

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

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 (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

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Readings for this week: Deut 6.2-6 Heb 7.23-28 Mk 12.28-34

Whenever I read the Summary of the Law, "Love God with all your heart ... and your neighbour as yourself", [Mk 12: 30, 31] I try first to remind myself that no-one should take greater preference in my life than God my heavenly Father. I find too that when I stick to this pretty ruthlessly the people in my life whom I should love are indeed incredibly loveable. It also means that prayer takes its proper place.

Mass takes me into the heart of Christ's life, the Divine Office is a rich treasury of contact with God, the prayers of my heart also enrich me as I pray for "all sorts and conditions of people", the ones I ought to love.

When I think of the second commandment I am reminded of Mother Suzanne Aubert and her daughters, of members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. These people cause me to remember that our love for neighbour is to be like the self-giving love of the Good Samaritan who, despite the risk of attack, went to the help of an enemy.

In our day we tend to think of "love" as an emotional response to family, friends and neighbours. In the days of our Lord, the social scientists, remind us that love, while it may have an emotional content, is the "glue" which holds society together. It is difficult in a place like Wanganui to remember that the care of neighbour is vital to the welfare of the city; much easier to realise this in Waverley and Patea where so many are related or know each other.

It behoves us to reflect from time to time on how we place God our Father first and how we reach out to help our neighbours. Perhaps the examples of the Good Samaritan Mother Suzanne and St Vincent's folk are the best models; they go to help anyone nearby who needs help.

Father John.

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 5 Nov	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	9.30am Cullinane Leavers Mass
TUESDAY 6 Nov	No Mass	10.00am Mass @ School Chapel 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 7 Nov	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am St Josephs Prayers 5.00pm SVDP	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 8 Nov	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 9 Nov	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 10 Nov	NO MASS	2.00pm Evangelisation Meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

HOLY HOUR: To be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday 4th November- 2.30pm-3.30pm. Why not spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament? Rosary-Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction Hymns.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY AT ST. MARY'S: Every Monday evening at 7.00pm until 7.30pm we pray that Wanganui will always be "Abortion Free". Parliament is seeking to amend the present law which will increase abortions. Only prayer can stop this. We need Prayer Warriors!

ANOINTING MASS: There will be an Anointing Mass including residents of all our Rest Homes at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 13 November at 10am. followed by refreshments.

MASS IN INDIAN: Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite will be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday at 6.00pm. The Rosary will be recited at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY SOULS: A reminder that the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. The names of those you wish to be especially remembered over this period can be written on the forms and placed in the marked boxes in the church foyers. If you wish to add a stipend for individual Masses and names to be placed in the newsletter, please place it in an envelope with the name sheet and place it in the box.

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 Barbara Cowan, Clarice O'Hara, Maurice Gallagher, Colin Toy

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:
Joyce Wallace (3/11), Fr Cumisky (1/11), Colleen Wester (17/11), Fr John Berry (26/10), Ida Bourke (30/09); Colleen Cavanagh (03/10); Timothy Barry Bourke (04/10); Patrick McGonigle (05/10); Flo Smith (10/10); Vera Dodd (24/10); John Reed (14/10); Megan Connors (14/09); Patricia Connors (10/09); Jo Koning (27/10); Barry Bourke (02/11), Ron McPhun (28/10)

MASS OFFERINGS:
Timothy Dorgan; Ken Edwards; Debbie Mahoney; Holy Souls of Stuart Tasker, Patricia Tasker; Colin Tasker; Raymond & Joyce Rothery; Crowley & Casey families; Lecrivain & Leddy families; Family & Friends Luise Mathijssen; Hoskin & Bristol family and friends; Friends & family of Day family; Deazley and Fahy families; Holy Souls, Blair Gleeson (7/11), For the souls of Hermilia Patino, Leoncia Patino, Bela Mozer

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

I Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Next week's gospel passage is one of the most misunderstood in all of Scripture.

How often have we heard the story of the 'Widow's Mite' presented as the ultimate example of generosity that we should all imitate? But is it? And if it isn't, why does Jesus point the widow out?

Scripture scholars suggest that it's not just what Jesus says that is important but also what happens immediately before and after he says it because that points to what his message really is.

We all know that the Gospel Jesus is constantly concerned for the poor but perhaps we haven't given much thought to his concern for how they became poor.

Notice that the reading doesn't begin with the widow, but with a warning: *"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes.....be greeted with respect.....have the best seats.....and places of honour..... They devour widows' houses....."*

Then Mark's Jesus' goes on to give a concrete example of what he is talking about: *"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two copper coins which are worth a penny."*

Notice that, at no point does Jesus praise the widow for contributing *"all she had to live on."*

He simply describes her action as proof of the religious leaders *"devouring the houses of widows"*, in other words, taking everything they can get, even from the poor regardless of what it does to them.

Pope Francis says, *"To ignore the poor is to despise God.....We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them."*

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

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345 0542

FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be Friday at 10am at Jessie Coleman, 22 Mitchell Road Ph: 343 8031 Any new ladies are most welcome

MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP

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

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm - 9pm Holy Family Meeting Room

MORNING: Tuesday 10.00am - 11.45am St Mary's Meeting Room

The topic will be

"The Sacraments"

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

Our combined conference of Whanganui SVDP will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5pm at Holy Family Church.

Those interested in joining us phone Marianne Vine 3450281 or Kevin Foley 3450542.

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

Support for Survivors of sexual abuse

Events in the media and the Church have revealed the extent of the trauma caused by sexual abuse perpetrated by members of the clergy and religious orders over recent decades.

The inadequate response of Church authorities, which ignored or underestimated the damage caused by this abuse along with protecting abusers to avoid scandal, added to the pain. I encourage anyone who has been affected by abuse who would like to confidentially talk about what they have suffered or would like to bring a case to the appropriate authorities to approach me. I assure you that any complaints will be treated with utmost sensitivity and discretion. Fr Marcus Francis

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS;

Orders are now being taken for these missals. Please place your name on the order form in the foyer of Holy Family Church or hand your name to Jo at St. Mary's. The cost will be around \$13 depending on the value of the American dollar when they arrive in mid November. An order has been placed for Daily Psalm books and we will let you know when they arrive.

The November meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 8th November at Ann Foleys home, 133 Glasgow St at 7.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THIS MONTH

The subject for discussion this month is "God sees you" Prayer & supper Raffle -Raewyn Udy -Tracey Evans Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members. For enquiries or transport please phone Ann - 345 0542

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa

Josephite Retreat Centre

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

DVD Evening – The Ultimate Legacy

Following his experiences in 2 previous movies, Jason Stevens' life carries on. Having dealt with the tragedies and perils of his own family, he now tries to help a friend on a similar journey. Thursday 8 November, 6.30pm, Koha Supper provided.

Stampin' Up – Christmas Theme

Make some creative cards this Christmas. Saturday 17 November, 10am – 12.30pm, \$10 (Please note date change) with Julia Martin

Liturgy

Sunday 18 November, 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 21 November, 7 – 8.30pm with Sr Rita Cahill rsj
To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

NOVEMBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MISSIO-NZ receives Mass Intentions to pray for your beloved ones (living and deceased). We forward your Mass request to priests in dioceses in developing countries. Most of them only rely on Mass Stipends. Thank you. You may send your Mass Request and details to Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD at MISSIO-NZ - PO Box 43226 Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt 5048. We will post you a receipt.



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Term Four, Week Three was a quiet academic week for Cullinane College as it marks the final schooling week for our senior students. This week was one of reflection for our Year Thirteen students, as they come to the end of their journey with our College.

The Catch Up Programmes have now finished for the year and from Wednesday 7th November we will begin our Summer Programme for senior students wishing to complete assessments. Week Four also is the start of several courses being run in the College from outside providers for our senior students.

Week Four is a week of celebration for the College. We welcome members of our community and Parish to our Leavers Mass, Sports Prize Giving and Senior Academic Prize Giving. Our Leavers Mass will be held on November 5th at 9.30am in the College Gymnasium. This Mass is an important event for our Year 13 leavers who will be formally farewelled by their College family.

After the Mass our Sports Prize Giving ceremony will begin in the College Gymnasium at 11.15am. This is a time to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students throughout 2018.

Later in the evening of Monday November 5th the College will celebrate the academic achievements of our students with the Senior Prize Giving Ceremony. This event is held at St Mary's Parish and begins at 6.30pm sharp. Families are asked to contribute a plate for supper.

For more information on any of these events and the College in general please visit our new College website that is fresh and informative and celebrates the successes of our students.

Our weekly Mass continues on Friday November 9th. The students from 10BD will be hosting this Mass and members of the parish community are welcome to attend.



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

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Youth Group

Friday 9th
November at
6.30pm at St
Marys Church.



This week the theme is:
Mini Youth Olympics. Come as
your favourite athlete!

MELBOURNE CUP:

The annual local celebrations of the Melbourne Cup will be held at the residence of Ann and Kevin Foley, 133 Glasgow Street on Tuesday 6 November. Please hand your name with \$10 to the Foleys' or Pat at Holy Family and Jo at St. Mary's. This cost covers the sweepstake and food for the BBQ following the race. BYO drinks. Commences about 4.30pm.

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Phoenix Aluan and his family. Phoenix was baptised at St Marys on Saturday 3rd November.



FROM THE SEA TO THE MOUNTAIN

This book has been produced in Whanganui and can be viewed at the St Vincent de Paul shop at 217 Victoria Ave.

It is a beautiful book with lovely colour plates throughout. Would make a very suitable Christmas present.

The price is \$24.95 or if you order 4 a 5th copy is free.

For every copy \$5.00 will be donated to SVDP.

Come and have a look.

OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman
DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East
Ph: 343 8389
Email: office@stannes.school.nz

We had a wet but successful Gala day last Saturday and genuinely thank our parish for thinner support and contributions.

This week we had three classrooms who visited Bushy park as part of their learning programmers.

We are very blessed to have such a resource in our community.

We also have our annual athletics day planned for this Friday - lets hope the weather is settled.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Cath Daignault

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Our past week started off well, with us receiving our draft ERO report. It is a very positive report that reflects what great work we are all achieving together at St. Mary's School.

Wednesday we had our Powhiri to welcome new students to our school.

On Thursday we held a Pet Day where our children brought in a variety of pets. It was run and organised by our School Council, with all pets receiving a blessing.

It incorporated our current RE Strand - Communion of Saints, reflecting on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, as well as looking at how we are to keep ourselves and our pets safe around fireworks.

Next week we have our Year 7&8's competing in Super 6 Touch.

We ask God's blessings on the leavers of Cullinane College and we ask that he gives guidance and strength to all the students who are starting NCEA exams over the next week.

Congratulations to all who receive awards at Monday's prize giving.



The Catholic parish of Whanganui AGM will be held on Sunday 25th November at 11am at Te Rau Oriwa Marae. All are most welcome.