

# 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 16 DECEMBER 2018 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Readings for this week: Zeph 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

There is a refrain throughout today's Gospel composed of various sections of the crowd asking of John the Baptist: "What should we do?" (Luke 3: 10, 12 and 14)

What is interesting is that he does not ask anything extreme of them even though he lives an austere and rigorous lifestyle himself. We can compare this to St Paul who wrote to the Corinthians: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11.1)

The distinctive aspect of Christianity is that it is not primarily a moral code but a participation in the mission and risen power of our Lord Jesus Christ. This means that our imitation of Christ is not motivated by typically religious concerns or rules but by obedience to and love of the Father.

Jesus points out to his critics that the austerity of John the Baptist had them saying that the Baptist had a demon while they said of him: "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" (Luke 7:34)

He goes on to say: "Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children." (Luke 7: 35)  
Let us vindicate wisdom, therefore, in all we do and say this Christmas.

Fr Marcus

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next weeks readings: Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

The earliest biblical references to a Messiah frequently mentioned Bethlehem, as we hear in next week's reading from Micah. "You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judea, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." In other words, the Jewish people were waiting for a special descendant of David to arrive, someone who would bring back the 'good old days' for them.

Naturally, Jesus' first followers, Jews themselves, presumed that, if Jesus were the Davidic Messiah, he, like his ancestor, would have to be born in Bethlehem. Yet those same followers were convinced that Jesus of Nazareth offered much more than the vast majority of first century CE Jews expected of their Messiah; among other things, as the reading from Hebrews tells us, he introduced a new way of worshipping God - "You [God] have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings, and burnt offerings and sin offerings. These are offered according to the law. Then he [Jesus] says, "See, I have come to do your will. He abolishes the first to establish the second." For Jesus, carrying out detailed liturgical rules and regulations did not compare with the importance of hearing the word of God and living it.

Luke focuses on Jesus' mother as someone who lives that way. Whenever Mary appears in his gospel, there's always something about her fulfilling God's word. Next week it's Elizabeth who draws attention to it. "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Pope Francis says that in the Child of Bethlehem whom Mary bore, "God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us."

JB Kendall rsj

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 17 Dec</b>	NO MASSES 7.00pm Pro Life Rosary	9.00am Liturgy 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 18 Dec</b>	No Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Summerset Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 19 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 6.30pm Choir Practice	9.30am Waverley Mass 7pm Rite II at St Annes
<b>THURSDAY 20 Dec</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Craft	10.30am St John Healthcare Mass
<b>FRIDAY 21 Dec</b>	11.00am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
<b>SATURDAY 22 Dec</b>	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

### WANTED-FLOWERS:

Anybody with excess flowers, especially red or white gladioli or lilies would be most welcome to leave them at Holy Family Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to help with the flower arrangement for the Christmas season. Please see Marie Knuth for further details.

### Reconciliation Rite II to be held at St Annes Church 7pm on Wednesday 19th December.

### Holy Family Rosters

Over the holiday period I will be preparing the Ministry Roster for February through to May. If you know that you will not be available on any of the Saturday nights could you please let me know. If you do no longer want to be part of the roster or if you feel you would like to be part of the Ministries at Holy Family on a Saturday night please come and see me. Thanks. Pat.

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, Mae Ahern; Kevin Quin, Glenn Quayle, Sr. Marlene Dunn RSJ; Sr. Helena Hart DOLC, Steve Fouhy

### CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Frost (2/12), Helen Kennedy (12/12), Michael Davies (30/12) Tom Cresswell (22/12), Bryce Orsborn (20/12), Tom Manson (16/12), Caroline Delle Bourke (17/12), Faith Haddock (18/12), John Joseph Bourke (30/12), Mary Gudsell (11/01), Leonardo Oliva (23/12)

### 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, for a successful operation and recovery, Eileen Hoskin (18/12), Pat O'Leary (4/12), Tom Manson (16/12), Faith Haddock (18/12) Sr Helena Hart, deceased Sisters of Our Lady of Compassion, Sr. Helena, Anne Connors, Norah Barron, Ellen O'Leary, Graham Takarangi, Kendrick Peralta

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**  
47 Raine Street

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**Jane O'Connell**  
Convener of Care & Concern  
Team 348 9303

**Father John Roberts**

## 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 be taking a break until the end of January / beginning February.**

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

### Fr Don Don donation

If you would like to make a donation towards Fr Don Don's gift of appreciation please leave with Pat at Holy Family or Jo in the office at St Marys.

### Thank you

To all those generous people who gave to the Friendship Meal.

Everyone was blessed



### Thank you

Thank you for all the wonderful donations throughout the year and to all the lovely ladies and volunteers.

We wish you an happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

St Vincent de Paul  
217 Victoria Ave



### Baptisms in our Parish

Baptism in our Parish Congratulations to Matthew Mozer and his family. Matthew was baptised at St Mays on Saturday the 8th of December



### Happy Birthday Anne

Happy 90th Birthday to Anne Murray. We all hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends.



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Whanganui  
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### 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](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

### Music Practices for Christmas Masses

#### Holy Family

Wednesday 19th December at 6.30pm

#### St Marys

Thurs 20th December at 7pm



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### Cullinane College

Principal: Justin Harper

DRS: Helen Dougherty

15 Peat St., Wanganui

Ph: (06) 349 0105

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### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Luxton

DRS: Cath Daignault

30 London St. Wanganui

Ph: 343 1227

Email: [school@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:school@stmarys.ac.nz)



### ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Principal: Karl Zimmerman DRS: Jo Gichard. Raine St. Wanganui East Ph: 343 8389

Email: [office@stannes.school.nz](mailto:office@stannes.school.nz)

Our end of year activities are in full swing. This year Mackillop house won the most points and will have their day out on Thursday. This Friday is our final assembly. Our end of year concert and prize giving is on Monday evening at the Royal Wanganui Opera house and our water day is on Tuesday. School will finish for younger children next Wednesday and the final day for all children is next Thursday. Term 1 2019 begins on Monday 4th February. The Board of Trustees have appointed Elizabeth Schaw as interim Principal for Terms 1 and 2 so they can undertake a through appointment process for a new Principal.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and restful new year.



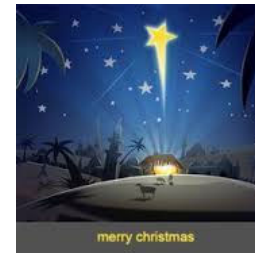
### The Catholic Parish of Whanganui St Marys, St Annes and Holy Family Christmas Mass Times

#### Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Masses

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

#### Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December  
Mass 9.00am @ St Marys  
9.30am @ Kaiwhaiki  
9.30am @ Waverley



#### Weekday Mass times from Wed 26th December to Fri 25th January

*(Vigil and Sunday masses as normal)*

**Reconciliation– NOT on Fridays at St Marys– but is available Saturday 9am at St Annes and 5.00pm Holy Family**

#### Wed 26th-Friday 28th Dec 9.00am @ St Marys

Sat 29th Dec 5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family  
Sun 30th Dec 9.30am Mass @ St Marys  
5.30pm Mass @ St Annes  
9.30am Mass @ Patea

Weekday Masses from Monday 31st December to Friday 25th January are:

**Monday to Friday 9am at St Marys only.**

#### Saturday 5th 12th, 19th and 26th January

St Annes 9.00am Reconciliation  
9.30am Mass  
Holy Family Vigil 5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Mass

#### Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th January

St Marys 9.30am  
St Annes 5.30pm Mass

There will be someone in the office at St. Mary's between **9.00-12.00pm Monday-Friday from January 7th.**

There will be no weekday masses in Patea and Waverley or at Kowhainui, Summerset, St Johns Healthcare or Jane Winstone until the beginning of February.

