

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



## WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 9 SEPTEMBER 2018 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| SUNDAY 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<br>(Hiruharama) |                  |                  | Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm |

|                   | ST MARY'S                           | HOLY FAMILY                                               | ST ANNE'S/OTHERS                                      |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY 10 Sept    | NO MASSES<br>7.00pm Pro Life Rosary | 9.00am Liturgy<br>4.45pm SVDP<br>7.30pm Faith Exploration |                                                       |
| TUESDAY 11 Sept   | NO MASS                             | 10.00am Liturgy<br>4.00pm Legion of Mary                  | 10.30am Kpwhainui No Mass<br>11.30am St Annes No Mass |
| WEDNESDAY 12 Sept | 12.05pm No Mass                     | 9.00am Liturgy                                            | 9.30am Waverley No Mass                               |
| THURSDAY 13 Sept  | 12.05pm No Mass<br>No Exposition    | 9.00am Liturgy<br>9.30am Exposition<br>9.30am Craft       |                                                       |
| FRIDAY 14 Sept    | 12.05pm No Mass<br>No Adoration     | 9.00am Liturgy                                            | 10.00am Cullinane No Mass                             |
| SATURDAY 15 Sept  | NO MASS                             | 5.00pm Reconciliation<br>5.30pm Vigil Mass                | 9.00am Reconciliation<br>9.30am Mass                  |

### Readings for this week: Isa 35:4-7, Jas 2:1-5, Mk 7:31-37

The First Reading speaks of the coming of the Lord: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped" (Is. 35: 5) and this is what Jesus does in the Gospel reading. The implications for us though is, using the Second Reading, does the proclamation of the Gospel in our midst, open our eyes to the suffering in the community and unstop our ears to the cries of those in need of our help?

At the start of Social Justice Week, which this year has the theme of "Enabling Communities" we are challenged to see how each one of us can play a part in enabling community in the parish, the church and wider society.

So many people are lonely, isolated and deprived of human contact as well as lacking the financial resources to pay for their basic needs.

Divorce, drug addiction, mental illness, a lack of religious affiliation or tradition and other factors mean that despite all of the technology at our disposal many people are affected by a lack of community than ever before.

Let us discern how we can best meet the needs of others so that our own need of community may be met. Let us open our hearts to the Lord so that the Holy Spirit may guide us and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin sustain us as we work for the Kingdom which is the community of those who will be gathered to God for eternity.

Fr Marcus Francis

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

#### Next weeks readings: Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Jesus probably didn't say exactly what we read in Mark's Gospel next week, words which we hear so often and know so well - "If any want to become my followers, let them....take up their **CROSS** and follow me." Most Scripture Scholars agree that what Jesus actually spoke of was their "tau" or T, as it was commonly called.

As the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, in Jesus' time it had a very specific religious meaning. In our own colloquial language we often talk about 'going the whole hog', 'giving your all', or seeing something through from 'A to Z' or 'to the bitter end'.. The Hebrew saying was 'from aleph to tau' and it was quite common for Jews to have a 'tau' embroidered on their clothes or tattooed on one of their hands as a sign of their total commitment to following Yahweh.

So it's not unreasonable to think that tau was the expression Jesus used and it's easy to see how, at the time of Mark's gospel, the tau, shaped like a T came to be identified with the cross, also shaped like a T, and took on the symbolism of complete dedication to Yahweh's will.

In chapters 8, 9, and 10 of his gospel Mark has Jesus spelling out three essentials for that complete dedication.

Next week, it's being in tune with God's call - Jesus rebukes Peter very firmly for not being in tune with that, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." The first reading puts that need to listen to the call of God in a more positive way: "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious...." Is that a claim that I, too, can make?

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL MASS:

To be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday 16 September at 9.30am. All welcome to attend.

#### HOLY FAMILY ROSTERS:

The roster for the period 6 October- 23 December is being prepared. If you are not available for any of the Ministries during this period please contact me. If you would like to join one of the Ministries or feel you are no longer able to fulfil the duty please let me know. God bless. Pat.

The Holy Family St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the kind person who made a substantial envelope donation via the Sunday collection for our organisation. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use in the community May the good Lord bless you and your generosity.

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), Gordon Smith (01/09), Sydney Smith (02/09) Tom Punch (15/9), Ellen Reed (8/9)

#### MASS OFFERINGS:

Alan R Wilson and family, Tony McVey (Health), Ivan Haddock (13/8), Deceased members of Walsh, Manson and Fitzjohn families

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

St. Mary's  
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Holy Family  
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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 Wednesday at Margaret Haddock 7 Gilligan Close Ph: 3452805 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

**The topic will be: "The Role of Women - Ordination in the Church"**

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.

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  
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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### 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

### Creating Mandalas

In this workshop we will make individual Mandalas. This can be a meditative time using pattern, colour and texture to let go past and future thoughts and dwell in the present. Or it can be used to record what is happening in one's emotional life path as recommended by Jung. Input both ways will be considered.

Saturday 13 October, 10am – 2pm, \$20 With Trish Daws

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email

The September meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 13th September at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road, at 7.30pm.

The subject for discussion this month is "Sunday Mass Mayhem"

Prayer & supper  
Raffle - Paula Carter & co  
-Ann Foley

Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members.

For enquiries or transport please phone Raewyn, 344 6299.

### MARIAN MOTHERS RAFFLE

Many thanks to all who bought tickets in our recent Fathers Day raffle. Over \$200 was raised for overseas missions. The winner was "Christine" with ticket number 122.

### MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

You are not wrong to be different. You are not different if you are wrong. Be content with your inner self.



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

**Principal:** Justin Harper  
**DRS:** Helen Dougherty

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As Term Three continues to fly by quickly and Week Eight is on the horizon, many of our senior students are realizing the importance of the weeks they have left of the 2018 academic calendar.

Each Tuesday we hold our Catch Up Programme for our senior students. This continues to be an important and vital resource for students working towards completing assignments and achieving NCEA.

The most important event on our Week Eight calendar is the Senior Retreat (Year 13 students September 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Year 12 students September 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>).

This year the retreat will again be held at Ranana. For Year 13 students it is a time to reflect on their time at school that is coming to an end and look to the future. For our Year 12 students it is a time to step up into the role as student leaders for the College for 2019. Due to the Retreat, and the absence of Priests, there will be no Mass on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Mass will resume the following week on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Office hours** from Monday 10 September - Friday 14 September

Monday-Closed  
Tuesday 9-12  
Wednesday 9-12  
Thursday 9-12  
Friday 9-12

There will be no available priests for this week - All priests are away at the Priest Assembly. **There will be no Masses at St Marys.**

**There will be liturgies at Holy Family.**

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jacqui Luxton  
**DRS:** Cath Daignault

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We are in our final week of practice leading up to the Catholic School's Cross Country, which is at St. Marcellin School on Tuesday. Please feel free to come and support the students of your parish as they try their hardest. On Monday St. Mary's School is hosting the Catholic Schools Cluster meeting which is run by the RE team from the diocese. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to meet together to deepen their faith and knowledge of the curriculum. Room 5 is on Assembly this Wednesday in the hall at 2pm. Room 9 and 5 will be attending Mass in the Cullinane Chapel at 10am on Friday. Please come and join celebrating Mass with our young people. Have a good week and may God bless you all with His grace.

### Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Layla Anderson and her family. Layla was baptised at St Marys on Saturday the 1st of September.



### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.  
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### ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

**Principal:** Karl Zimmerman  
**DRS:** Jo Gichard.

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Rain, rain and more rain. Our fields are very sodden but we've still been able to continue our cross country practices during the dry spells. Next week we look forward to our Catholic school cross country event at St Marcellin school and also our Catholic schools speech completion at St Anne's Church. It will be great to be with our sister schools for both events. Congratulations to some of our ex pupils who receive their confirmation this Sunday. This is a special sacrament and our prayers are with you all.

**We are collecting for our school gala very soon. Please save any White Elephant items for our gala on October the 27th 2018.**



### Diary Date: Jubilarians Mass of Thanksgiving

I welcome you all to the Mass of Thanksgiving for this year's Jubilarians at which we will celebrate the gift of priesthood to the Church and give thanks for the generous service of these men. The Mass will be at **St Mary's Church, Whanganui on Tuesday 18 September at 5.00pm** followed by drinks and nibbles. All very welcome.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Msgr John Carde   | 60 years of priesthood |
| Fr Harry Costello | 60 years of priesthood |
| Fr Earl Crotty SM | 60 years of priesthood |
| Fr John Roberts   | 40 years of priesthood |

From time to time it is good to celebrate this occasion somewhere other than at the Cathedral. All this year's Jubilarians have significant links with Whanganui (Msgr Carde is of the Archdiocese of Wellington but grew up in Whanganui). Thus the choice of city and support of the regions. Nau mai, haere mai ki Whanganui.

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