

# MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY



## WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 17 MARCH 2019 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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
<b>MONDAY 18 March</b>	<b>NO Masses</b>	9.00am Liturgy 7.00pm Faith Exploration	
<b>TUESDAY 19 March</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Summerset Mass 11.30am St Annes Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 20 March</b>	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP	9.30am Patea
<b>THURSDAY 21 March</b>	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Craft 9.30am Exposition	
<b>FRIDAY 22 March</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY 23 March</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am St Annes Mass

### Readings for this week Gen 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

The three apostles in today's gospel, Peter James and John would have been so amazed when Jesus asked them for a little hike in the high mountain peak. Remember that God had revealed himself several times in the mountain, one particular instance is when he appeared before Moses, in a form of a burning bush.

The apostle must have sensed that Jesus is up to something, that the hike is not just an ordinary stroll on a quiet day, but an experience that will change them forever. And it did. Peter James and John once lowly fisherman are now in front of their God.

Brothers and Sisters, most of us would have liked to experience what these three apostles have experienced. And yet some of us fail to realise that every time we attend the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, we are like the three apostles climbing the mountain of the Lord. Climbing until we reach the apex when we are face to face with our God and consume him in the form of Bread in the Holy Eucharist.

Let us then be thankful and appreciate especially this Holy Season of Lent and for the wonderful experience of meeting Jesus face to face in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Amen

Fr. Nathaniel, SSM-OP

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Next weeks readings:** Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

Next week's Gospel refers to three different incidents. There's a massacre of political rebels – '.....some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices'. Jesus himself recalls a construction accident - '.....those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them....'

And finally, there's the fig tree that didn't bear fruit.

Luke's Jesus makes it clear that untimely death has nothing to do with God punishing sin – '.... do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you...'

Rather, incidents that highlight the uncertainty of our life span call us to 'seize what opportunities life offers and live out what God calls us to. Luke's Jesus is simply and realistically telling us that the length of life is an unknown quantity so, if we are serious about our relationship with God, we would be foolish not to seize every opportunity to enjoy one another, to love one another, to be merciful, forgiving and inclusive, to work for justice, to care for the environment, to do what we can to make sure there is a little less suffering in the world - while we have the time to do that.

The unquestionable truth in the three gospel stories is that life does not last forever and the message is about not putting off what Lent calls us to do – confront the essential facts of life and renew our commitment to living by Jesus' values, always remembering God's love and mercy.

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Voices to MP's Rally:

Everyone is invited to join and support **Pacific People say NO to the End of Life Choice Bill**. The Select Committee is due to report back to Parliament at the end of the month so it is time to gather together and urge Member's of Parliament to vote against this Bill. All are welcome. Tuesday 19th March 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm at Parliament Grounds.

#### Rosary Statue Roster:

Having this beautiful statue of Mary in your home helps with the concentration when saying the Rosary. We would love you to join the list of people who have the statue in their home for one week every 7 months approx. I am about to make up a new roster. Please call me **before the end of March** to add your name to the list **and** existing members please advise of any changes of address or phone numbers. Kathleen Orsborn. 3442245 or 021 0790374. Thankyou.

*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, Heather Tasker; Brian Kendall, Marianne Hay, Alana Kingi

#### 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), Edmund McGinniskin (09/03), Lorraine Robertson (11/03), Kay Smith (13/03), Fr. Des Levins (25/03)

#### 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, Colin Toy, Alexander Family, Jane Wills (9/3), Lorraine Robertson (11/3), Holy Souls Gary Joyce, Noelle McHugh, Oliver Harper (25/2), Deceased members and benefactors of the Sisters of Compassion

MASS OFFERINGS

**St. Mary's**  
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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.

SHARING  
OUR FAITH

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave, Ph: 3454709

All Welcome

### 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.

### Whanganui Hospitals Ecumenical Chaplaincy Committee

Autumn lunch - 31 March 2019 12.30p.m. for 1.00pm roast lunch at the Grand Hotel- tickets \$25.00 per person. Guest speaker- Russell Simpson, CEO Whanganui District Health Board who will share his journey to Nepal and share some facts about the differences between Nepal health care and .Whanganui. Please be in early to secure your ticket as only 80 seats are available. To order tickets please phone Kay Watson, 345 7797. or email Kay on gkewatson22@gmail.com- There are also some tickets available at St Marys Office.

The March meeting of the Marian Mothers will be held on Thursday 21 March at Raewyn Hoskin's home, 95 Alma Road.

The subject for discussion this month is "Reflections on St Joseph".

Prayer and supper - Paula Carter Raffle - Mary Wood

Mothers of all ages are very welcome to attend. We especially welcome any new members.

For enquiries or transport please phone Raewyn - 344 6299

### MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa  
Josephite Retreat Centre

14 Hillside Tce,  
Whanganui  
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### 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 20 March, 4.30 - 6pm with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

### Household Indebtedness - Financial Inclusion or Sad Indictment

According to the Reserve Bank, household debt levels in Aotearoa NZ put us ahead of families in US, UK, Italy, Spain and Greece. Improving the material wellbeing of families in NZ is at the core of recent Government reviews, and household debt is being revealed as a major contributor to family poverty and therefore child poverty.

The presenters will share insights from FinCap's advocacy work and input into the review of the Contract and Consumer Finance Act (CCCFA), the Child Poverty Reduction Bill, and Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG).

Saturday 23 March, 10am - 4pm, \$20 *Please bring your lunch.* with Adrienne Gallie rsj, Tim Barnett, Soraiya Daud

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



### Cullinane College

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This week was a busy sporting week for our competing Cullinane students. On Monday 11th March our seniors attended the Year 13 Sport Science Camp which was run for two days at Makahika OPC in Levin. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March a large group of athletes attended the Viard Shield Athletics event which was held at Hato Paora College (we will publish results as soon as they are available).

This coming weekend, March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, our students are taking part in the NZSS Touch competition as well as the Central North Island Debating Championships. We wish the students attending these events all the best.

Next week our students will focus on their academic studies with little to no outside interruptions which will be nice given the fast pace calendar we have had recently.

Members of our Parish are warmly welcome to attend our weekly Mass: Where: St Joseph's Chapel (College grounds)  
When: Friday 22nd March  
Hosted by: Students from 11U  
Time: 10am

### Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Abel Babu and his family. Abel was baptised on Tuesday 12th March at St Marys Church.



## OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### WHAT'S UP?

### ST. MARCELLIN SCHOOL

Principal: Maia Williams

Acting DRS: Maia Williams

Totara St. Wanganui.

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On Shrove Tuesday we prepared for the Season of Lent with pancakes baked by students from Whānau Manuka. That afternoon, it was followed by the burning of last years' palm leaves and children's Lenten Promises. The next day, those same ashes were returned to us in Ash Wednesday Mass with the words, "from dust you come and to dust you shall return."

On Monday 18/3, it is Tutus and Leotards day with members of the Royal NZ Ballet company arriving to facilitate workshops with our children. These workshops will be a lovely prelude to the whole school attending the Ballet on the Tuesday.

Every Tuesday the 10am Mass is led by one class, and next Tuesday it will be Y1/2 students from Kowhai class.

If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter please leave your details with Philippa Chapman in the school office. God Bless.

### 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.

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?

### Combined Church Services Whanganui

Throughout the year the Combined Churches meet to seek and praise God fulfilling the desire of Christ in his priestly prayer (before facing Crucifixion) "I pray not only for these but also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father may they be one in us". (Matthew)

First 2019 Meeting is at Christ Church Anglican Church, Wicksted St, 24th March at 6.30pm. Please come and show Catholic willingness. Phone Christine Williams 3436356 if for a ride.

### ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

Acting Principal:

Elizabeth Shaw

DRS: Jo Gichard.

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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This weekend we have our School Mass outdoors, here's hoping that God has the weather sorted, otherwise it will be Mass in the hall, not the grass!!

This Tuesday our teachers head to meetings to discuss where our negotiations of our contracts.

Please keep all those involved in the negotiations in your prayers.

We are very aware of the shortfalls of our education system and how the needs of our children are not being met, due to not enough services, teachers who are stretched to their limit and lack of funding for our wonderful support staff and special programmes.

We are fighting for the future of our children and the education system they have to succeed in.

Please ask God to guide all those who are involved.

On Thursday our school is having a house day, focusing on inclusive games that allow our Year 8 students to play alongside our Year 1's.

Our school council have been really busy this year planning and organising lunchtime sport competitions to foster house spirit, so this house day will complement this.

Have a wonderful week.

