

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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11th February 2018

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In one of the more moving episodes from the Gospel according to Mark a leper kneels before Jesus saying: "If you choose, you can make me clean." (Mk 1: 40) He humbly acknowledges Jesus power and trusts himself to his mercy. Jesus responds: "I do choose. Be made clean!" (Mk 1: 41) The exclamation point comes from later editors but it does emphasize the drama of the moment. Even more so, Jesus has touched someone who is unclean and has thereby incurred uncleanness on himself (Lev. 5: 3). In doing so he shows not only mercy but compassion for a man who may not have been touched by another person in years. Fortunately, skin diseases do not isolate people now as they did in the ancient world, nevertheless, I think it is possible for us to come across spiritual lepers. Individuals who have cut themselves off from the practice of the sacraments or even worse have been excluded from Church through the actions or words of others. Maybe I can feel unworthy and isolated myself at times? In such situations I need to be reminded that God has chosen me and that my self-esteem relies not on my own merits but on the love of the one who has chosen and called me: "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit; fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another." (Jn 15: 16-17) As we look forward to the beginning of Lent on Wednesday let us consider how we might both be touched by Christ through our Lenten observance but also how we may reach out to touch others.

MASS TIMETABLE : 12 - 18 February

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

Reconciliation is available after Saturday morning
Mass and on request.



PLEASE PRAY FOR –

Jacinta Chapman, Marzia, Carmel Walton, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Trish Collis, Sue Fryer, Laura Roberts, Neil Burton, Wiki & Delastro Maniapoto, Marie Hubbard and all in rest homes and hospital care.

Prayer Chain - please phone Sally: 326 9209.

RECENTLY DECEASED - RIP

Fr Don Hamilton SM, Fr Graeme Blackburn (Christchurch), Sr Adrienne Whitehead.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES –

Brian King 5, Bernadette Loach 11, Peggy O'Neil 11, George Wildin 15, Olga (Bubs) Fahey 18, Mary Noaro 20, Jock O'Neil 23.



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be 2 Masses at St Mary's on Ash Wednesday, 14th February – 9am and 12pm (School Mass).

Cathedral: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 7.00pm Ecumenical Service at St Peter's Anglican

Massey University: 12.05pm

Our Lady of Lourdes: 10.00am, 7.00pm

PALMS for ASH WEDNESDAY

Can you please bring in your palm leaves from last year and put in the basket on the table in the foyer.

MORNING PRAYER

There will be morning prayer during Lent, 8.30am Tuesday to Saturday.

HOLY ROSARY

All Parishioners are encouraged to recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 8.30am before the 9am Mass.

ASHHURST LATIN MASS PARISHIONERS

Fr Sherry will offer the Latin Masses on 18th and 25th February. No post-Mass lunches are planned.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS At St Mary's

In English at 5pm and Malayalam at 6pm on 16th and 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 18th February

Mass Co-ordinator: M.Pratt

Sacristan: A. & M.Carambas

Greeters: P.Sojan & family

Altar Servers: C.Flanagan, S.Autagavaia, N.Binto

Readers: M. & S.Munday, T.Makiwa

Offertory: S.Mao family

Eucharistic Ministers: M.Pratt, S.Xavier, J. & I.Bailey, S.Autagavaia, A.Marsh, C.Sae, P.Walsh

Junior Liturgy: A. & A.John

Counters: D.Moir & B.Semmens

Collectors: M.Hoy, P.Zimmerman, B.Regan

Hospitality: A. & T.Sae & family
Prayers: M.Smith

Altar Linen (Feb): A.Kriechbaum

Floral Arrangers: P.Hayes

Cleaners week beginning 18th February: A.Joy & Maria.

HOLY HOUR – 2pm At St Mary's Sunday, 25th February

KAPATIRAN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

The KPF Lenten Retreat will take place at the Parish hall on Saturday 24th March from 1pm – 4pm. Programme as follows:

1-2pm – Lenten reflections by Fr Robin

2-3pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation by Fr Robin and Fr Dondon Rancho

3-4pm – Eucharistic celebration by Fr Dondon Rancho.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

We urge all parishioners to make their voices heard by making a submission to Parliament's Justice Select Committee before 20th February 2018. Help to write your submission is available in the Cathedral foyer after the Masses on Sunday 11 February. The Bishops encourage us all to send in submissions opposing the Bill. Resources are also available online at www.nathaniel.org.nz

**Your Voice
Make it Heard
Make it Count**

PRO-LIFE FACTS

One way in which pro-life Christians can take witness for life in Aotearoa-NZ in 2018 is by signing up for 40 Days for Life, 2018. This year, the vigil begins on Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday) and concludes on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday). For more pro-life information, visit www.fli.org.nz and for help or advice on pro-life issues, call the John Paul 2 Centre for Life on 09 629 4361.

BOOK OF PRAYERS AND POEMS

Fr James Lyons a well-known Wellington priest has published a beautiful book of prayers and poems. It comes as a highly recommended resource for school libraries and families and is a great gift for baptisms and any special occasion. Inspired by the people and landscape of Aotearoa – NZ it touches on themes that affect us all and shows how easily we can pray and reflect in everyday situations. Some of the prayers are written by young people and others by our kaumatua or wise elderly. Order the book through Sophia at the Bishop's office -

bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz

Cost \$25 + postage.

*This Sunday's Readings –
Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46
1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1
Mark 1:40-45
Next Sunday's Readings -
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15*

CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF DOMINICAN WORK

in Catholic Deaf Ministry in NZ – 45 years of Sr Maureen O'Hanlon OP's work with our deaf and

40 years since the Dominican Sisters started deaf ministry work in the Wellington and Auckland Dioceses.

**Sunday 18th February at the
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Mass at 9.30am followed by lunch
RSVP to
catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz**

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

At www.pndiocese.org.nz
www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz for updates, news and photos of what is happening around the Diocese.

PLANNED GIVING

Do you wish to contribute to Planned Giving and support St Mary's Parish? Inland Revenue will reimburse one third of your donations. Please call into the office to set up.

RAFFLE

Trailer load of firewood, tickets \$2.00 from the Parish Office, to support a young practising Catholic woman's tertiary fees. If you don't have a fireplace yourself and if you were the lucky winner you could donate the wood to St Vincent de Paul Society.

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY – St Patrick's Branch 400

Fourth Quarterly Meeting, 4pm on Monday 19th February in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY



www.holycross.org.nz

**CATHOLIC RADIO
Sundays 9am on
Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM**

SHINING STARS PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP

Thursday 15 February 9.30am in St James School Hall
All welcome.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

We have a parish family who urgently seek a flat or small home in PN. Please contact Robin 027 576 3273 or the Cathedral Office if you can help.