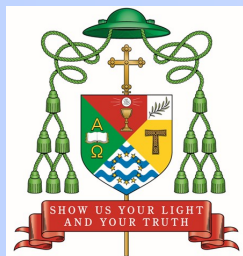


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Te Pārihi Katorika ki Whanganui (2015)
Diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand



ST MARY'S CHURCH
1 Campbell Street

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
22 Tawhero Street

ST ANNE'S CHURCH
47 Raine Street

TE RONGO O TE POI
(Beat of the Poi to the Gospel)
584 Kaiwhaiki Road
Kaiwhaiki Marae

NGAKAU TAPU (Sacred Heart)
4491 Whanganui River Road
Rānana (London)

HATO HŌHEPA (St Joseph's)
600 Whanganui River Road
Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)



Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 29th April

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 30th April

9.30am Mass Holy Family
12.05am Mass St Marys

Wednesday 1st May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 2nd May

9.30am Mass St Annes
12.05pm Mass St Marys

Friday 3rd May

10.00am Mass St Josephs Chapel
11.20am Rite I St Mary's
12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Saturday 4th May

9.00am Rite I St Anne's
9.30am Mass St Anne's
5.30pm Mass Vigil Mass
Holy Family

Sunday 5th May

9.30am Mass St Mary's
11.00am Mass Kaiwhaiki
5.30pm Mass St Annes

Upcoming Events

6th May

Confirmation Session 1

Sunday Readings: Act: 9.26-31; 1 Jn: 3.18-24 Jn: 15.1-8

Next Week: Act: 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn: 4.7-10 Jn: 15.9-17

ROBERTS' RAMBLE

In January I attended the second gathering of my Primer One class at the Featherston Primary School. It was wonderful to meet so many old friends and to hear the stories of their lives. Between the gathering and a shared evening meal I decided to drive down the Western Lake Road. I stopped at the cemetery as I wanted to say a prayer at the grave of a childhood friend who died in an awful farm accident.

I had wanted for a long time to visit the part of the cemetery set aside for the burial of those who had died in the 1918/19 influenza pandemic. The Featherston Military Training Camp was filled with young soldiers in training. Several of the headstones told me of seventeen year olds had died from the illness. I started to count the graves but gave up after I reached one hundred. I suppose that one third of the cemetery is taken up by these graves. Another section is filled with the graves of soldiers who died in the Great War, the Second World War and wars since then.

It was a sobering visit. Later I visited the family chapel at Waiorongomai Station. There were several graves of those whom I had known as returned servicemen. Some of these died "well before their time". I suspect that their illnesses may have been begun because of their war time experiences. They were good men and wonderful fathers.

This week we paused at the Dawn Service to remember them. And we celebrated the Mass of ANZAC Day in S Mary's Church, reciting the Ode and placing poppies before the Altar honour of them. We paused for moments of recollection while the Last Post was played.

All this by way not only of memorial, but to remind ourselves of the price and cost of war. Years ago I remember a group with a map of the world and marker pins which we put in the map wherever there was war or civil insurrection. It was frightening to see how many active conflicts there were. At the moment we are all acutely aware of Russo/Ukraine War, the Hamas/Israeli conflict and the civil war in

Sudan. The former two could easily become full scale wars. Let us pray for the conversion of the leaders of those nations and the hard work of international organisations working to bring peace. Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State has reminded us that we can work for peace in many ways: making peace with our neighbours, inviting our government to call for and work for peace in its diplomatic activities, and, of course, prayer.

Please remember Father Craig in your prayers, With my prayers for you and yours, Father John.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 12 – 19 MAY

The National Liturgy Office have sent round several resources to aid parishes in their preparations for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Find all their resources at:

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/04/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-12-19-may/> or on their website: <https://nlo.org.nz>



Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis

Anniversaries

Susan Frykberg, Noel Boyle, Yvonne Maniapoto, Steve Morahan, Timothy Morahan, Marlene Phillips, Sr Damian RSJ, Joyce Burrell, Shane Gallagher

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>. The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, “How can we be a synodal church in mission?” Find the document at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—to Sander Sandeep and Magnolia McDonald and their families. They were baptised at St Marys Church on Sunday 21st April

THE NZCBC ARE CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 DELARGEY AWARDS.

The Awards, named in honour of Cardinal Delargey, recognise significant and outstanding contributions made in the field of Catholic ministry with young people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The aims of the Awards are:

- To provide recognition for ministry workers and supporters of ministry with young people in New Zealand
 - To educate the community about ministry with young people
 - To raise the profile of Catholic ministry with young people in New Zealand
 - To recognise the place of long-term involvement in Catholic ministry with young people
- Visit catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/delargey for details on the nomination process.

NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS CLIMATE ACTION WEEK | 3 – 12 MAY

Two events are organised in Palmerston North for this week:

Friday May 3rd, 10am-1pm

A Solidarity March at Te Marae o Hine, in The Square with MP Teanau Tuiono as guest speaker, organised in conjunction with Extinction Rebellion Manawatu. Participants are invited to carry banners that call attention to the urgent need for a just transition to renewable energy, a sustainable future, an end to fossil fuels, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

Sunday, 5 May, 7:30pm

A Multi-faith Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Broadway organised in conjunction with Palmerston North Interfaith Group with the theme: “Hear the Cry of the Earth! Hear the Cry of the Poor!”

ST PETER'S COLLEGE 50TH JUBILEE

St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend.

More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3 www.marymackillop.org.nz

A Day with C S Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis was a British writer, literary scholar and Anglican lay theologian—a man who went from being an atheist to a Christian. We will explore some of the ideas covered by him in the more than 30 books he wrote. with David Scoullar Sat 4 May, 10am-2pm, \$20 *Please bring your lunch.*

Creative Card Making

Suitable for beginners and regular crafters alike. with Julia Martin Saturday 11 April, 10am – 12.30pm or 1.30 – 4pm \$10. *Registrations essential.*

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

6.30-8.30pm at Saint Mary's Church Hall. **YOUTH GROUP WILL BE BACK ON THE 12TH OF MAY**

If you're year 9-13 (or you're a super keen year 8 I'll sneak you in) this is for you!!

What to expect: Games, challenges, prizes, chocolate, learning about faith, making new friends, it's honestly so much fun!! Please come along and check it out. For more info contact Rain on 0212560608 or email youth.cpow@gmail.com

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Forms available -the Parish office, from Rain at Cullinane College, or email admin@cpow.co.nz to be sent a copy. Starts Mon 6 May 7-8.30pm

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The SOUP

roster for next week is Raewyn Hoskin's Team. Further information contact Maureen 027 491 2168 or Pat 027 491 9637

RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER



ROSTER FOR THE ROSARY STATUE OF MARY (from St.Mary's)

We would love you to join the list of people who receive the statue of Mary into their homes for one week every 6 months approx.. I am about to up-date the list & do a new roster. Existing members, please advise any change of address or phone numbers. Other parishioners, if you would like to be added to the roster please call or message me, Kathleen Orsborn. Tel: 3442245. By 7th May. Thankyou.

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS—Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm Zoom meeting & Tuesdays 10am- Noon St Mary's Meeting room. Contact and enquires to Nancie & Brian Quigley 06 347 8177 (Evening Group) Jo Smillie 06 345 0609 (Morning Group).

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION—An opportunity to better understand the Scriptures throughout Lent. Join us each Thursday morning (7-8am) for Scripture Reflection and lively discussion ☺ St Mary's church. All welcome. Coffee provided Contact Kate Lynch 027 2430430 or Helen Dougherty 027 4136273

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL— are running a Mother's Day Raffle to raise funds for local needs. The raffle will be on sale before and after Masses from 13 April - 5 May. Tickets prices:- \$2 for one ticket Or \$5 for 3 tickets

Thank you in advance for your loyal support.

BISHOPS CREATE SPECIAL WEBPAGE FOR JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>



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St Mary's School

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St Anne's School

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DRS: Jo Gichard.
45 Raine St, Wanganui
06 343 8389

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Principal: Tony McBride
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