

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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**THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN
ALLELUIA ALLELUIA**

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. May the risen Lord fill your heart with His peace and joy and may you be blessed with His compassion and never ending bliss. The Lord is truly risen as he said, that is the message of Easter, our faith and everyday living depend on our response to this truth. God did not abandon him, for He is faithful and through this salvific act God opens the door of salvation to each one of us. It is a promise that if we go the way of Jesus, God will rise each one of us to a glory like that of Jesus. The message of Easter is not a thing of the past. It should sink deep into our hearts. Our mission is not simply to listen to what happened long ago but to witness it as ever present in our daily life, witness that God can work wonders even today in those who put their trust in Him. Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. Once again Happy Easter, stay blessed.

Fr Manoj Mathew IC

Mass Timetable : 2 – 8 April 2018

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 @ Ashhurst	5.00pm
Sunday	Mass	10.30am
	Mass @ Ashhurst	12.00pm
	Holy Hour	3.00pm

Reconciliation is available after each Saturday morning Mass and on request.



PLEASE PRAY FOR –

Lisa Taka (sister of Jess), 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

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES –

Barbara Nesdale 6, Florence Munro 9, Ryan Learmonth 12, Muriel Greer 12, Leila Kitchen 18, Simon Liao 27, Margaret Brown 27.



Happy Easter!

Ngā mihi harikoa o te Aranga!

I started Holy Week at St Joseph's in Shannon for Palm Sunday Mass where I was delighted to learn that this small community has a flourishing children's liturgy programme. Fantastic. Tuesday saw the celebration of the magnificent Chrism Mass with a packed Cathedral in full song as we invoked God's blessing on the sacred oils that lead us to the sacred duty of pastoral care throughout the year. This morning I was at St Peter's College for an optional Reconciliation liturgy at which over 200 students participated. It's a great joy for me as Shepherd to be greeted so warmly and personally by so many of our school pupils. On Good Friday I will join the Hui Aranga at the Maungārongo marae in Ohakune and then of course for the Easter Vigil, the mother of all liturgies, I will be back at the Cathedral before heading to another of our strong small rural communities at Sacred Heart Church in Rongotea on Easter Sunday morning. Holy Week is like no other. And rightly so! I pray that all of us will be renewed in our experience of God at work among us, 'humbling earthly pride' (*Exsultet*, Easter Vigil), and 'inflaming us with hope!' (*Blessing of the Fire*). If you would like to read my Chrism Mass homily, it's on the diocesan website <https://pndioocese.org.nz/> and some photos from that beautiful Mass are on www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan. Blessings to you and your whānau members especially any who are sick or suffering.

+ Charles

HOLY ROSARY

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

JUNIOR LITURGY

We really need more people to become involved with the Junior liturgy each Sunday – please call Susan in the office if you would like to help with this ministry.

ST COLUMBA'S LATIN MASS COMMUNITY

There will be a post-Mass potluck lunch on Easter Sunday and on 8th April.

WEL-COM

Pick up the latest copy of Wel-Com today in the foyer.

Easter Sunday Collection - this collection is a "thank you" for our priests. It is divided equally among them and used for holiday costs, books and periodicals, and the priests' own charitable donations. We are blessed with the service of our priests whose workload is far from light. This is one way to show your appreciation. Thanks everyone. Kia ora tatou.

(Bishop Charles)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Have you been thinking that you would like your child/grandchild to be baptised a Catholic? St Mary's Parish is organising a baptismal preparation for our primary school children. If you are interested, please register your name at the parish office, phone 358 5614.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are in Year 10 or above, the first session is on Sunday 8th April. Please contact Michelle 021 246 0840 mteahan@pndioocese.org.nz to register.

Jesus 4 Real Senior Camp – for young people in Year 11-13 this camp is on 18-22 April in Paraparaumu. Register online at <http://jesus4real.org.nz/>

CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Caritas Lenten Appeal. Last week \$290.50 was donated by St Mary's parishioners to this Appeal.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. The tax receipts will be available later in April.

There are spare envelopes available in the foyer for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Special Collections.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

SHINING STARS

Pre-school music group
Thursday, 5th April, 9.30am
St James School Hall
Contact Steph for details
s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 8th April

Mass Co-ordinator: S.Xavier
Sacristan: S.Thomas
Greeters: Autagavaia family
Altar Servers: N.Binto, D. & D.Shinoy
Readers: A.Anthony, N.Legg, K.Dench
Offertory: S. & P.Tavake
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Junior Liturgy: L. & T.Makiwa
Counters: E.Drury, P.Widdup
Collectors: J. & N.Trocia, K. & I.Tavake
Hospitality: E. & M.Gormly
Altar Linen (April): D.Fredericks
Floral Arrangers: E.Legg
Cleaners week beginning 8th April: Kapatiran group

This Sunday's Readings -

Acts 10:34, 36-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Next Sunday's Readings -

Acts 4:32-35

John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

There is a vacancy at the Diocesan Centre for receptionist/administrator for a fixed term position to cover parental leave. This could be a full or part-time to suit preferred candidate(s). Interested? Please contact Mary Sutton - msutton@pndioocese.org.nz

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference in PN wishes to thank parishioners for their ongoing generosity with donations of food, furniture, clothing, crockery, utensils and the wide variety of household items. Currently the food store is short of breakfast cereals, canned items (tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, beetroot, peas, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna and salmon), vegemite and peanut butter. Donations of these items can be dropped at Sunday Masses and as always will be much appreciated by the recipients. The Vinnies shop is short of double and queen size beds, tables and chairs and lounge suites. If you can donate these, arrangements can be made to collect by contacting shop manager, Toni Bidios, ph 357 6779 during shop hours. **Please note NO SVDP meeting on 27th March.**

TCI COURSES COMING UP

Catholic Social Teaching – 16-18 April – enrol immediately for this course, and Understanding the Old Testament – 9-11 July both at the PN Diocesan Centre, for more info see the noticeboard.

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.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Sundays 9am
Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM

FOUND A KEY

Has someone lost a key on a keyring? It is pinned up on the noticeboard. Also there are many items in the lost property basket by the bookstand, have a look, you might find something you didn't know you had lost!

