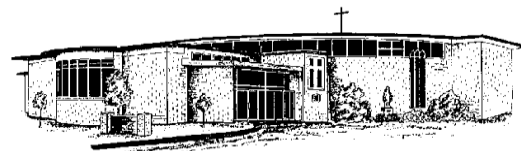


# St Mary's Parish



**Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow**

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**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**15 October 2017**

## Come to the Banquet

The generosity of God is amazing. He invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom. We see a bunch of people who were not so keen to go to a wedding banquet. When you look at the life of Jesus, it is amazing how often he is associated with meals and how often he used images of meals and weddings to speak about the kingdom. How do we understand the wedding banquet and God's invitation for our times?

The wedding banquet here can be considered as our Eucharistic celebration in one sense. The wedding feast can also be characterized as the reign of God or a partaking in the life of God now and in the life to come. And the invitation too, it is God calling us to enter into a deeper relationship with God. What is important to consider here is God's invitation and our response to God's invitation.

Today's readings tell us that God has wonderful things in store for us. Each one of us, no matter what kind of past we have had, receives the same invitation to sit down at God's table, to enter into a relationship with God. The first reading talks about a luxurious banquet hosted by God for all peoples, where there will be rich food. Not only will there be food and drink in abundance but also healing, forgiveness, salvation and great rejoicing.

"Will you come?" asks God. When God invites us let us eagerly respond and say 'yes' to Him. *Fr Robin Kurian IC*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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:

Claire Tippet, Annette Bristow, Gregory Wright, Fr Des Moosman, Lila Smith, Paul Andrew, Valerie Russell, Sr Noreen Murphy OP (Dunedin), Frank Rochecoste, 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).

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Cristina Tamayo 17, Joyce Chamberlain 19, Bridie Cameron 19, Regina Andrews 22 Ivan Gildea 23

## MISSION SUNDAY 2017

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR PARISH IS HOLDING  
THE ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL**

**As part of our celebration for Mission Sunday we will have a shared lunch. All parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share with others on this day. The Parish will provide the BBQ.**

Mission Sunday reminds us that God says to each of us: "up and leave your place". Leave all that can lock us down in mediocrity – for some that is routines, for others tired agendas and pet hobby horses, and for others again perhaps it's overdoses of Facebook and Instagram etc. Set free of traps, we can bring the beauty and kindness of faith somewhere else, somewhere new, which may be just round the corner.

Faith transforms every possible human situation. Mission Sunday prompts us therefore to step back and marvel at the breadth and depth of our Christian faith. Let's relish the good at work in our communities (think of the St Vincent de Paul Society, this weekend celebrating 150 years of humble practical service in Aotearoa), let's take courage from the lives of our saints, sung and unsung, and let's grow in appreciation of our faith for which others have even died.

In many countries simply being a Catholic, or applying one's Christian faith to daily life, is dangerous. Our collection next week helps the Church in such places by supporting education and healthcare, pastoral programmes and family development projects, the protection of democracy etc which are all fruits of Jesus' Good News of mercy, compassion, justice, peace, reverence and eternal life. *+ Charles*

## MASS TIMETABLE : 16 October – 22 October

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.**

### ***This week's Readings -***

**Isaiah 5:1-7,  
Philippians 4:12-14, 27;  
Matthew 22:1-14**

### ***Next week's Readings -***

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6,  
Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21**

### **MANY THANKS**

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who supported the renovation of the Presbytery. We have just finished the work. Special thanks to the finance committee especially Dave Frederick who was a key person for this project, to make it happen.

### **HOLY ROSARY**

As we are in the month of the Rosary, all parishioners are encouraged to recite the Holy Rosary, especially every Saturday at 8.30am.

### ***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION***

***10am every Tuesday  
Followed by Mass***

### **ANointing MASS @ St Mary's**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 12 noon**

**All are welcome to attend**

### **ST MARY'S PARISH AGM**

**26<sup>th</sup> November, after Mass.**

### **WORKING BEE**

Mark your calendar, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12 noon. We plan to have a working bee at the church and hall, to get all spruced up for Christmas!

### **PARENTS' ROOM**

Can we just remind you that the parents' room in the church is for use by the mother or father and the infant who may be unsettled.

### **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER –**

**22nd October**

**Mass Co-ordinator:** T. Kigufi

**Sacristan:** A. Dongon

**Greeters:** Kim, Jan & Andrie Dongon

**Altar Servers:** J. Pabellon, M.

Codeniera, V. Cabasag

**Readers:** Aksha John, N. Legg, A. John

**Offertory:** Kapatirans

**Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Cabasag, A. Pabellon, C. Herrera, M. Codeniera, A. Eugenio, A. Carambas, I. Bailey, J. Bailey

**Counters:** Robin and Russell

**Collectors:** A. Pabellon, P. Walsh, P. Sojan (L)

**Hospitality:** Kapatirans

**Prayers of Faithful:** J. Nixon

**Altar Linen (Oct):** S. Sebastian

**Floral Arrangers:** E. Legg

**Cleaners week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**October:** H. Brown, E. & N. Legg, K. McNamara.



**The next youth gathering at St Mary's parish hall @ 6pm to 7.30pm. 21<sup>st</sup> October . For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Please collect from the foyer if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your generous gifting to our Parish.

### **MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY**

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

### **WANTED - GUITARISTS, FLAUTISTS, VIOLINISTS**

Please contact Mary 027 306 3942 or leave your name at the office.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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.

### **JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP**

Next meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Mr Joe Carroll will be our speaker. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)

### **RED CROSS REFUGEE SUPPORT**

Looking for people to help refugee families arriving on 8<sup>th</sup> December to build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home. Volunteer training courses start 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Please contact Red Cross phone 356 8152.

### **CARITAS MEDIA RELEASE**

New Government must Respond to Tides of Change. On St Francis Day, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand published its fourth annual State of the Environment for Oceania report, *Turning the Tide*. Launched at Te Ngākau Tapu Church in Porirua, this year's report focuses on our changing relationship with the ocean.

The report can be viewed at <http://www.caritas.org.nz/state-environment>

### **History of NZ Catholic Charismatic Renewal:**

"The New Day that Dawned" – a history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand has been compiled to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jubilee and is now available for purchase. \$20 per copy plus \$6.50 p&p. Contact "[ccrnz.org](http://ccrnz.org)" or Margaret Paton email [margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz) or phone (09) 298 4409

### **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](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz) or phone 021 822 814.

### **AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

Auckland 2 – 4 December

We are taking a group to this event. \$175 includes transport, accommodation, most meals and festival and concert ticket. For more info about this trip contact Lucy 021 509 439, [lingie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingie@pndiocese.org.nz) If you would like to make your own arrangements, you can book your own ticket through [www.catholicyouthfestival.nz](http://www.catholicyouthfestival.nz)

### **HEARTS AFLAME 2018 SUMMER SCHOOL**

For young adults 18-35 years old. The school runs for 10 days. December 29, 2017 @ 4:00 pm - January 7, 2018 @ 12:00 pm. Early bird registrations close 29<sup>th</sup> October. [www.heartsaflame.org.nz](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz)

### **PN INTERFAITH GROUP**

Week of Prayer for World Peace to pray for peace and healing for all victims of violence. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm**, All Saints Anglican Church;

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**, 12pm, All Saints Anglican Church;

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**, 1pm following 12 noon Eucharist in the Day Chapel, The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish;

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**, 12 noon: All Saints Anglican Church. ALL WELCOME.

### **INTERNET SAFETY SEMINARS**

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October: For parents, those working with children and young people, senior citizens, health professionals and schools. Details on the notice board.

### **PROLIFE FACTS**

Voice for Life (09) 443 0995 or [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz) See noticeboard.

### **PALMERSTON NORTH WOMENS AGLOW**

Next meeting Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> October. The speaker is Ailene Davies. You are warmly invited at 9.30am at PNth Bridge Club Rooms, corner Cook and Cuba Sts.

### **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***

### **HOLY CROSS SEMINARY**

[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)