

# 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 23 DECEMBER 2018 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
<b>MONDAY 24 Dec</b> Christmas Eve	7.00pm Mass	9.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass	10.00pm Jerusalem Mass
<b>TUESDAY 25 Dec</b> Christmas Day	9.00am Mass		9.30am Waverley Mass 9.30am Kaiwhaiki Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 26 Dec</b>	9.00am Mass		
<b>THURSDAY 27 Dec</b>	9.00am Mass		
<b>FRIDAY 28 Dec</b>	9.00am Mass		
<b>SATURDAY 29 Dec</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

## Readings for this week: Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

The sense of joy experienced by the two women in today's Gospel is palpable. Mary has the report, given her by the angel of Elizabeth's pregnancy, verified and the older woman acknowledges and reassures Mary that her child is from God.

We know that the news of an unexpected pregnancy does not always yield such a happy response. Nevertheless, all pregnancies offer the potential for new life. Every new human being is unprecedented and unrepeatable. Induced abortion is therefore simply not a choice for anyone who values life.

It is incumbent on Catholics to defend the right to life for unborn children and to strive in every way to support women, in whatever circumstances, so that they can give birth knowing they have a community to assist either with adoption or bringing up the child themselves.

Likewise, Catholics must have compassion and empathy for women and men damaged by the trauma of inflicted by abortion as well as the grief occasioned by miscarriages and still-births. It is not enough to speak words we need to act if children in the womb and their mothers-to-be are to be given a chance to live with dignity and flourish in the future.

It is also good to remember that just because something is legal it does not mean that it is moral. This goes for abortion as much as it does for other things like prostitution that damage the dignity of our fellow human beings.

Fr Marcus

## Masses of Christmas

**During the Night: Isa 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-21**

**Daytime Mass: Isa 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn1:1-18**

Next week, in his 'Christmas' story, Luke registers the birth of Jesus at a particular time in history and at a particular place on the map. Jesus is born into human life between a yesterday and tomorrow that are part of the unfolding saga of our relationship with God. Jesus is a Palestinian Jew born in the reign of Caesar Augustus and King Herod. The birth of Jesus, the Nazarene, Jesus the Saviour, Jesus the risen Christ, is located in space and time as is every human birth.

To be human is always to be somewhere, some time, never nowhere, no time. 'Once upon a time' is fairy tale time; in the reign of the "Emperor Augustus..... while Quirinius was Governor of Syria...." is real time. It identifies as a historical reality the moment God entered human history in the person of Jesus.

Christmas invites us to 'let down our hair' and celebrate the love of God made visible in Jesus. It's very hard to love someone to whom we can't put a name, a face, a real identity but when we look at Jesus, we no longer have to guess at what God is like.

Christmas reminds us of the truth of God's word, "I have loved you with an ever-lasting love." It reminds us that God's love walks with us always in the person of Jesus who gives us not only a new way of understanding life but also a new way of living it.

This Christmas let's rejoice in Jesus who reveals the face of God to us and who is the Word of God for us – as the Gospel for Christmas Day says: "No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son.....who has made God known." JB Kendall rsj

**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.

**FOUND:**  
At Holy Family Church- a brown/orange knitted scarf.

*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) 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, Whelan and Crawford families, Knuth & Hunt families, Colin Toy, McCool and Bradley Families

<b>St. Mary's</b> 1 Campbell St, Ph. 345 3872 Office hours: 8.30am—3pm Jo Boulton Parish Secretary	<b>Fr. Marcus Francis</b> PP 021 02283349	<b>Fr. Adonis Rancho (Fr. Don Don)</b> 021 02735829	<b>Father John Roberts</b> 0276346877
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<b>St. Anne's</b> 47 Raine Street			

## 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

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Pilgrimages departing in 2019 to The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ. Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: [www.pilgrimage.nz](http://www.pilgrimage.nz) or see noticeboard for details.

Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064. E: [info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz](mailto:info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz).

Te Punanga o Hōhepa

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

### Need Extra Prayer ??

#### The Prayer Vine

is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for.

Christian names only are used, so it is confidential.

Please call either Maureen Ph 3455480 or Barbara Ph 3425812

#### The Prayer Tree

details are-contact Merle Manson on 3447652 after 5.00pm each night.



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

#### Cullinane College

**Principal: Justin Harper**  
**DRS:** Helen Dougherty  
15 Peat St., Wanganui  
Ph: (06) 349 0105



Email: [office@cullinane.school.nz](mailto:office@cullinane.school.nz)  
[www.cullinanecollege.school.nz](http://www.cullinanecollege.school.nz)

#### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

**Principal:** Maia Williams  
**Acting DRS:** Maia Williams  
Totara St. Wanganui.  
Ph: 349 0023



Email: [stmarcellin@welearn.school.nz](mailto:stmarcellin@welearn.school.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)

#### IMPORTANT:

**If family members or a friend is admitted to hospital or a rest home it is vital that you let the Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or Chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken.**

#### 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.

#### 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)



### 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 9.00am 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.



This will be the final newsletter for the year.  
The next newsletter will be at the end of January.  
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

