

# St Mary's Parish

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



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*18<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Jesus emerges from the desert after a time of prayer and preparation. His message has four parts: "the time is fulfilled" - the time of the prophets has come to an end and the Messiah promises are being fulfilled; "and the kingdom of God has come near" - the reign of God bringing justice and peace to the world is breaking in; "repent" - all who wish to welcome this reality and participate in it must turn away from sin; "and believe in the good news" - the way to do this is to believe in the message Jesus brings and incarnates. The message is the same for us today as we begin the season of Lent: we need not wait for another prophet or leader; the reality of God's reign in the Holy Spirit is already in our midst; we need to turn away from self-destructive attitudes and behaviours that form an obstacle between us and God; we need to believe what the Scriptures tell us about the hope we have in Christ. In this way the urgency which gave dynamism to the preaching of the first disciples becomes ours as well. We do not give in to fatalism and pessimism but are renewed in our baptismal/confirmation mission to take Christ to a world so badly in need of good news: "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God...". (2 Cor. 6: 2-8)

### MASS TIMETABLE : 19 - 25 February

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
	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.



### PLANNED GIVING

Mary and Rod Bennett are speaking today to encourage all adults in the parish to commit to planned giving. Helping with the costs is part of our way of belonging to St Mary's. Planned giving forms and pens are in all the seats. Please give generously.

### 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 Stations of the Cross

7pm on the Fridays in Lent until 23<sup>rd</sup> March – everyone welcome to join in.  
Fr Sherry will offer the Latin Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> February. No post-Mass lunch is planned.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS At St Mary's

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

### THANK YOU

To Fr Robin, Parishioners of St Mary's Church and beyond. Both Pam and I have been deeply touched by all your messages of sympathy and support at the time of Adrienne's unexpected death. Thank you for having Masses offered, prayers, beautiful cards and flowers that came. We are also grateful for support at the Memorial Mass last Saturday, it was wonderful to see how many remembered Adrienne. Special thanks to the Hospitality Group for looking after the light refreshments, it was superb and much appreciated. We miss Adrienne very much as she was such a vital member of our little community but we are glad she is at peace and free from pain. May God bless you all.

*(Sisters Joan and Pam)*

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 25th February

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

**Sacristan:** H.Autagavaia

**Greeters:** L.Pactores, A.Villocido

**Altar Servers:** J.Pabellon, M.Codeniera, V.Cabasag

**Readers:** R.Villocido, I.Langreo R.Bennett

**Offertory:** Kapatirans

**Eucharistic Ministers:** E.Cabasag, A.Pabellon, C.Herrera, M.Codeniera, A.Eugenio, A.Carambas, J.Austing, K.McNamara

**Junior Liturgy:** P. & S.Tavake

**Counters:** R. & R.Brooks

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

**Hospitality:** Kapatirans

**Prayers:** A.Kriechbaum

**Altar Linen (Feb):** A.Kriechbaum

**Floral Arrangers:** P.Hayes

**Cleaners week beginning 25th February:** Kapatiran group.

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

*"Because of the increase of iniquity,  
the love of many will grow cold"*  
(Mt 24: 12)

Dear Friends

'24 Hours for the Lord' is an initiative introduced by Pope Francis in 2014. It was received with great enthusiasm here in New Zealand. This year Pope Francis in his Lenten letter invites us to join the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. So this year St Mary's Parish would like to offer an opportunity for 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration and a time for sacramental confession. It begins with the mass at 9 am on Friday 2 March and ends with Mass at 9 am on Saturday 3 March. We invite all of you to the "24 hours for the Lord". Thank you very much for your participation last year. Let us join adoration during this time of Lent.

**HOLY HOUR – 2pm  
At St Mary's  
Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**

### KAPATIRAN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

The KPF Lenten Retreat will take place at the Parish hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. The Bishops encourage us all to send in submissions opposing the Bill. Resources are also available online at [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://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 began on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday). For more pro-life information, visit [www.fli.org.nz](http://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.

### ST VINNIES

Looking for volunteers 3 hours morning or afternoon one day a week. Furniture needed, double/queen size beds, tables and chairs, also white sheets as the Massey students will be wanting them for their toga party!

*This Sunday's Readings –  
Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15*

*Next Sunday's Readings –  
Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18  
Romans 8:31-35,37  
Mark 9:2-10*

### PARISH FOCUS MEETING

All are invited to attend this meeting and have your say on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm in the foyer.

### Jess Lightbody and the Rite of Election

Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Jess and other catechumens of the diocese are presented to Bishop Charles at the 9.30am Mass at the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to go in support of Jess. At the ceremony Ethne Maher, her sponsor, will affirm that Jess is ready to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Jess and the other catechumens will make a public declaration of their intention to receive the sacraments at Easter. The catechumens now become the Elect or chosen ones. This is the first step of full belonging in the Church community. Please remember Jess in your prayers.

**Check out Bishop Charles' facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)** to see his letter to all Yr 13 students about Euthanasia and Assisted suicide. Also see the latest WelCom for Bishop Charles' push for our provincial towns and city centres, and the Dio website <https://pndioocese.org.nz> for a homily he gave in Melbourne last weekend.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral. All welcome.

### JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP

Meet Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm in the church foyer. Mass celebrated with Fr Robin followed with prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For info contact John 027 6887750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)

**SHINING STARS PRE-SCHOOL  
MUSIC GROUP Thursdays 9.30am in  
St James School Hall**