rev John Berry, Philomena Leone (29/7), John Berry

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Leslie Foley (2/8), Constance McGifford (4/08), Edward McGifford (13/08), Noeline Haddock (20/08), Vivienne McGifford (24/08), Christopher Daws (07/08)

MASS OFFERINGS:

Ena O'Donohue (2/8), Alexander family; Elaine Parsons; Jack Dodd Snr; Philomena Leone, Anni Reifenberger (8/8 birthday), Bernadette Sutherland (Birthday), Thanksgiving (x2), Mary Watkins, Eileen Hickey, Ian Matheson (7/8), Les Foley (2/8), Deceased Benefactors of Sisters of Compassion, Hendricus (Henk) Hagenars

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday. Venue to be advised. 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, 344 4828

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 4th Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave, Ph: 3454709

All Welcome

Te Punanga o Hōhepa
Josephite Retreat Centre

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Whanganui
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Liturgy – Communion with all
Sunday 19 August, 4 – 5pm

DVD Evening – The Light Between Oceans

Lighthouse keeper, Tom, and his wife, Isabel, live on a remote island. Their bliss is turned upside down when they learn Isabel is unable to have a child. One day, a child drifts ashore on a lifeboat – the couple now have to face a dilemma...
Thursday 23 August, 6.30pm, Koha Supper provided

Waiata, Kōrero & Karakia

Join us as we celebrate Maori Language Week 2018.
Tuesday 4 September, 10am – 12pm with Kura & Kahu Simon

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

Māori Education Special Collection

This annual collection has growing support. Thank you. An investment in something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori are good for all New Zealanders.

All of our Catholic schools serve Māori students well. In our Diocese we are also blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools: Hāto Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. They achieve outstanding results with the students they nurture, teach and form.

There is a desire which resonates deep within all New Zealanders to foster educational achievement among all families of our nation. All of us – as a community of believers, as iwi whakapono – can contribute to this vision and make it real. For this reason the annual special collection for education of our young Māori is something that I hope will appeal to everyone. Your donation, no matter the amount, is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. May I also take the opportunity to thank those who support families of other ethnic groups including of course Pākehā struggling to pay school attendance dues.

Thank you.

+ Chelle

VOICE FOR LIFE BOOTIES PROJECT

On 26 July more than 13,000 knitted babies booties were displayed outside Parliament as a memorial to the 13,285 lives lost to abortion last year.

Despite minimal media coverage this was a well supported nation wide project. Thank you to the local members who knitted over 500 pairs of booties towards this effort.

The booties are now being gifted to hospitals and welfare organisations. Joan Sullivan



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Justin Harper
DRS: Helen Dougherty

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Email: office@cullinane.school.nz
www.cullinanecollege.school.nz

On Wednesday 15th August, staff and students travelled to St Mary's Church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption Mass. This was a special event with our students preparing the readings.

Our change in Mass time for our weekly Mass has proven to be successful with a larger congregation turnout. We would like to thank our parishioners for their continued support and engagement in our College Masses.

Next week begins week five of term three. Several events will take place during that week including the Wanganui Secondary Sports Awards on Monday 20th August and Senior Exams (Monday 20th August – Wednesday 22nd August)

Finally, our weekly Mass will be held in our College Chapel on Friday 24th August at 10am. This will be prepared by the students from 10EG. As always, we invite our parishioners to attend.

Quiz Night at Stellar's

21 September at 7pm at Stellar's.
We need teams of 4 - 6 people \$10 a person.

We are looking for donated items eg: vouchers (groceries, petrol, meals), groceries items, meat packs, home made jams, pickles, toiletries, baking (eg cakes, slices, to be made on the day that can be auctioned off).

Gifts for regifting, movie tickets.....
More details to follow.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
DRS: Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui
Ph: 343 1227

Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz

Our Staff spent Friday and Saturday last week doing Professional Development run by the Diocese about Having Life to the Full. It was a challenging and rewarding 2 days. We joined with teachers from St. Anne's and St. Marcellin. Our students have started training for Cross Country so each afternoon you will see lots of runners around our school. We also have soccer and racquet sports teams busy practicing in preparation for their competitions.

Our Year 5-8 students have started their weekly Ballroom dancing lessons with Mark Glastonbury. Our junior school are busy planning their big trip to Wellington Zoo on Tuesday 21st. Please pray for their safe travels and that Wellington weather puts on a glorious day for them.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389

Email: office@stannes.school

Marian Mothers Raffle

The Marian Mothers group have organised a Fathers Day raffle and will be selling tickets at Holy Family Church for the next two weeks, then at St Mary's. \$1.00 a ticket. Proceeds are going to the missionaries.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Knowledge comes from learning.
Wisdom comes from living.



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams
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Brothers and Sisters with Christ, tēnā koutou.

Most winter sporting codes are coming to the end of their season and I want to congratulate all our players for the excellence, integrity, courage and respect they show at every game. I am humbled by the level of voluntary support received so that our children can enjoy the sport they love. To the coaches, managers, friends, families and taxi drivers, bless you.

On Tuesday, 10am mass will be organised by Totara class, years 7&8.

Every Wednesday, the year 7 & 8 class attend technology lessons at Cullinane college.

Congratulations to Jisna who with her team members placed 3rd overall in the recent Syro-Malabar national bible competition.

Thank you to parishioners for supporting the teachers and principals of your parish schools, in our recent stop work campaign. Mother Mary, pray for us.

"Eucharistic Adoration"

Ideally we should have at least 3 people for each hour of the Adoration. To achieve this we need one more person for each of four time slots on our roster. Thursdays, 1.30pm. 2.30pm. 4.30pm. Fridays, 10am. This is for one hour, every week till school breaks up early in December. "Could you not watch one hour with me" said the Lord. If you can help please phone me, Kathleen Orsborn. 3442245.

Thankyou.

Congratulations!

Fr John will celebrate forty years of priestly ministry on 19 August.

We congratulate him on such a record of service to the Palmerston North Diocese and all that he does in Whanganui and Patea/Waverley.

Fr John will celebrate Mass on the 19th at Patea at the morning Mass as

well as the 5.30pm Mass at St Anne's on that day.

A Jubilarians' Mass for Fr Earl Crotty, Fr Harry Costello and Fr John will be celebrated at St Mary's, Whanganui on 18 September at 5pm, to which all parishioners are invited.

This will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat with the jubilarians before they enjoy the evening meal in St Joseph's Hall.