

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 25 NOVEMBER 2018 CHRIST THE KING

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

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 26 Nov	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 27 Nov	No Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am St Johns Healthcare 11.30am St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 28 Nov	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 29 Nov	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Exposition (last one for this year) 9.30am Craft	
FRIDAY 30 Nov	9-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction (Last one for the year) 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass
SATURDAY 1 Dec	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

Have arrived. \$10.00 each. For those that have ordered them from St Marys— you can pick up from the office. Holy family orders from Pat.

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, Eileen Baxter, Gordon Goodgame, Anne Connors, Pamela Heffernan, Anglea Drennan, Jarnia Sarniak, Bubs Callahan

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), Tom Cresswell (22/12)

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, Clive, Joyce and Craig Sheerin, Deceased members, relatives and friends of Walsh, Manson and Fitzjohn families, Frances Gupwell (8/2), McLean and Narbey families, Deceased members of Cresswell, Prince and Smith families, Anne Connors, Holy Souls; Friends & family of Koning family; Living & deceased Sisters of St. Joseph; Haddock & Thompson families; Knuth & Hunt families; Shore & Hopkinson families & friends; Colin Toy, Gallagher and White families, Hagennars & Van Der Linden families, Deceased members of Hoare Family, Deceased members of Anderson Family, Carlo & Pacencia Ramirez, Deceased members of Falconer & McDermott Families.

Readings for this week: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

We rejoice today in our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The gospel reminds us that his "kingdom is not from this world". [Jo 18; 36] However, it is "in" this world, a world in which he came "to serve not to be served". [Mc 10; 45] He gave his all for us, the absolutely poor, as he hung upon the cross. As we revel in this kingship we might like to ponder the words of St Vincent de Paul talking about the love that goes with serving others:

"You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humoured. They are your masters, terribly sensitive and exacting masters, you will see. And the uglier and the dirtier they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them."

We happily pay tribute to and salute the generous work of the members of our Society of St Vincent de Paul in Wanganui. Some among us might profitably consider joining the Society thus increasing its ability to help those in need and thereby help the parish in extending its care for them.

We willingly face the reactions St Vincent outlines with equanimity and continue to offer our help in ways the needy are able to accept. We should, with similar equanimity accept any hardship or criticism when we offer the gift of faith to the doubtful and uncertain, those without faith, the lapsed, even those who despise the truth God has imparted to us. I know how hard it can be to stand firm when one has gone out for an pleasant evening to be "attacked" and ridiculed for things of the faith perhaps even among one's own family. It is not easy, yet we must do it! And do it well.

Fr John

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-38, 34-36

The very dramatic and frightening activity in nature described in next week's Gospel which ushers in the season of Advent, has largely been interpreted by Catholics as a factual account of the end of the world.

It's a difficult reading to understand because it uses language and images frequently used in the time of Jesus but not part of our way of expressing ourselves.

It might be a surprise to realise that the sun, the moon, the stars, the powers of the heavens, the sea that Luke's Jesus uses in describing his "return in glory" are the same elements of nature that brought order out of chaos when, in the Book of Genesis, God spoke the first words of creation, making the earth habitable for humans, animals, and plants.

Next week describes the opposite: the forces that keep order in the universe are upset; it regresses to the confusing, chaotic situation that existed before creation.

The apocalyptic imagery used by Jesus was a way of describing what was happening in the world of his time and is now happening in our world.

People commit abuses and injustices; hate reigns; there is violence, war, inhumane conditions; nature being destroyed by the exploitation of resources; while we live in fear that humanity is headed towards inevitable destruction.

Luke's Jesus assures us (and this is the central message of the gospel passage) that God's inspiration and power can help us create a new world from what seems like hopelessness and chaos if we do what the reading says: "stand up and raise [our] heads".

Pope Francis says, "The season of Advent [which starts next week] restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. Let us think about and feel this beauty."

JB Kendall rs

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING

The next meeting will be Wednesday (not Friday) For venue please phone 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 Sacrament of Baptism"

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

The final day for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family will be Thursday 29th November, and will begin again in early February 2019. Thanks to all of you who come regularly and to those who fill in. A lunch date to be arranged.

THANKS EVERYONE

Thank you for the many cards, messages and assurance of prayers I have received following my mother's death on November 9th. Mum's Requiem Mass was lovely and the burial two days later in a country cemetery alongside Dad was also a beautiful occasion. I've presided at many funerals but as one priest said to me, celebrating your mother's funeral is probably the hardest thing you will ever do in life. Mum relished life, and drew great comfort and purpose from her faith. I have postponed my annual voluntary work time in India but will still visit Laos where I am involved with a couple of projects with some Sisters - a school and vocational centre for the deaf, and an expanding vocational College for poor young people at high risk of trafficking. As the watchful season of Advent approaches, let's all continue to pray for each other that we might grow in our witness to Christ present in our homes, schools, communities and places of work. Kia ora tātou.

+ Chelles

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Advent Reflection

Saturday 1 December, 10am - 3pm \$20 with June Hickland rsj

Liturgy - Meri Kirihimete

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time)

Sunday 16 December, 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 December, 7 - 8.30pm with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

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

March for Life

The National March for Life, endorsed by the New Zealand Bishops and sponsored by Family Life International, will take place throughout New Zealand on Saturday 8 December including on the lawn of Parliament.

In Whanganui there will be a procession from St Marcellin School to Holy Family Church on the same day starting at 4pm to honour the Immaculate Conception and to pray in solidarity with all Christians who pray for the dignity and protection of life in the womb and those who are vulnerable at the end of life.

The procession will be timed to arrive at Holy Family Church in time for the start of the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

I invite all parishioners to make a public statement of our Catholic faith by joining in this manifestation or prayer and concern.

Daily Mass Calendars

are now available at St Marys and Holy Family offices. \$3.50 each

Thank you!

Many thanks to parishioners who helped with food for the fundraiser lunch recently. \$600 was raised for our CPOW. We are asked 1-2 times a year to do this luncheon. If you are happy to join the list of people that help out, phone or text Marianne on 0274228170.



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

Principal: Justin Harper

DRS: Helen Dougherty

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Term Four has begun to slow down as we focus on Junior Reports and academics.

On Friday 23rd November our Junior Touch team took part in the Central 6 Junior Touch Tournament.

This was a fantastic event that allowed our students to gain skills and experience team spirit as they played against Tawa College, Kapiti College, Freyberg High School, Havelock North High School and Taradale High.

Following on from the resounding success of our Year Eight Orientation day. We had a tremendous response for Scholarship Applications with over half our Year Nine 2019 cohort applying for a range of scholarships on offer.

The successful candidates will be notified by mail and schools will be informed in the next few weeks.

Week Seven, of our Term Four calendar marks the end of NCEA exams for our students.

We will host our weekly Mass in the College Chapel on Friday 30th November and parishioners are welcome to attend. The service will begin at 10am and will be hosted by the students from 9HD.

Music Practices for Christmas Masses

Holy Family

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th December at 6.30pm

St Marys

Thurs 20 December at 7pm

Previous week date TBC

Indian Mass

The Indian Mass is at Holy Family on Sunday 25th November at 5.30pm.

This replaces the Mass on Sunday 2nd December.

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Ruben Nugent and Sydney Mailman and their families. Ruben and Sydney were baptised at St Annes Church on Sunday 18th November.

Kyrie Eilli and his family. Kyrie was baptised at St Marys on Sunday 18th November at St Marys Church.



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

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AGM

Today at the parish AGM, to be held after the 9.30am Mass, I will address the Pastoral Strategy for the parish in the years to come. It arises out of the teaching of the popes and is a new impetus from Pope Francis for the New Evangelisation.

This, in short, means that every parishioner is called to be a missionary disciple and that church structures are changed to reflect the priority of the proclamation of the Good News. We will not be driven by programmes or initiatives rather we will engage in a process of ongoing personal and collective conversion. I ask all parishioners to reflect on whether they have encountered Christ in their lives and how they have made him known to others.

One consequence of being a disciple is that the individual feels the need to share faith. It is in this energy, in the Holy Spirit, that will carry us on to a future informed by a God-size vision of what the Catholic parish of Whanganui can and should become.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East

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Our school mass was a wonderful celebration and it was fantastic to have two children baptised.

The Mass was organised by our Year 8 children. Special thanks to Fr Marcus and the helpers who assisted with morning tea.

We also took a collection for Whanganui food bank and we had generous donations for this.

There is currently a hive of activity in classrooms as they prepare items for our end of year concert/prizegiving which will be held at the Royal Whanganui opera house on Monday 17th December.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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DRS: Cath Daignault

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The Annual Sick and Retired Priests

Special Collection

Sunday 2 December 2018

On behalf of the Bishop, the Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all costs relating to healthcare.

The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity.

Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests.

Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection.

Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General

