

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 2 SEPTEMBER 2018 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 3 Sept	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 4 Sept	NO MASS	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary 5.15pm MOWAC 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting	10.30am Jane Winstone Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 5 Sept	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am St Joseph Prayers	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 6 Sept	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 7 Sept	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 8 Sept	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

Readings for this week: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

As Gentile Christians of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church in the Twentieth First Century our cultural and theological context is very different from that facing the community for whom St Mark wrote at the time of his Gospel. For us the washing of hands before eating and the cleaning of dishes is merely a matter of hygiene whereas, for Jews of the First Century, such practices had greater cultural, religious and hence political significance. The squabbles between Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes and Zealots mean that there was no single perspective on how Jews should live and what they should believe. The tendency of these groups to fight for precedence and status, even within their own party, meant that the wider issues of injustice, mercy and love were being ignored as they fought over details of liturgy and custom. I do not think that Jesus and the first Christians were advocating the destruction of custom, tradition and practice since Jesus and the Apostles are shown throughout the Scripture as being observant Jews, according to the law and custom of the time. Rather, the concern is that these find their proper place in service of the mission given by Christ to the Church. We do not want the squabbles between Catholics on matters of lesser importance, let alone with other Christians, to undermine our response to Christ's commission to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Mtt 28: 19-20) The last thing we want to hear, when we meet the Lord face to face, to account for our stewardship of the Good News is: "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." (Mk 7: 8)
Fr Marcus Francis

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

Jesus' miracles are recorded in the Gospels, not to prove that Jesus is God, but to show us what kind of God God is, what God's goodness consist of, and what kind of people we are called to be. Next week, for example, Mark's Jesus restores the hearing and speech of a deaf man afflicted with a speech impediment, taking us back to Isaiah's image of Yahweh in the first reading – "*Here is your God,*" he says, "*.....he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless shout for joy.*" There's an obvious energy and delight in Yahweh's action, in Jesus' action – "*immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly* - and in the people's response to what they saw - "*They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well.*" The historical Jesus' ministry revolved around treating those in need with compassion, healing, forgiveness and a concern for justice and in so doing helping his followers to grow in awareness of people and situations calling for the same compassion, healing, forgiveness and concern for justice. Furthermore, all this was to be done without discrimination, as the reading from James makes clear – "*Do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?*" In other words, there's no point in our worshipping Jesus if we do not make his values our own and imitate his way of life. Incidentally, it was because of this very point that Jesus "*ordered them to tell no one.*" The people were basing their recognition of him as the Messiah on a completely different set of values that he was not prepared to buy into.
JB Kendall rsj

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

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT REFLECTION DAY: A day to reflect on the Journey of Suzanne Aubert. Friday 21st September at Holy Family Church. 10.00am-3.00pm. All welcome. Bring your lunch to share. Refreshments supplied. There will be a cuppa available from 9.30am.

INDIAN MASS: The next Indian Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Sunday 2 September with the Rosary at 5.30pm followed by the Mass. All welcome.

Holy Family Car Park

Parishioners will be aware of the number of those who are infirm or have mobility difficulties especially at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. To that end I ask that all able bodied Mass goers park their cars either on the field or in the car park to the rear of the church so as to leave as much space as possible for those who have difficulty walking. At the conclusion of Mass there is also a number of taxis that arrive to pick up Mass goers so it is desirable that everyone is kept safe by having sufficient room to move. To that end, parishioners are invited to drive across the field to the St Marcellin School exit so as to avoid congestion.

HOLY HOUR- Sunday 2nd September at Holy Family Church 2.30pm- 3.30pm. This is your opportunity to spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament. Rosary- Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction Hymns

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:

Kaleb Brown (Wellington)

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Hato Lewis (1/9), James Refoy-Butler (2/9), Stuart Tasker (01/09), Colin Tasker (11/09)

MASS OFFERINGS:

Alan R Wilson and family, Tony McVey (Health)

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

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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 EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9pm

Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 10.15am - 12.15pm St Mary's Meeting Room

We will be resuming our sessions on Monday 10 September and Tuesday 11 September:

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

Prayer for our Priests, preparing for the National Assembly

O God, the greatness of your love holds firm, undisturbed by ceaseless change. From the cross, Jesus, your Son and High Priest, cried his loss while embracing your call.

Though close to despair he taught the lesson of trust and unfailing hope. Your priests of Jesus Christ live in a time of unprecedented change with both uncertainty and opportunity and changes unheralded past horizons too far to see.

Renew in them Christ's lesson of trust and hope that doubt may not conquer and, like him, they may embrace your call. Strengthen them to see your great unchanging love unfolding in their lives and ministry.

May their gathering in Christchurch this September be rich in friendship, joy and mutual support.

We ask this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Collection

As part of Social Justice Week 9-15 September there will be a special collection taken up after Communion on 16 September at all Masses for Christian Social Services Whanganui. This is part of the commitment of this parish to ecumenical activity in the city and meeting the obligation to "feed the hungry." Parishioners are also very generous on a weekly basis in giving food for the food bank, supporting St Vincent de Paul, running a Care and Concern outreach and operating the Friendship Meal. I would like to thank everyone for what they do, individually or as groups, to build up community in Whanganui and show Christian love to our fellow citizens regardless of their religious affiliation.

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Waiata, Kōrero & Karakia

Join us as we celebrate Maori Language Week 2018.

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

Fr Chris Skinner Concert

St Brigid's Church Feilding on **Saturday 3 November at 7.30pm.**

Prices as follows.... \$25, \$20 Gold Card/Community Card holders, \$10 students. If you are interested in purchasing tickets contact Denny at St Brigid's Parish office Ph (06) 323 3980
email stbrigids@xtra.co.nz or Marie (06) 323 6360
email amwilliams9@outlook.com.

Following up on last week's bulletin notice regarding why people do not go to church I wish to re-emphasise the importance of mass-goers being courteous and welcoming to visitors and new parishioners in our midst.

This is especially the case when it comes to relating to young families. I encourage everyone to be mindful of their role of presenting a welcoming attitude and face from the parish to anyone visiting or new to the area.

Fr Marcus



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

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Week Six of Term Three has been a quiet week for the College, which has been wonderful given the busy nature of Term Three thus far.

Week Seven will be a busy week for our sporting students.

Senior A Basketball team are travelling to New Plymouth during the week for their Basketball Regionals Tournament. They are attempting to qualify for Nationals in Palmerston North in the Term Three holidays.

Our Under 15 Boys' Rugby team will be travelling to Palmerston North to play against St Peters' College on the Monday 3rd September. The team then travel to Wairoa College where we will be hosted for two nights on the local school marae. They will play against their Wairoa College on Wednesday 5th September.

During Week Seven some of our students are also traveling to Young Marist Neighbours. This has always proven to be an enriching event where students learn a great deal around themselves and their beliefs and leadership styles.

Finally, on Friday 7th September we will be having our weekly Mass in St Joseph's Chapel. This will begin at 10am and will be hosted by the students from 11EF so please come along and support our students.

Jubilarians Mass

Parishioners are invited to the Jubilarians' Mass at St Mary's Whanganui at 5pm on Tuesday, September 18. The Mass will be followed by an opportunity to mingle with the priests and refreshments in the foyer. This will be one of the rare opportunities to meet the clergy of the wider Diocese in such numbers in Whanganui. This is especially the case when many of our clergy are aging and many are increasingly unable to attend public events. I urge all parishioners to join in this celebration as well as to continue to pray for priestly vocations while encouraging suitable candidates for ordained ministry to answer the call with courage.

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.

Parishioners are encourage to keep the candidates for confirmation on September 9 in their prayers.

They are: George Pedley, Maggie O'Connor, Michael Chapman, Francis Hernandez, Clave Ajoc, Giulia Santos, Cameron Daignault and Saige Zimmerman.

I would also like to remind adult parishioners that those who have not been confirmed, of any age, can notify the Parish Office to arrangements for their own confirmation.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

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Happy
Father's
Day

Quiz Night at Stellar's

Friday 21st September at Stellar's at 7pm

Teams of 4 - 6 people \$10 a person.

QUIZ
NIGHT

ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.
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Brothers and sisters with Christ, tena koutou.

On Tuesday, Whanau Kowhai held their class mass in Champagnat Chapel. Thank you to Fr Francis and those parishioners who gathered with us to enjoy the Gospel of the Lord.

Welcome to September - please put these events in your diaries.

Monday 3rd, at 11.30am - Duffy Books Theatre

Tuesday 4th, Tawa class will organise mass, 10am at Holy Family Chapel.

Tuesday 11th - Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country @St Marcellin

Wednesday 12th, at 8.30am - Rosary in Champagnat Chapel to celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday 13th - Catholic Schools Speech Competition.

Parishioners are welcome to join us. Happy Fathers Day!

