

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

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 25 March Annunciation of the Lord	9.00 Mass	9.00am No Liturgy 7.00pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 26 March	No Mass	10.00am Liturgy 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am No Mass St Johns Healthcare 11.30am No Mass St Annes
WEDNESDAY 27 March	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Waverley Mass
THURSDAY 28 March	12.05pm Mass Exposition follows Mass	9.00am Mass 9.30am Craft 9.30am Exposition	
FRIDAY 29 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 30 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am St Annes Mass

Reconciliation Rite II - Will be held on Wednesday 10th April at St Marys Church

JERUSALEM– THE ROSARY WAY– Heartful thanks to those who sponsored Mysteries of the Rosary for Jerusalem .The sole objective is to make Mary Our Mother known and loved and show the important part she played in our redemption. Again Thank you. Ted Downs.

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, Tracey O'Brien (ex Cullinane Principal)

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, Zelig 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, Gordon Wham (15/3), Anne Wham, Marianne Hay, Margaret James (26/3), Hunt and Knuth families

WHANGANUI PARISH BULLETIN 24 MARCH 2019 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Readings for this week Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

Most of us have heard this famous Latin phrase, *Deus caritas est*, which mean God is love. It is even the title of the first encyclical of our previous Pope, Pope Benedict XVI.

But there is another phrase that is very much related to it, *Caritas patiens est*, which means Love is patient, this phrase is from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. God is always true to his nature, he is love, his existence is love and if being patient is a property of love, then he is also the greatest example of being patient.

The gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, explains to us briefly, the patience of God, a loving Father who is willing to wait for his children. He is willing to give us all the assistance we need, so that we will be able to grow in our faith, to bloom and eventually bear fruit.

That patience of God also gives us an opportunity to encounter him. It gives us a chance to see that what we are following is not merely a set of rules, practise or law, but rather we are following and building up a relationship with the very person of Jesus.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his encyclical Deus Caritas est said, *we have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.*

This third Sunday of Lent let us remember *Deus patiens est!* God is patient.

Fr. Nathaniel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Next weeks readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next week Luke has Jesus telling a Parable in response to the criticism of the Scribes and Pharisees – *“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*

A March 2019 Aotearoa New Zealand version of the parable might begin in a similarly derogatory way, e.g: “This crazy country welcomes Muslims and gives them homes and work.”

The story of the Prodigal Son is one of our best-known and most-loved parables. Could it be that we are so taken up with the account of his dissolute living, his repentance and return home with the outpouring of fatherly love, forgiveness and rejoicing that we give little, if any, thought to the older brother and his reactions? The parable makes it clear that he allowed resentment, self-absorption and an exaggerated sense of personal entitlement to embitter him to the point of totally rejecting his brother.

Perhaps a parallel thought, as we follow the reading next week, might be: What possible sense of personal entitlement gives me, or any other resident of Aotearoa New Zealand, the right to resent the presence of our Muslim sisters and brothers, to deprive them of sharing the abundance and security of our country by callously shooting them down, causing those who survive to live in fear and anxiety?

Maybe the 2019 Aotearoa New Zealand version of the parable might end with an admonition to us similar to the one that ends the Prodigal Son: “Look, you are always with me and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and rejoice, because these Muslim people, our sisters and brothers, are here to share the richness of their lives with us.”

JB Kendall rsj

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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 continue with the topic of "The Creed"- "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried".

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 4th 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 St Annes foyer for the next 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 Wanganui. 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 .

MARIAN MOTHERS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

Acies Ceremony;

The Legion of Mary invite all members, auxiliaries and interested people to our Acies ceremony in the Holy Family Chapel this Sunday 24 March at 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

Te Punanga o Hōhepa

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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 #4: The Orator Tuesday 26 March, 7pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

Harvest Liturgy

Sunday 31 March, 4 – 5pm

How Films Impact Our Spirituality Film #5:

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
Tuesday 9 April, 7pm, Koha with Marie Skidmore rsj

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

SVDP Easter Raffle

Parishioners are encouraged to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul by buying tickets in their Easter raffle.

Tickets will be available at the the Vigil Mass at Holy Family as well as both Sunday Masses. The tickets sell for \$2 each or three tickets for \$5.

Good luck!



OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT'S UP?

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It has been a quiet, focused time in the College this week as our students concentrated on their academic studies, with little to no outside interruptions. This was nice given the fast pace calendar we have had recently. On Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th March, sporting competitions ramp up again as some of our students leave for Maadi Cup to compete in the biggest event in the secondary rowing calendar.

The New Zealand Waka Ama Championships are also on from Monday 25th to Saturday 30th March held at Tikitapu (Blue Lake) in Rotorua and we have students representing the College at this event as well.

We wish both teams all the best in their sporting codes and will keep a keen eye on their progress throughout the week. Members of our Parish are warmly welcome to attend our weekly Mass: Where: St Joseph's Chapel (College grounds) When: Friday 29th March Hosted by: Students from 11C Time: 10am

Baptisms in our Parish

Congratulations to Serena George, Amelia-Belle and Te Mana Sprenkeler, Darleen and Rachel Tume and their families. They were baptised at St Joseph's Church at Jerusalem on Sunday 17th March.



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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.

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?

End of Financial year

Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of the impending end to the financial year by making their donations/planned giving in good time so as to receive their tax rebate from the government.

I warmly exhort parishioners, also, to consider indicating on their tax form that they wish for their rebate to be paid to the parish. In that way donations/pledges can be increased by %33 at no extra cost to the donor.

I also remind everyone that the collection funds not only the maintenance of the churches, parish office and presbytery but also the Clergy Trust Fund which provides for the needs of clergy in the Diocese.

Your generosity, as always, is appreciated as well as the way in which you are attentive to the clergy and their needs on a daily basis.

Please also be mindful of the sacrifices made by our ancestors who gave of their pennies so that we can enjoy the facilities we have today.

Annunciation of the Lord

A Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated at 9am at St Mary's Church on Monday 25th March.

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, Wicksteed St, 24th March at 6.30pm. Please come and show Catholic willingness. Phone Christine Williams 3436356 for a ride.

