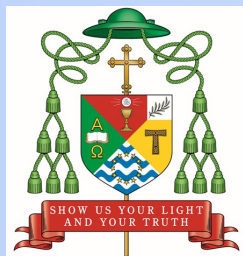


Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)

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



The Ascension of the Lord

12 May 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 13th May

9.00am C/S Holy Family

Tuesday 14th May

9.30am Mass Holy Family
12.05am Mass St Marys

Wednesday 15th May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

Thursday 16th May

9.30am Mass St Annes
12.05pm Mass St Marys

Friday 17th May

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

Saturday 18th May

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

Sunday 19th May

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

Upcoming Events

13th May

Confirmation Session 2

Sunday Readings: Act: 1.1-11; Eph: 4.1-13 Mk: 16.15-20

Next Week: Act: 2.1-11; Gal: 5.16-25 Jn: 15.26-27;16.12-15

ROBERTS' RAMBLE

We welcome Bishop Peter to the parish this week. It is our privilege to enjoy his company. I am sure you will keep him in your prayers,

There have been a number of occasions when I have been called to a parishioners on his/her deathbed. Of course I am happy to go and celebrate the appropriate sacraments.

Sadly in this situation a family or sick person delays calling a priest until the one dying is not really able to fully participate in the celebration of the sacrament. When the post-Conciliar renewal was made it was decided that we should in future anoint a sick person at the beginning of an illness. When someone is diagnosed with a serious, life threatening illness that is the time to ask for anointing. The sacrament heals us in so many ways, very often helping us to manage with peace and tranquillity. I still remember one person who after I had anointed the forehead burst out, "Such peace", he said. Christ's peace remained until he died. I still thank God for such a wonderful gift, and many others I have seen after anointing..

If the person recovers to some extent and then the illness becomes more serious we will anoint again. But it really depends on the worsening of the illness. During the course of the illness we do our best to bring Holy Communion to the person. When it is clear that the patient will not recover the priest should be called again and asked to bring Holy Communion as Viaticum, the spiritual food for the last stage of the journey to our Father's House. Again the patient needs to be conscious, and alert enough to receive Holy Communion and renew the baptismal vows. When in the stage medics call "actively dying" we surround the dying person with prayer, commending the soul into God's hands.

[I found it interesting as someone who fusses over grammar to manage writing without personal pronouns! It is not easy.]

As many of you know I am often visiting the sick and dying. It is an enormous privilege and one I deeply appreciate. I know many of you also visit sick fellow parishioners. This is as it should be. Don't forget to offer to pray with them. It doesn't not have to long or complicated. The Lord's prayer followed by a simple extempore

prayer is a good pattern, or a decade of the rosary.

As you see from the brief notice about "Priests for the Synod" Father Craig has finished the business section of his trip and is in the "holiday time" of his trip. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

With my prayers for you and yours, Father John.

International Meeting : Priests for the Synod.

We came across this brief report in Zenit, 2 May 2024.

On the morning of Thursday, May 2nd, the Pope met with around 200 parish priests participating in the International Meeting "Parish Priests for the Synod." The meeting took place in the Synod Hall. During the gathering, the Pope symbolically signed the letter that he would later give to them. One of the Pope's slogans was to be missionaries of synodality: the Pope asked them to return to their parishes to renew their ministry with a synodal approach.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Wishing all mothers a wonderful day on Sunday.



Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis,
Kazimiera Komarkowski, Betty Murphy

Anniversaries

Morrie Meynell, Pat Meynell, Frances Jones,
Stephen Gallen, Frances Carson, Francis Smith,
Hilary Guilford, Pat Haddock

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

Greetings from Rome

I'm writing to let you know that I'm still alive and well. I arrived in Rome a couple of days before the meetings began last week. I spent five days with more than 250 priests (and religious and lay people organisers) talking about the Synod. This was an international gathering of Parish priests representing almost 100 countries from throughout the world. I was fortunate to be part of a group that included priests from Ukraine, Tanzania, Malta, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Africa, Taiwan and everywhere in between. We were asked to speak about our experience of the Synod process in real life. As you can imagine, there was a great variety with some having extensive experience, others like myself having some and others still, with no experience at all. What was very clear was the enthusiasm most had for this way of being church. We shared our experience of walking with people on their life journeys, hearing the Holy Spirit speak through them. For some of the priests present, this was a new way of thinking and acting and for some idea was challenging. The organisers of the meeting wanted to hear from ordinary priests like myself so this information could be added to the final Synod meeting in October this year. All up, I found it a very humbling experience meeting with others who share the same joys and sorrows that we do. Most humbling was talking to those men who come from Ukraine and Iraq and Central Africa who continue to suffer because of the violence done to them and their people. When I mention to them that we pray for them often at Mass they expressed deep gratitude and asked me to pass this on to you. Unfortunately, I was sick the whole time of the meetings and once it was over, I spent the next three days in bed recovering. This was not part of the plan. Since then I've been exploring Rome and made a day trip to Pompeii. This too was a very moving experience learning more about ancient Rome and the lives of the very wealthy and their slaves. Tomorrow (Thursday my time) I will travel to Lourdes I'll spend three days in prayer. I'm aware of some people who have particularly asked me to pray. If you have a particular request, please message me. I'd like to finish with a small miracle which is happened since I've been here. Before coming to Wanganui I worked with a priest from Myanmar who has not been in contact for more than six months. While waiting to catch a bus I got talking to a priest from Myanmar who knows Father Joe and was able to reassure me (and my former Parishioners) that he knows him to be safe and



well. This may seem like a small thing but it means a great deal to know that of my friends and colleagues is safe and well in a war torn country. I wish you every blessing. Fr Craig

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This Sunday we enter into the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We have undertaken to work for the unity for which Christ prayed in his Farewell Prayer; "that they maybe one, Father, as we are one." [John 17:21] It was also one of the desires of the IInd Vatican Council that we work to overcome the multiple differences which separate us. If you want to use the reflections and prayers provided please go to the website:

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/05/you-shall-love-the-lord-your-god-and-your-neighbour-as-yourself/>

on the other hand you may wish to add a simple plea in your daily prayers.

Thank you for your care for this important matter and for your prayers. Father John.

Te Rōpū Tautoko would welcome your assistance. Please consider completing our anonymous evaluation form! *Te Rōpū Tautoko, the Church group established to engage with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is seeking your thoughts on the Church's engagement with the Inquiry. Feedback received will inform Tautoko's final report, as a reflection of the broad reality of peoples' experiences. Takes 5 to 20 minutes to complete. Closes Friday 24 May.* <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/anonymous-evaluation/>

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

6.30-8.30pm at Saint Mary's Church Hall.

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

For more info contact Rain on 0212560608 or email youth.cpow@gmail.com



RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT ST MARYS CHURCH FOYER
****YOU CAN GIFT YOUR REFUND BACK TO THE CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ****
YOU WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH MY IRD TO DO SO...

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WHANGANUI
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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. Session 2 13th May 7-8.30pm

HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The SOUP

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

The Holy Family Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society

wish to thank all parishioners for their support by buying raffle tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle.

Lucky winners are:-

- 1st Prize - Patrick O'Leary
- 2nd Prize- Maree Adams
- 3rd Prize - Russell Haddock

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

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

Quiet Day for the Creative Soul

Five reflective Mondays to explore, nourish and enjoy your creativity within this peaceful environment. Topics include Mandalas, Drawing, Painting, Book/Journal making, Collage, Crafts etc. *BYO lunch and basic art supplies.*

with Tracey Young and Friends Mon 13 May, 10am -2.30pm Koha

Caring for Those Caring for Others

Care is the matrix that holds us together, one with another. So come, enjoy and explore in the company of others, along your care journey.

All welcome. Lunch provided, please indicate dietary needs when booking. Sat 18 May, 10am-2.30pm, Koha with Merita Holder and Maree Hickey rsj

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

OLD ROSARY BEADS—If anyone has broken parts or unwanted rosary beads, particularly crucifixes to donate, these could be fixed and given away.

Please put these in the container in St Mary's foyer under the "FREE" sign. Many thanks.

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St Mary's School

Principal: Jacqui Luxton
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45 Raine St, Wanganui
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Cullinane College

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