

St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19th November 2017

Talents - God's Gift

Today, in the parable of the Talents, Jesus invites us to reflect about ourselves and to see what gifts God has given to each one of us. The Gospel says that each one of us has received one or more talents in proportion to our own abilities. Yes, each of us has been given a personal life, each of us has been given gifts, talents and capacities. But the question is that how many of us are aware of our own talents or our own uniqueness! Do we use them or hide them in our day to day life? The reading encourages us to be bold and generously to use them to build up our community.

Our various talents are an expression of God's love for us, indeed, our life itself is the greatest gift of God. As expression of God's love, our talents are not intended to be hidden or to remain unused. Rather, they are meant to be developed by us as a sign that we appreciate God's love and blessing. God does not give us talents just for ourselves. Our strengths and talents are best used for the good of other people and for the good of the Church. This is how we honour and glorify our God. So today we are invited to acknowledge many resources, gifts and abilities that God has given to us and encourages to use them for the service of others with a great heart.

(Fr Manoj Mathew)

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:

Janet Quinn, Fr Patrick Cumiskey, Barry Nolan, Claire Tippett, Annette Bristow, 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).

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Shaun Hurley 1, Paul Whitehouse 1, Julia McGowan 15, Jeanine McIntyre 18, Kathleen Eder 19, Peggy Gildea 20, Bernie Harridge 21, Verna Hyde 24.



Christmas Masses At St Mary's

*Please see the noticeboard for the times
of all Masses over Christmas.*

*St Mary's Christmas Day Mass at 9am
not 10.30am.*

SENIORS ANOINTING MASS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We look forward to welcoming our seniors at the anointing Mass on Tuesday **21st November at 12 noon.**

THE ANNUAL SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Sunday, 3rd December 2017

On behalf of the Bishop, the Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons. Brian Walsh, Vicar General

MASS TIMETABLE : 20 - 26 November

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.

THANK YOU
To the children involved in
the ministries at Mass
today.

This week's Readings –

Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30

Next week's Readings –

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

TODAY IS THE FIRST
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
as designated by Pope Francis

To hear the Pope's message go to –

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/>

messages/poveri/documents/papa-

francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-

giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html

CLERGY ON THE MOVE

Please see the noticeboard to read of the priests who are moving around the Diocese next year.

ST MARY'S PARISH AGM

All are welcome to attend our AGM on 26th November, after the Mass.

Nomination forms for Parish Council Members are available today in the foyer. Please drop them into the office.

RCIA

At St Mary's on Wednesday,
22nd November, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

10am every Tuesday

Followed by Mass

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER –

26th November

Mass Co-ordinator: S.Xavier

Sacristan: A.Dongon

Greeters: L.Pactores, A.Villocido

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

Readers: P.Sojan, I.Langreo, R.Bennett

Offertory: Kapatirans

Eucharistic Ministers: A.Carambas,

M.Codeniera, A.Eugenio, P.Walsh,

A.Pabellon, S.Autagavaia, C.Herrera,

E.Cabasag

Junior Liturgy: T.Makiwa

Counters: D.Moir, B.Semmens

Collectors: J. & N.Trocia, K. & I.Tavake

Hospitality: Kapatirans

Prayers of Faithful: K.McNamara

Altar Linen (Nov): D. Fredericks

Floral Arrangers: M.Hurley

Cleaners week beginning 26th

November: Kapatirans



The next youth gathering is planned for 25th November. Youth retreat and Christmas celebration is on 16th December at 6.30pm. All the youth are invited to participate. 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.

CAROLS AT SCHOOL

St Mary's School will hold a Carols evening on 8th December from 5.30pm to 8pm. Bring along a picnic hamper and enjoy an evening with us ending with a few favourite carols.

PARISH FEAST DAY

10th December

Please bring a plate for a
shared lunch
and barbeque in the School
grounds, after Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generous weekly donations to the food bank and your support of the "Vinnies" shop on Rangitikei Street over the past year. Christmas Raffle tickets for sale – come into the store to buy your tickets. Can everyone have a clean out and donate children's toys and books, bric a brac, jewellery – anything to help families trying to make this Christmas time of year a bit cheaper. **Next meeting on Tuesday, 28th November, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge.**

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 9th December, 2pm

Civic Centre to Parliament Grounds
in Wellington

marchforlifenz.org.nz

See noticeboard.

Final chance to speak directly to
Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Complete the [Synod 2018 survey](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html) before **30 November 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

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 29th October.

www.heartsaflame.org.nz

CHRISTMAS CARDS \$2.50 pack of 5
and COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$12.00
for sale from the office.

Mokos Youth Group

Our whanau youth group is *open to everyone* (Year 10-13) and we would love to welcome new members. We meet at 7pm-9pm in the Diocesan centre (behind the Cathedral). We gather, eat, try out some games, learn a bit, and pray. Join us! Next session **Thursday, 23rd November** and on Thursday, 7th December (Island end of year fiesta). Contact Lucy lingie@pndiocese.org.nz 021 509 439 for more information.

Te Ahi Kaa – The Hearth-Place

Applications are open for our young adult community house situated at 25 Amesbury Street. Te Ahi Kaa has room for 4 young adults (19 years plus) to spend a year in guided community living, focused on prayer, hospitality, formation and service.

For More Information contact Georgia 0226704422; Nick 021 822 814 or Kathleen 021 509 436.

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC
BENEFIT SOCIETY –

ST PATRICK'S BRANCH 400

Third Quarterly Meeting, 4pm Monday 20th November in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, phone (06) 357 7844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Tuesday, 21st November 7pm

A shared supper will follow at the end of Mass – if you can please bring along a plate of finger food, it would be greatly appreciated.

MARIST CLUB – AGM

21st November, 5.30pm at the Club

All welcome.

HANDEL'S The Messiah

Saturday, 2nd December, 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, see the noticeboard for more details.

CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL
with the Unity Singers

Tuesday, 5th December, 7pm

Admission: **Non perishable food or a donation for St Vincent de Paul foodbank.**

MARCELLIN COLLEGE 60th Jubilee

23 – 25 March 2018

Registrations open at

www.marcellin.school.nz

JOB VACANCIES

Please see the noticeboard for vacancies at the Diocesan Young Catholics Office in PN and in the regions.

FOOD FOR FAITH ADVENT 2017
ONLINE RETREAT

Fr John O'Connor has for many years gifted the New Zealand Church with his website Food for Faith. He is offering a wonderful gift to us all this Advent, like an Advent Calendar it will have an offering every day, leading and preparing us for Christmas. You can have it arrive every day by email by signing up at his site, or you could visit his site each day: <http://foodforfaith.org.nz/>

HUIA COME HOME

Seminar explores the story of Christianity coming to Aotearoa. See noticeboard for details.

CRIB GAME

We have a parishioner who would like to learn how to play Crib, can you help? Please phone Matthew Walton 355 4496.