

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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	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 11 March	NO Masses	9.00am Liturgy 7.00pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 12 March	No Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Kowhainui Mass 11.30am NO St Annes Mass
WEDNESDAY 13 March	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley
THURSDAY 14 March	PN Diocese Pastoral Day 12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Liturgy 9.30am Craft 9.30am Exposition	
FRIDAY 15 March	9.-12pm Exposition 11.00am Reconciliation 11.45am Benediction 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	10.00am Cullinane Mass 5.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Annes Church
SATURDAY 16 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am St Annes Mass

Readings for this week Deut 26.4-10 Rom 10.8-13 Lk 4.1-13

Whenever we hear that a loved one is dying, we make an effort to visit them and spend time with them. If a friend or a family member is moving to another place, we normally want to spend sometime with them before they go. Spending time with the people we love is necessary for us grow or just even to maintain our good relationship with them. But life tends to be busy, and sometimes it is only when unexpected things happen that we realise that we should have spent more time with the people that we really cared about. Our relationship with God is like that, in order to grow our relationship with him, we need to spend time with him.

Reflecting on the importance of the season of Lent in our life, I felt like Lent is a special time for us to step back from the busyness of life, so that we can grow closer to God. These next forty days offer us a wonderful chance to enter into the blessings of a routine. If we can commit to praying every day this Lent, we will be able to know God much better. If we can commit the next six weeks to fasting, we will be able to become less attached to the world and more attached to Christ. If we can commit to giving some of our time and money to helping the poor on a regular basis, we will have a heart that is after the heart of God.

So this Lent do not be afraid to spend time with God.

Fr. Nathaniel, SSM-OP

Next weeks readings: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

Lent calls us to **transfiguration** - to transform **whatever there is in ourselves and whatever we see round us** that is not of God into what is of God through living the values of Jesus. When we go up the mountain next week with Peter, James and John and listen to Luke's account of Jesus being transfigured before them there's something important to remember and reflect on: Each of us has within us that same spark of divinity the three disciples saw glowing in Jesus on the mountain-top. God is always there, inspiring us to do good and grace-filled things; guiding our steps as we try to walk justly and humbly in the ways of God; enlightening our vision with wisdom and selflessness to bring the justice and mercy of God into our world.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu says: "God places us in the world as God's fellow workers – agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so that there will be more laughter and joy, so that there will be more togetherness in God's world."

Pope Francis says: "What are the duties of a Christian?.....Perhaps you will tell me: to go to Mass on Sundays; to fast and abstain during Lent and Holy Week – do these things, yes, but the first duty of a Christian is to listen to the Word of God, to listen to Jesus, because He speaks to us and He transforms us with His Word.....The encounter with God in prayer pushes us to 'come down from the mountain' and back to the plain, where we meet brothers, sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty."

JB Kendall rsj.

GENERAL BUSINESS

BURNING OF PALMS-SHROVE TUESDAY;
Thanks to all who participated in this ceremony. Special thanks to Moira and the team for suppling the pancakes.

The Rosary Way at Jerusalem Pat Seconi has done a superb job on the signage and Rosary frames. Can you sponsor a picture.? Permission will be sought to have a kneeler placed at the front of our Lady's Statue in Jerusalem. Phone 345 5415 Ted Downes if you would like to donate.

Passionist Family Group

You are invited to a fabulous opportunity to deepen your knowledge about PFGs, belonging, and living life more purposefully. Come to Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St for 9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea and interesting sessions in the OLOL Hall on Sunday 5th May. Led by Fr Brian Traynor (from Australia). Activities and care will be provided for children of attendees. Please bring a plate to share for lunch on 5th May. Contact Jenny with any questions. Please confirm your attendance by 30th April to Jenny on 027 4187 906 or email doidgefamilly@xtra.co.nz. NB: All PFG members (from other parishes) are also invited to join OLOL parish to celebrate 25 years with PFG - 9.30am Mass and picnic lunch/games on Sunday 10th March.

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:

Dan O'Leary, Fr Peter Carde SM

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES:

Graham Takarangi (12/3), Roma Roberts (06/03); John Harrison (12/03), James Ian Palmer (9/3), Lorraine Robertson (11/03), Pat O'Neill (3/3), Ellen Haden (22/3), Father Pat McCullough - Taita. (14/03)

MASS OFFERINGS:

Living and deceased members of the Manson, Walsh and Fitzjohn families, Mona Walden, Colin Toy, Zelie Ramsay (2/3); Peter Carde SM; Linda Thompson;

MASS OFFERINGS

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Vacant position
Chairperson of Liturgy

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
Resumes 25th January. 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,

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 discussing part of the Creed:

"Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary"

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 Marieanne 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

Whanganui Hospital Chapel Committee invite you to a lunch on Sunday 31 March at 12.30pm at the Grand Hotel. Guest speaker. Tickets \$25 pp. See Jo in the office.

Sunday Mass changes

Parishioners may have noticed a number of changes to our Sunday Mass and the presentation of our churches. There are no flowers on the sanctuary and the colour purple is used in lectern hangings, banners and the priest's vestments. During the Mass the Gloria is not sung nor is the Alleluia although it is often replaced by a Gospel acclamation. In the music and songs for the Mass the topics are for the season as well as there being no singing at Communion time nor at the Recessional. All of this austerity is to help us to prepare for the joy of Easter when the church will burst again into an exultant Gloria and a triumphant Alleluia. It is also a reminder of the need to purify our hearts and our senses with Lenten austerity. Hopefully, these silences will be seen not as an absence or a vacuum needing to be filled but as an invitation for prayerful reflection on the message and challenge of Lent.

PLEASE COLLECT

Planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection. They are ready for collection at Holy Family Church foyer for the next two weeks, then St Annes foyer for the following two weeks.

Tax receipts will be printed after the 31.3.19. You can claim 33.3% of your donations/ planned giving. Please remember that you can donate this to the Church if you wish. If you would like to go on Plan Giving or automatic payments please contact the office. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Find out what you don't do well, then don't do it.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa
Josephite Retreat Centre

14 Hillside Tce,
Whanganui
P (06) 345 5047 ext 3
ssjoseph@xtra.co.nz
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How Films Impact Our Spirituality

A series of five films spread over ten weeks which will explore how movies help us to understand our personal lives. This will explore (at an individual level) what can be learned about oneself from watching movies and reflecting on life's journey. "It's not so much about the movie – it's about you." The structure of the programme means it will be of most benefit if participants can be present at each session.

The theme this year is: **The Stories of Our Lives.**

Film #3: I've Loved You So Long

Tuesday 12 March, 7pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

Creative Card Making

Suitable for beginners and regular crafters alike. Saturday 16 March, 10am – 12.30pm, \$10 with Julia Martin

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



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT'S UP?

Cullinane College

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This week is an important time in the Catholic calendar. On Tuesday 5th March our staff and students shared a pancake breakfast before school began for Shrove Tuesday. This was a relaxed event and it was nice watching both the staff and students socialize outside the classroom environment. On Wednesday 6th March the College held its Ash Wednesday service, and we would like to thank the members of the Parish who attended this Mass. All of our students went up during the service to receive either a blessing or communion and it was great to see our students so respectful during the Mass.

Next week continues to be a busy sporting week for our competing students. On Monday 11th March our seniors will attend the Year 13 Sport Science Camp which will run for two days at Makahika OPC in Levin.

The Viard Shield Athletics event will take part on Wednesday 13th March. This will be held at Hato Paora College and we wish all of our competing students the best of luck.

Members of our Parish are warmly welcome to attend our weekly Mass:
Where: St Joseph's Chapel (College grounds)
When: Friday 15th March
Hosted by: Students from 13KU
Time: 10am

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Liam Mullins and his family. Liam was baptised on Saturday 2nd March at St Marys Church.



ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

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Lenten Seminars

Parishioners are invited to a series of Lenten Seminars which will be held at Te Rau Oriwa marae on the Saturday afternoons of Lent from 2pm -3.30pm. Each of these will refer to and build on the others.

A gold coin donation towards the cost of using the marae would be appreciated.

The topics will address the fundamental aspects of being formed as a Christian in society today:

16 March: Conversion - how does Christ change me as I orient my life towards him?

23 March: Discipleship - how can I grow and deepen my experience of faith?

30 March: Communion - how do we live faith in community?

6 April: Mission - what does it mean to be sent to proclaim the Good News to others?

IN PREPERATION TO OUR LENTEN SEASON

We invite you to join us to the

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"Weekly Devotion"

6 Consecutive Fridays

(8, 15, 22, 29 March/ 5 and 12th April 2019)

St Anne's Church-47 Raine Street, Wanganui East

5.30pm

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Please log your name to the Weekly Readers Form if you want to be a reader of the Station Prayer



Interested in attending Oberammergau Passion Play 2020? There is still room on Monsignor Bell's tour in June 2020 but tickets to the play need to be booked now. I have a small group of 14 people but if others interested there is place for 2 – 3 others. But be quick. Email. mondbell@gmail.com or ph 021 257 6771. In "Welcom" this month this and Fr. Chris Friel's tour slightly later in year is advertised.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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This week our Junior Learning Centre went on a trip up to visit Te Wainui a Rua School at Ranana as part of their study of country life versus town life. They had an amazing day and were blessed to visit Jerusalem and see where Suzanne Aubert lived. These little people also joined Room 3 going to the Splash Centre to learn water safety.

Our school started Lent with Ash Wednesday liturgy. The theme for the children was "Time to Change" and a visual example used came from God's creation. The caterpillar, to cocoon, to butterfly. The cocoon is like Lent - where we work on changing the way we do things so we can become closer to God. Please come and see our amazing liturgical cocoon in our school office area. It will be there throughout Lent and Easter.

This week Mrs Luxton ran another one of her brilliant Digital Safety Talks for parents. She is very good at enlightening our families to the perilous journey of having our children as digital citizens and gave our them a road map of how to safely undertake this journey with their children.

Our school Mass is next Sunday on our school field at 9.30am. Please feel free to join us.

St Augustine's 75th Reunion

Will be celebrated with a reunion over Labour weekend. Anniversary Dinner at Cullinane College Saturday October 26th. There will be a Mass on Sunday 27th Oct. If you are interested please send details to Henry@HenryNewrick.com or text/ phone 027 471 2242 or Patrick O'Leary on 021576703

