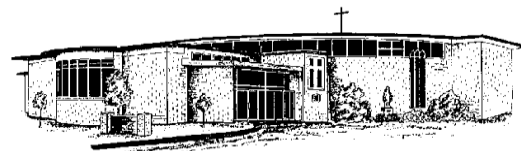


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th September 2017

"Be Responsible for your Brothers and Sisters"

Today's gospel begins with these words: "If your brother..." This is the key for how we should behave with others: not indifferent, not superior, but as brothers. Yes, we should correct our brothers and sisters with love: just as a father is not always silent, but speaks to his children and encourages them and sometimes scolds them; as a teacher is with his students; as Christ was, who knew when to correct his disciples and so help them mature in the right direction. With love, from love.

If we truly are brothers and sisters, we cannot act as if we have nothing to do with one another. It is often so easy to just criticize each other instead of helping each other by good example to live like Christians. What most helps people to follow Christ is seeing others living out their faith, hope and love. We all know this through our own experience. A true Christian should share the weight of his neighbour's successes and failures, his growth or his sin. The sins of our neighbour are not just "his own problem", but they are in some way "ours". Precisely because we love our neighbour so much his sins should feel like a failure not only on his part, but on ours.

Fr. Manoj Mathew IC

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Annette Bristow, Barry Nolan, Carmel Walton, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Trish Collis, Sue Fryer, Laura Roberts, Stephen Mullin, Neil Burton, Wiki & Delastro Maniapoto, Marie Hubbard and all in rest homes and hospital care.
Prayer Chain - please phone Sally: 326 9209.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lila Smith, Paul Andrew, Valerie Russell, Sr Noreen Murphy OP (Dunedin), Frank Rochecouste, Kathleen Hemi (Fr Tom's cousin), Paul Beauchamp Legg, Toili 'One 'One, Pa Steve Hancy, James Crosswell, Margaret Brown, Brian Bowe, Fr Des Levins, Fr Pat McCullough, Maureen Grover, Mathew Croad, Walter Hayde, Jose Landeros (USA).

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Petrus Koenders 4, Peggy Connolly 16, Jim Cuttance 17, George Fahey 24, Frank Fee 28, Edward Ameresekera 30.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK – 10-16 September

Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours

"I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people ... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome."
(Pope Francis)

Each year in September, the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference promotes Social Justice Week. During this week we apply Catholic social teaching to one particular issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is *Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours*. Pope Francis highlights that many of the social issues we face today reflect a decline in social connectedness. This Social Justice Week, we invite everyone to take up the challenge to creatively reach out and weave deeper bonds of belonging in our whanau, our parish, and our wider community.

ROSMINIAN HERITAGE

5.30pm TODAY in the Presbytery

The Rosminian community at Palmerston North would like to invite you for an ongoing programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality. All are welcome.

QUIZ SOCIAL EVENING

NEXT Friday 15th September

St Mary's Parish Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Small donation (koha)

A fun quiz evening for all. Come along by yourself or with a group. Teams will be made up on the night. A light supper will be provided. For catering and set-up purposes could you please email or phone the parish office if you are interested in coming.

MASS TIMETABLE : 11 - 17 September

Monday	Mass	9:00am
Tuesday	Mass	12:00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9:00am
Thursday	Mass	9:00am
Friday	Mass	9:00am
Saturday	Mass	9:00am
	Vigil Mass @ St Columba's	5:00pm
Sunday	Mass	10:30am
	Latin Mass @ St Columba's	11:00am

Reconciliation is available after Saturday morning Mass and on request.

THANK YOU

To Binto, Anthony and Maryjane who have joined the Eucharistic Minister and Mass Coordinator ministries. We are still short of people to wash the altar linen, you would be rostered for a month every 6 months or so. If you are interested, please call Susan in the office.

Our apologies for some disruption – to the phone system while maintenance/decorating works are being carried out at the Presbytery. Over the next 3-4 weeks you can contact: Fr. Manoj 022 646 2151 or Fr. Robin 022 646 2153 for emergencies, and alternatively email the Parish Office with any enquiries. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 10am every Tuesday Followed by Mass

FACEBOOK

St Mary's Catholic Parish, Palmerston North.

A new facebook group has been created for the St Mary's Youth group
[Facebook.com/groups/809151159259255/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/809151159259255/)

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY www.holycross.org.nz

ANointing MASS 21st November 12 noon

ST MARY'S PARISH AGM 26th November, after Mass.

FATIMA REMEMBERED

Rosary at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 13th September at 3pm as part of the ongoing Remembrance of the Fatima events 100 years ago.

Catholic Charities Allocation Group

The latest funding round is seeking applications from groups. Forms available from wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding>

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 17th September

Mass Co-ordinator: M.Pratt

Sacristan: H. Autagavaia

Greeters: E. & D. Legg

Altar Servers: C.Flanagan, A.Makiwa, S.Autagavaia

Readers: S.Autagavaia, T.Kigufi, D.Nash

Offertory: Tavake family

Eucharistic Ministers: S.Xavier, P.Walsh, M.Radford, J.Muwunganirwa, M.Pratt, C.Wilson, A.Marsh, K.McNamara

Junior Liturgy: A. & A.John

Counters: E.Drury, P.Widdup

Collectors: A.Pabellon, P.Gildea, J.Marsh

Hospitality: A. & T.Sae family

Prayers of Faithful: A.Kriechbaum

Altar Linen (Sept): S.Learmonth

Floral Arrangers: M.Hurley

Cleaners week beginning 17th September: Indian community



Please encourage our students who are at the age of 11 to 15 to be part of our youth programme. If you are 16 to 18, you are also welcome to be part of this group as leaders and mentors. Our aim is to nourish their faith by strengthening their bonds to their parish and each other through prayer, fun and friendship. **Please mark the date of the next youth gathering at St Mary's parish hall @ 6pm to 7.30pm. 23rd September. For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.**



Welcome Khuong Nguyen Van

We are very happy to welcome Khuong (brother of Trung) to our Rosminian community at St Mary's. Khuong is the youngest in his family of seven, he wants to become a religious, aspiring to be a missionary wherever God wants him to be, and will spend a few months with us at St Mary's. He will also do some studies at the university during his stay here. So we wish Khuong a very pleasant stay with us at St Mary's.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4.15pm – 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

WANTED - GUITARISTS, FLAUTISTS, VIOLINISTS

Mary Kriechbaum's music group urgently requires a guitarist and any other instrumentalists. The next Sunday Mary's group is rostered on is 1st October. Please contact Mary 027 306 3942 or leave your name at the office.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST Christian Life programme 16th September, 1-4.30pm

Couples are invited to hear about the absolute basics of Christian life, the kind of life that God calls us to and the ways to help us to commit our lives in a serious way to Jesus. To be held in the foyer of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Free of charge, afternoon tea served. Contact Richard & Alpha 021 1802743 or Larry & Marcy 021 066 1789. *"It is not enough to discover Christ; you must bring Him to others. The world today is one great mission land, even in countries of long standing Christian tradition."* (Pope John Paul II) **Brochures in the foyer.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Huge Garage Sale – Saturday 16th September, 8am - everything going at rock bottom prices. \$5 fill a bag sale for the next two weeks – go along for bargains! Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, longlife milk, spreads and rice. Thanks to you all.

ST BRIGID'S RAFFLE

Our friends from St Brigid's Parish, Feilding will be here selling their raffle on Sunday 17th September before and after Mass. Great prizes – tickets \$2 or a book \$20 – thanks in advance for your support.

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a tertiary student in the Manawatu? Our facebook page is **Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students**. Were you a tertiary student in the Manawatu recently? Our facebook page is **PN Catholic Young Professionals**. Are you interested in what is happening in Young Church across the diocese? Our facebook page is **Diocesan Young Catholics**. We have a vibrant young church community in the Manawatu that we invite you to be part of. We have big events throughout the year that we hope you will get involved with. Make yourself known to Nick Wilson, Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplain, Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or phone 021 822 814.

CALLING ON YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS TO SHARE THEIR VOICE WITH THE VATICAN

<https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ>

ANNOUNCING GOOD NEWS

A day of retreat is being held at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, P. Nth, from 10.00am – 4pm on Tuesday 12 September. Rev Brian Pierce OP and Sr. Mary Ellen Green OP will conduct the retreat in the Dominican tradition of contemplation and reflection on the Word, in an environment of silence and prayer. Please bring your own lunch, Tea and coffee will be provided. Cost Koha.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE

In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a **"Current of Grace" Conference** 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North. To register please go to <http://ccrnz.org/register2017>

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

We support efforts to bring about affordable housing. Excessive rents and inflated house prices are leaving families homeless and young couples despondent. Without effective policies to support regional and provincial economic development and consequent employment we miss opportunities to alleviate this problem, which is worst in our biggest cities.

NOT POOR ... MADE POOR

A 2017 Election Issue : Debt-Induced Poverty

Cards to sign and mail to Parliament are in the foyer if you wish to call the Government's attention and action to this issue. *Supported by Josephine Justice Network, Sisters of Mercy, Dominican, Mission, Marist, Good Shepherd and Compassion Sisters.*

VACANCY WITH CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE (CEC)

See noticeboard for details.