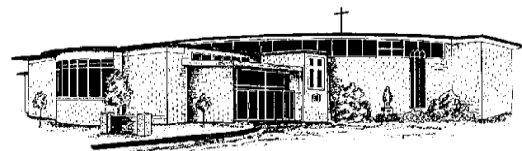


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th September 2017

"I tell you that you forgive not seven times
but seventy times seven."

It is easy to proclaim the virtue of forgiveness. But the reality is different. C.S. Lewis put it so well; "Forgiveness is a beautiful word until you have something to forgive". It is hard to forgive someone who has damaged my good name, ruined my career, willfully and maliciously wrecked my life. Why is forgiveness so hard? First, forgiveness is difficult because it is not natural. The natural human impulse is to get even, to exact revenge. To forgive is to accept one as before, to acknowledge him without any record of his mistakes. Forgiveness is to be total: it sets no conditions, even if we have been merciful many times before. Our enemies are not those who hate us but those whom we hate. Therefore, forgiveness is not easy. The heart of forgiveness is "mercy". To be merciful is to be divine. We need to meditate daily with gratitude how God forgives us every time we sin against Him and this will gradually make us merciful and we will be ready to forgive others. May our merciful God, heal the many wounds in our hearts so that we may learn to forgive those who have hurt us most in life. *Fr Robin Kurian 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:

Gregory Wright, Fr Des Moosman, 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.

HOLY HOUR

**Today 2pm at St Mary's
All welcome.**

MISSION SUNDAY 2017

On 24th September we start our preparation to celebrate Mission Sunday. Choirs, Scripture readings, prayers of the faithful and hospitality will be organised by different ethnic groups on each Sunday. Please note your turn –

24th September – Maori

1st October – Kiwi

8th October – Indian

15th October – Tongan

22nd October – Filipino

On Mission Sunday, after the Mass we will have a shared lunch, the parish will provide a BBQ and parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share with others on this day.

MASS TIMETABLE : 18 - 24 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

A huge thanks to Matthew Radford and others involved in the organization of the Quiz evening on Friday night. All who attended had a great time!

Our apologies for the disruption –

to the phone system while maintenance/decorating works were being carried out at the Presbytery. Hopefully all will be back to normal this coming week! Please 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.

INQUIRY EVENING RCIA

7.30 – 9pm

3rd October in OLOL Foyer

See the noticeboard

For more information.

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 –

24th September

Mass Co-ordinator: M.Dongon

Sacristan: A.Dongon

Greeters: L.Pactores, A.Villocido

Altar Servers: J.Wayodi, M.Sung, U.Villanueva

Readers: R.Bennett, K.Laylo, P.Sojan

Offertory: Kapatirans

Eucharistic Ministers: A.Eugenio, M.Codeniera, A.Pabellon, E.Cabasag, C.Herrera, J.Austing, H.Wilson-Munday, C.Sae

Junior Liturgy: V.Vercoe

Counters: D.Moir, B.Semmens

Collectors: P.Sojan, P.Walsh, C.Wilson

Hospitality: Kapatirans

Prayers of Faithful: P.Hayes

Altar Linen (Sept): S.Learmonth

Floral Arrangers: M.Hurley

Cleaners week beginning 24th

September: K.McNamara, H.Brown, E.& N.Legg



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.**

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC 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.

AGM – PN INTERFAITH GROUP

Monday, 18th September at the Diocesan Centre, 7 – 9pm

"From Fear to Friendship : Healing our world in these days of anxiety, distress and confusion"

Light refreshments served. Contact Mary Eastham for info maestham23@gmail.com
All welcome.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE

"Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand"

Update day Registrations. Day registrations are now available to attend the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Jubilee Conference 'Current of Grace' on Saturday 23rd September at the Distinction Hotel, Cuba St, PN. Cost Adult \$50 Youth under 25) \$25. For more info and to register go to ccrnz.org or email val.morrison@xtra.co.nz phone/text 027 245 3130.

HEALING AND MIRACLES RALLY With Fr John Rea SM

Come and experience the healing love of God and hear about the miracles God has done through Fr John Rea SM. Saturday, 23rd September, 7pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, hosted by the 'Current of Grace' Conference. The Rally will include prayer for healing and miracles. All welcome.

BILLETS NEEDED

Billets are needed for attendees of the Current of Grace Conference weekend of 23rd to 24th September. Please contact John Hammond jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com or 027 688 7750 if you are able to assist.

ST BRIGID'S RAFFLE

Please support St Brigid's Parish, Feilding and buy a raffle ticket today from Denny or Helen.

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>

SISTER OF MERCY

A time to explore a possible calling from God to become a Sister of Mercy. Single women are invited to attend an event at Te Wahanga Atawahi Mercy Conference Centre, Guildford Tce, Thorndon, Wellington on Saturday 30th September from 1.30pm – 5pm. For enquiries, please contact Sister Stephanie on 04 819 8312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz Come along and bring a friend!

RETREAT

A guided Retreat in Daily Life will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, on 4th, 11th and 18th October, with chat time after. The Retreat nights will be based on the teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola. Enquiries to Rob 021 152 7915.

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.*

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.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Parish for all the prayers for Vincent. We are most appreciative and would be grateful for continual prayers for Vinni's faith and complete healing for the coming year. God bless.

Catherine and Joe Carroll