

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Miha Maori</b>	<b>Patea</b>	<b>Waverley</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>
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

# WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 2 DECEMBER 2018 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Readings for this week: Jer 33.14-16, 1 Thess 3.12-4.2 Lk 21.25-28

Jesus speaks of how the end of time will take place in the Gospel today. He prophesies how fear will grip the world: "People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken." (Lk 21: 26) This is not to be the case for those who believe in Christ: "Now when all these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Lk 21: 28)

The Letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: "And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that judgment, so Christ, having been offered once for the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly awaiting him." (Heb 9: 27-28) This begs the question: which group will I be in? Those who are quaking with fear or those who stand erect ready to welcome 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud.' (Lk 21: 27)?

Not only that, what influence does fear and anxiety have on my life here and now? We do well to listen to the counsel of the Lord from the Sermon on the Mount: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. today's trouble is enough for today." (Mtt 6: 33) The antidote to fear and anxiety is, in fact, peace. This peace is not an absence of conflict rather it is the fruit of justice. In its perfect form it is a gift from the Lord: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid," (Jn 14: 27)

If I am in a state of fear, confusion or anxiety I need to trust in the Lord and pray that his peace will flood my soul knowing and trusting that his power is sufficient for me. As St Paul states: "... but he (the Lord) said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor 12 9-10)

Fr Marcus

## SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT

**Next weeks readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Next week, our Advent readings encourage us to envisage the best that God could have in store for us and then act accordingly.

In the first reading Baruch invites people to 'change their wardrobe' – to swap the dress of sorrow and distress for the cloak of God's integrity: "*Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction.....put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God.*" In his letter to the Philippians, Paul compliments the community for helping him in his work and invites them to prepare "*so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless.*" Finally Luke's gospel story has John the Baptist inviting anyone within earshot to "*prepare the way of the Lord*", promising that "*all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*"

All three readings share an insight that is too easily overlooked: people begin to change when they are encouraged to see the best in themselves, not when they are asked to see the worst in themselves, to dwell on their sinfulness.

We need encouragement from each other to really believe that we are made in the image and likeness of God, that we are, as Pope Benedict said in 2008, "essentially good", because, only when we believe that, will we be able to live with the certainty that Paul expresses next week: "*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*"

Pope Francis says, "*We must not be afraid of goodness..... Let us learn to recognize that which leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, knowing that it comes from God*" - the same God whose presence with us in the person of Jesus we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas.

JB Kendall rsj

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 3 Dec</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b> 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 4 Dec</b>	No Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 5 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am St Joseph Prayers 5.00pm SVDP Mass 6.30pm Choir Practice	9.30am Waverley Mass
<b>THURSDAY 6 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Craft	
<b>FRIDAY 7 Dec</b>	11.00am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass
<b>SATURDAY 8 Dec</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	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 HOUR- SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER** at Holy Family Church. This is your opportunity to spend a precious hour with the Blessed Sacrament- Rosary- Chaplet of Mercy- Benediction Hymns. 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Tui Motu - Independent Catholic Magazine  
An excellent monthly, New Zealand Publication Invites its readers to question, challenge and contribute To its discussion of spiritual, social and ecological issues In the light of Gospel values, and the interests of a more Just and peaceful society. Tui Motu Website – www.tuimotu.org Tui Motu won FOUR awards this Year In the Australasian Press. Call 03 477 1449 to subscribe OR buy your copy monthly In the Church Foyer.

### Ministries

All ministry rosters in the parish are starting to come under pressure. We are in particular need of individuals to assist with setting up for the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on Sundays. I encourage all parishioners to think about what they can do during the liturgy so as to use the gifts given them and to spread the load of ministries more evenly throughout the congregation. Please approach Fr Marcus or Dondon or notify the Parish Office if you can assist with any of the ministries inside or outside of the liturgy.

*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:

Anne Connors, Kevin Quinn Mae Ahern

### CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Frost (2/12), Helen Kennedy (12/12), Michael Davies (30/12) Tom Cresswell (22/12)

### MASS OFFERINGS:

Anne Connors, Kevin Quinn, Mass 'D' Souls Wilson Family, Reyes, Secretaria and the rest who departed this world, Mike Davies, Deceased benefactors, friends and Sisters of Compassion

GENERAL BUSINESS

MASS OFFERINGS

**St. Mary's**  
1 Campbell St, Ph. 345 3872  
Office hours: 8.30am—3pm  
Jo Boulton Parish Secretary

**Holy Family**  
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**St. Anne's**  
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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 resume in the New Year. 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

### We will continue with the topic of "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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave, Ph: 3454709 All Welcome

### Daily Mass Calendars

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

### Saturday 8th December Procession

Parishioners are invited to park their cars in the playing fields of St Marcellin school and to walk through to the car park at the front of the school. Parishioners who are unable to participate in the walk are invited to gather at Holy Family church in time to welcome the procession when it arrives.

At 4pm there will be a period of prayer and song prior to departure out the main entrance. When the procession arrives at Holy Family there will be further song and the praying of the rosary.

This will be followed by a period of silence to prepare for the start of the usual Vigil Mass at 5.30pm.

### The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI) Adult Education Courses Diocese of Palmerston North Summer Semester 2019

#### Spirituality for Ministry (PM 502)

28-30 January 2019 9:00am-4:00pm

Venue: Te Rau Aroha/ Diocesan Centre Palmerston North Lecturer: Nick Wilson

#### What Catholics Believe (TH 501)

30 & 31 January 2019 8:30am-3:30pm

27 February & 13 March 2019 1:30pm-4:30pm

Venue: St Joseph's School, Hastings

Lecturer: Rosalie Connors For more information or to register contact Rosalie Connors r.connors@tci.ac.nz 06 354 1780 x 830

### MARIAN MOTHERS

The Marian Mothers Christmas gathering will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We are meeting at The Barracks (Old RSA in St Hill St) and are booked for a meal at 6.30pm.

Please bring a gift up to the value of \$10 to share.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Raewyn Hoskin, 344 6299 or 027 2468 517 by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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

### Liturgy – Sacred Earth

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

### Advent Reflection

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

To register please call Pam on 3455047 ext 3 or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### 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



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

Principal: Justin Harper

DRS: Helen Dougherty

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[www.cullinanecollege.school.nz](http://www.cullinanecollege.school.nz)

As our College moves into Week Eight, our senior's breathe a sigh of relief as all NCEA Exams were completed on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Some senior students are still completing assessments at our Summer School Programme, but many have now finished their schooling year for 2018 and can now enjoy a wonderful summer break.

Our junior school continues to concentrate on their academics with little interruption to the calendar. From December 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> our College Touch team will be travelling to Auckland to take part in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Touch Nationals and we wish them safe travels and the best of luck for their games.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December we will have our weekly Mass hosted by students from 9KR. This Mass is held at 10am in St Joseph's Chapel (on the College grounds) and we extend a warm invite to all parishioners who wish to attend this Mass.

### Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Laura Hawker-White and Phavy Jones and their families. They were baptised at Holy Family Church on Friday 23rd November.

Finn Judd and his family. Finn was baptised at St Marys on Saturday 24th November.

Lukas Wilson-Goodgame and his family. Lukas was baptised on Saturday 24th November at St Marys Church.

### DID YOU KNOW ?

That on Friday's at 11.00am at St Mary's the Rosary is recited for our priests and all of our Parishioners.

Have you thought about coming along and joining in in this special prayer. All are very welcome

### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

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With the end of the school year fast approaching the school calendar is very full. As well as all the other activities and lessons the students have been busy using the new cycle track.

Each House has a day of the week when they are able to ride the bikes with the older ones helping and encouraging the younger ones. Recently the Young Vinnies group visited Broadview Resthome to entertain the residents and were well received while the Road Patrol wardens were rewarded with a visit to the movies.

All are looking forward to the School Disco to be held from 6pm-8pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Athletics Day is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Cooks Gardens starting at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend and anyone willing to help with the field events please contact the School Office. You may even want to be part of the Student/Staff/ parents relay. The Senior Class Mass to farewell leavers will be held in the School Chapel on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. All welcome.

The Leavers Dinner will be held that evening. Prizegiving will be at Holy Family Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. All are welcome to attend this important evening with us. School will close for the holidays at 1pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks for all your support this year.

### ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman

DRS: Jo Gichard.

Raine St. Wanganui East

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Thank you to all the families who came to our school Mass. It was a wonderful way to start Advent with our Parish family.

Wow we are in to the last few weeks of the school year and the classrooms are humming with activities, trips and special events.

Our school concert is this Wednesday, 5th December at the Royal Opera House starting at 6.30pm. You are more than welcome to come along for an amazing night of entertainment and can purchase tickets at the Opera House.

A very large number of students are going to be competing in the Tough Kids challenge at Cooks Gardens this Friday. They will be pitting their agility skills against all the other schools in our district. Good luck to them all.

Another big night for our school is Prize giving on Thursday 13th December at the church, acknowledging the achievements of our young people. May you have a week full of hope, being able to slow down a little and prepare for the wonderful season ahead.

### The Catholic Parish of Whanganui Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve

#### Monday 24th December

7.00pm Vigil @ St Marys  
9.30pm Vigil @ Holy Family  
10.00pm Vigil @ Jerusalem

#### Christmas Day

#### Tuesday 25th December

9.00am @ St Marys  
9.30am @ Kaiwhaiki  
9.30am @ Waverley

