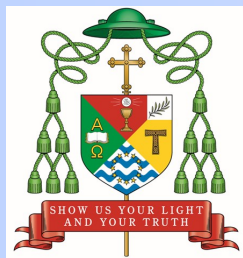


# Catholic Parish of Whanganui

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)



## Pentecost Sunday

19 May 2024; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Monday 20th May

9.00am Mass St Marys  
Cullinane Feast Day  
9.00am C/S Holy Family

#### Tuesday 21st May

9.30am Mass Holy Family  
12.05am Mass St Marys

#### Wednesday 22nd May

12.05pm Mass St Mary's

#### Thursday 23rd May

9.30am Mass St Annes  
12.05pm Mass St Marys

#### Friday 24th May

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

#### Saturday 25th May

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

#### Sunday 26th May

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

**NO MASS AT JERUSALEM THIS WEEK**

### Upcoming Events

#### 20th May

Confirmation Session 3

**Sunday Readings:** Act: 2.1-11; Gal: 5.16-25 Jn: 15.26-27; 16.12-15

**Next Week:** Deu: 4.32-34, 39-40; Rom: 8.14-17 Mt: 28.16-20

### ROBERTS' RAMBLE

We welcome Father Arthur Toothill, SM, to the parish this week. He will be here until the 26th of May. We are very grateful, Father, that you have come to help us out while Father Craig is on holiday.

This month is dedicated to Mary Mother of the Lord. It occurred to me that you and I would do well to observe her life and see how we might imitate her in our daily activities.

First of all, we might acknowledge her willingness to be available to God in his work of salvation. We know she was Mother of the Lord. Behind that lay a lifetime of willing obedience. Obviously her parents, Anna and Joachim helped her to learn obedience as she grew up. For you and me then, making sure we practise obedience is important. The phrase, "nonetheless your will not mine be done" [Luke 22: 42] was an important mark of the Lord's willingness to obey even in the most crucial and unpleasant moment of his life, as it was in our Lady's life. So it should be with us.

We observe her willingness allow the Lord Jesus to undertake his missionary journeys, to build up a family of disciples and women who accompanied him. I wonder how much of her inner ability to know peace came from her intimate knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures and from her life of prayer. So it should be with us.

And finally, her humility seen in her willingness to step aside and allow the Lord to make his way in the world. She did not dominate his life, rather she accompanied him in his childhood, allowing Joseph to teach him the arts of carpentry and the ability to work hard, all of which we see in the Lord's ministry. So it should be with us.

Many of us know the "empty nest syndrome". Gradually we learn that it is not only our beloved child leaving home, but also learning that each child has its path in life and discovering how to help and encourage this young person in vocation, friendships, marriage, priesthood and work.

My prayers, as ever, are with you and your families,

Father John.

### FATHER ARTHUR TOOTHILL

Father Toothill will be in the parish for a fortnight. He will spend some time visiting our elderly parishioners, especially those in villages and homes. Should you be looking for company at meal time he would be very happy to accept invitations.

### WEEK FOR LAUDATO SI

Laudato Si' Week 2024 will be celebrated from May 19 to 24, with the theme "Seeds of Hope". The celebration begins today, Pentecost Sunday, and concludes on the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The theme this year is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'. This annual celebration allows us to commemorate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' historic encyclical on the care of Creation, and to reflect on the progress we have made in protecting our common home. It is a way for all Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home" to life and to commit ourselves to further prayer and action for our common home.

You can find prayer suggestions at: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/assets/Laudato-Si-Week-from-Wgtn-EJP-daily-action-ideas.pdf>

### THANKS

Every week a group of people organise a cuppa and nibbles after the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Thank you for your wonderful efforts, they are greatly appreciated. Also we have a great group of people who arrange the flowers in our Churches.

They add a great deal of beauty to Masses, thank you very much.

### Died Recently

Blair Campbell, John Bellis,  
Kazimiera Komarkowski, Betty Murphy, John  
Hamblyn

### Anniversaries

Maurice Meynell, Pat Meynell, Frances Jones,  
Stephen Gallen, Frances Carson, Francis Smith,  
Hilary Guilford, Pat Haddock,  
Christine Sprosson, Maureen MacDougall

*Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord*

**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/>

### PRAYER PASTORAL AIDE FOR PRESBYTERS

As part of the Year of Prayer called by the Holy Father and in preparation for Jubilee 2025, the Dicastery for Evangelization has prepared a prayer resource for Presbyters: With Peter and Paul Following the Master. It may be used freely in gatherings of presbyters; either together with their bishop, or divided into groups in the region. Download the pdf at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/EN-Jubilee-of-Priests.pdf>

### JUBILEE PRAYER NOW ALSO IN TONGAN

The special Jubilee Prayer for Jubilee Year 2025 has now also been translated into Tongan. Thanks to Fr Line Folaumoeloa (Vice Tongan Catholic Chaplain) for the translation and Graphic Designer Kauhalaniua Pulotu for the artwork. A Word copy is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Tongan-Lotu-e-Siupeli-2025-2.docx>  
The Jubilee Prayer is thus now available in English, Māori, Samoan and Tongan on the Jubilee Prayer section of our special Jubilee 2025 webpage: [https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/#section\\_2183](https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/#section_2183)

### 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/>

### LADIES COFFEE CLUB

Meets Wednesdays at 10.00am at Mitre 10 Cafe. All welcome

### 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](mailto:youth.cpow@gmail.com)



### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Session 3 20th May 7-8.30pm

### HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH—The SOUP

roster for next week is Angela Aspinall's Team. Further information contact Pat 027 491 9637 or Angela 027 777 1417

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Catholic Parish of Whanganui Holy Family Conference of the Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at The Vinnies Shop, 217 Victoria Avenue @ 4pm.

Enquiries: Margaret Gudsell 027 2770336 or Kevin Foley 027 3264275  
We welcome new Vincentians.



### FAITH IN THE HOLY LAND AND PALESTINE

Professor Qumsiyeh is a Palestinian Environmentalist who is visiting Whanganui and has put aside time to speak to the about Christianity in the Holy Land. Saturday, May 25, at 2.30 pm, Christ Church Community Centre Upper Lounge. Refreshments from 2.00 pm.

### CULLINANE DAY

On Monday at 9 am the College will gather at St Mary's Church to begin its day of celebration with Mass. The Day will continue with various festive activities at the College.

Please remember the College, students and staff in your prayers.

### 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  
IRD NUMBER 012-080-832

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—

to Sophie O'Neill and Archie Middleton and their families. Sophie and Archie were baptised on Saturday the 11th May at St Marys Church. And to Leolaga Png and her family. Leolaga was baptised on Sunday 12th May at St Marys Church.

### THEFTS FROM CARS

The weekly crime report from Neighbourhood Support has been shewing a growing number of thefts from cars. It might be a good idea to take special care. Always lock your car, take your handbag or wallet and other valuables with you. Safety is as ever the best policy.

### LOST AND NOT FOUND

I seem to be developing a bad habit of leaving things around. If you have seen a semi-worn out dark grey jersey it might be mine: and I seem to have mislaid a hand holy water sprinkler, a silver coloured six inch tube with a sprinkler top. If you have seen them please let me know. Father John.

### JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ext 3  
[www.marymackillop.org.nz](http://www.marymackillop.org.nz)

### 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

**Community Liturgy – Peace and Understanding** Sunday 19 May, 4 - 5pm

**Reading & Reflection for Encouragement and Spiritual Nourishment**

**The Book: Falling Upward by Richard Rohr**

A preliminary meeting to assess interest. On registration, you will be sent material to read before the meeting. Sat 8 June 10am-12pm, Koha with Merita Holder and Trish Daws

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3  
Or email [pam.hopper@sosj.org.au](mailto:pam.hopper@sosj.org.au)

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06 349 0023

#### St Mary's School

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DRS: Cath Daignault  
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06 343 1227

#### St Anne's School

Principal: Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick  
DRS: Jo Gichard.  
45 Raine St, Wanganui  
06 343 8389

#### Cullinane College

Principal: Tony McBride  
DRS: Helen Dougherty  
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