

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

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Readings for this week: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 4.32-5:21-32; Jn 6.53, 60-69

In my homily last Sunday I quoted St Irenaeus writing, "Just as bread from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, made up of two elements, one earthly and one heavenly, so also our bodies, in receiving the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, for they have the hope of resurrection." [S Irenaeus] St John Paul II wrote, "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist", and explained that those who receive the Eucharist become "the Body of Christ—not many bodies but one body." [Ecclesia de Eucharistia] There should be in each one of us a real change! We have in us the "hope of resurrection", and our lives mirror this in every thought and action. St James reminds us, "Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith." [James 2; 18]

I want to suggest that we should think about the requirement of the Constitution on the Liturgy when it tells us that "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy." [Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14] We have learned well the lesson that we must listen actively and attentively to the scriptures. However, "The gestures and bodily posture of ... the faithful must be conducive to making the celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity ... and fostering the participation of all." [General Introduction to the Roman Missal (GIRM), 42] So our standing together and sitting together are also signs of our union with each other; when the priest makes his genuflection after the Consecration all should make a profound bow, for Christ is truly present. We should do the same as we approach the priest or extraordinary minister to receive Holy Communion.

Think of the effect on onlookers, they might think, or even say, "These people really believe the Lord is here. See their respect and reverence". And so they may come to faith. Silence and silent prayer before Mass are also signs of respect and reverence for Christ who is present. [GIRM, 45] Many Churches have built narthexes – foyers, gathering spaces, etc – so that people are able to greet each other on the way into the Church. I will never forget my startlement when I read about one non-Catholic who plucked up courage to attend Mass; he was stunned by the reverent and prayerful silence before Mass. He is now a faithful and valuable servant of God in the Church. Father John.

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 27 Aug	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 4.45pm SVDP	
TUESDAY 28 Aug	NO MASS	10.00am Mass at School Chapel 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am St Johns Healthcare Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 29 Aug	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 30 Aug	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 31 Aug	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 1 Sept	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Columban Calendars for 2019 are now for sale. at St Marys, Holy Family and St Annes. \$12.00 each.

The Diocese of Palmerston North, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. We are looking for new applications that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development.

Application forms and criteria for funding are available from the parish office or the Diocesan Office, Private Bag 11012, Palmerston North.

Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, telephone 06 354 1780 ext 833, email wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or you can download a copy of the application form from the diocesan website

<https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>

Applications are to be sent to reach the Diocesan Office by 30 September 2018.

Allocations will be made on 7 November 2018.

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 Hagenaars, Gordon Edmonds, Lorraine Hartley, Eileen Hickey, Anthony Edgar Berry (9/08)-brother of the late Rev John Berry, Philomena Leone (29/7), John Berry, Shirley Penn

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, Shirley Dinnington, Soul of Joan Haddock (13/8), Beverley Cvitanovich (2/9), Mary Cvitanovich (12/8) Patrick Bruce (21/8), Phillip Kane (22/8), Hunt and Knuth families

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

After listening to and reflecting on the 'bread of life' readings from John for five consecutive Sundays, next week we return to the gospel of Mark for the rest of the liturgical year.

An element of Judaism that was central to Jewish life at the time of Jesus was the Purity Code. This code with its 613 rules affected every aspect of Jewish life and even the slightest transgression was considered an act of unfaithfulness to God and the Israelite traditions.

Unfortunately, by degrees the "commandments of the Lord your God" in the Hebrew scriptures and the 'traditions' taught by the rabbis came to be given the same value and the distinction between the two was lost so that an obsessive observance of rituals and rules in the belief that these were the essence of faith, took the place of love of God and neighbour.

It was this obsession that led the Pharisees to confront Jesus in the gospel reading and question him about allowing his disciples to eat without first carrying out the ritual washing of hands. In response, Jesus made it clear that external observance of rules and regulations was not what God was looking for – "..... This people honours me with their lips but their hearts are far from me... ..teaching human precepts as doctrines. You abandon the commandments of God and hold to human tradition."

He went on to make it clear to the Pharisees and his other listeners that it was what was in the heart, particularly attitudes that could lead to actions causing harm to other people, that 'defile a person'.

"What counts above all else," Pope Francis says, referring to our own times "is faith working through love. Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit."

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday at Jessie Coleman 22 Mitchell Street. Ph: 343 8031.

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 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

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

Waiata, Kōrero & Karakia

Join us as we celebrate Maori Language Week 2018.

Tuesday 4 September, 10am – 12pm with Kura & Kahu Simon

Stamp'n Up – General Card Making

Another opportunity to make special cards. Saturday 8 September, 10am – 12.30pm, \$10 with Julia Martin

Liturgy

Sunday 16 September, 4 – 5pm

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 19 September, 7 – 8.30pm with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

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.

+ Charles

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Joan and Clive Sullivan who celebrate 60 years of marriage this weekend.

Many thanks for your contributions to the Church over those years.

Congratulations on your

60th Wedding Anniversary

Rosary Statue Roster:

We would love you to join the list of people who receive the statue of Mary into their homes for 1 week every 9 months approx. For those who do not have a statue of Mary in their homes, this opportunity helps to make the praying of the rosary a little more special. I am about to update & prepare a new roster. Existing members, please advise any changes of address. New members are most welcome to join the list. Contact Kathleen Orsborn. Ph; 3442245 by Friday 31st August. Thanks.

Confirmation

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to support with prayer the teenagers of the parish who will be confirmed by +Charles at the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 9th of September. They are also invited to bring food for the shared celebration in St Joseph's Hall after the Mass.



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

Senior exams started this week, for Years 11-13 students.

Students experienced what it is like in exam type conditions as they worked on various subject assessments and we congratulate them on how they approached their studies this week.

We also farewelled Alicia Prince, who is our Sports Co-Coordinator at the College, as she leaves for maternity leave.

Week Six of Term Three (August 27th – 31st) is a quiet week in our College calendar, which is lovely given the busy start we have had to the Term.

As usual, we will have our weekly Mass on Friday 31st August at 10am held in the College Chapel and we warmly welcome any parishioners who would like to join us.

This Mass will be hosted by our students from 11DD.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui Ph: 343 1227

Email: school@stmarys.ac.nz

Our juniors had an amazing day at the Wellington Zoo on Tuesday. They had an early start with the buses pulling out at 8am. The school was very quiet with the JLC to Room 6 gone, as well as some of our Year 5 & 6 students who were competing at the Contributing Schools' soccer tournament. On Thursday our year 7&8 students competed at the Super 6 racquet sports. These students represented our school well.

Our PTA has a quiz night coming up at Stella on Friday 31st August at 7pm. If you would like to come along it would be great. \$10 per person - teams of 2-8 people. Contact the school office for a ticket. Last week Ms Couper gave birth to a little girl. They are both doing well. Please keep them in your prayers. This Monday we have the Duffy Books Theatre coming to perform. This Wednesday Room 6 is running assembly. This starts in the hall at 2pm and you are all welcome.



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui. Ph: 349 0023

Email: stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz



ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East Ph: 343 8389

Email: office@stannes.school

We currently have the life education bus visiting our school. All classes will have at least two sessions over the next week.

All classes are also current practicing for the Catholic Schools cross country competition that will be held at St Marcellin school on Tuesday 11 September.

Also a reminder that our Gala day is on Saturday 27th October - keep this day free to join us for a fantastic day.



A website recently came to my attention that spoke of the reasons why Americans go to religious services and the reasons why they do not: <https://fox13now.com/2018/08/09/10-reasons-americans-go-to-church-and-9-reasons-they-dont/>

Here are the top 10 reasons given by Americans who attend religious services at least once a month, according to Pew. Survey respondents were allowed to give more than one reason. The percentage refers to people who said this was a "very important" reason for their decision:

- To become closer to God. (81%)
- So their children will have a moral foundation. (69%)
- To become a better person. (68%)
- For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow. (66%)
- They find the sermons valuable. (59%)
- To be part of a faith community. (57%)
- To continue their family's religious traditions. (37%)
- They feel obligated to go. (31%)
- To meet new people or socialize. (19%)
- To please their family, spouse or partner. (16%)

According to Pew, that was the top reason survey respondents gave for skipping regular religious services. Here's the whole list::

- They practice their faith in "other ways." (37%)
- They are not believers. (28%)
- No reason is "very important." (26%)
- They haven't found a house of worship they like. (23%)
- They don't like the sermons. (18%)
- They don't feel welcome. (14%)
- They don't have the time. (12%)
- Poor health or mobility. (9%)
- No house of worship in their area. (7%)

For those of us who love to practise our faith and attend the sacraments this is an interesting survey. Perhaps we can take a part in addressing the needs of others in our community on those issues over which we collectively or individually have some control. My attention is drawn to the 14% of the respondents who do not feel welcome.

As for the sermons I preach homilies so it must refer to others!

Fr Marcus

