

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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21st January 2018

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

MASS TIMETABLE : 22 – 28 January

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.



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 -

Fr Graeme Blackburn (Christchurch), Sr Adrienne Whitehead.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES –

Joy Mitchell 7, Anne Millington 16, Teresa Brownlie 17, John Ensing 18, Darren Anglesey 27, Frances Doyle 28.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all Parishioners

Hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday break.

Please note new Parish Office
Hours : Tuesday – Friday
9am – 2pm.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

The School Opening Mass will be at 12 noon on 29th January 2018. All are invited to attend. Please note that there will be no 9am Mass on that day.

HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is No Adoration in January – to restart on 6th February, 10am.

ASHHURST LATIN MASS PARISHIONERS

The Mass on 21st January will be offered by Fr Brockhill at 12 midday.

The Mass on 28th January will be offered by Fr Sherry at 11am. The Rosary is recited half an hour prior to the Mass time.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 28th January

Mass Co-ordinator: M.Dongon

Sacristan: A. Dongon

Greeters: K., J. & A.Dongon

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

Readers: P.Sojan, R.Andrews

Offertory: Kapatirans

Eucharistic Ministers:

A.Carambas, M.Codeniera,

A.Eugenio, P.Walsh, A.Pabellon,

S.Autagavaia, C.Herrera, E.Cabasag

Counters: D.Moir, B.Semmens

Collectors: P.Sojan, P.Gildea,
J.Marsh

Hospitality: Kapatirans

Prayers: L.Sunga

Altar Linen (Jan): E.Legg

Floral Arrangers: A.Marsh

**Cleaners week beginning 28th
January:** Kapatirans

Sister ADRIENNE WHITEHEAD

It is with sadness we inform you of Sister Adrienne who passed away on 30th December. There is to be a Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Sister Adrienne on 10th February, at 11am.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE UPDATE

David Seymour's 'End of Life Choice' bill is imminently due its first vote in Parliament. This will likely happen on the first private members day in 2018 – either 31 January or 14 February. The bill seeks to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand for those over 18 years with a terminal illness or an irremediable condition. The Health Select Committee released their report on "Ending One's Life in New Zealand" in August 2017. With over 21,000 unique submissions, 80% of those were opposed to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Legalising euthanasia or assisted suicide would endanger the lives and wellbeing of people who are vulnerable, including those suffering from mental health issues, our elders, and the disabled. There will be more information on this issue provided in January. You can also check out www.nathaniel.org.nz

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL

Next weekend the NZ Bishops will be issuing a letter re the Seymour Bill. Information will be available to assist you to write a submission. For a quick link go to – notoassistedsuicide.nz
Submissions are now open and must be received before 20th February.

**Your Voice
Make it Heard
Make it Count**

PARISH RECORDS

Have you moved to a new address recently? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Please notify the Parish office with any changes.

PLANNED GIVING

Do you wish to contribute to Planned Giving and support St Mary's Parish? Inland Revenue will reimburse one third of your donations. Please call into the office to set up.

ROSTERS

New rosters will be made up next week, would you consider taking on a role in the Parish? We need extra people to do the hospitality after Mass, wash the altar linen and church cleaning (weekly), also people to compose the Prayers of the Faithful. Please call Susan in the office if you are interested.

This Sunday's Readings –

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Next Sunday's Readings –

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:17, 32-35

Mark 1:28-28

BISHOP CHARLES

Have you seen Bishop Charles' Facebook page?

[facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

At www.pndiocese.org.nz

www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz for updates, news and photos of what is happening around the Diocese.

THE ROSMINIAN COMMUNITY Of Palmerston North

Invites you to a book launch to celebrate the publication of

**The Rosminian Mission
Sowers of the Second Spring**

by Fr Michael Hill IC

(foreword by Bishop Charles)

Saturday, 3rd February, 7pm

at St Mary's Church

followed by wine and cheese

with the author.

**You are also invited to a talk on
Rosminian Spirituality by Fr
Michael on Saturday morning at
11am at St Mary's.**

NZ RED CROSS

Looking for people to provide practical and social support for families from a refugee background as they building new lives in our community. **To enrol for the Volunteer training course starting Tuesday, 30th January, please contact NZ Red Cross ph. 356 8152.**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

29 April – 19 May 2018.

For more info please contact Pukekohe Travel phone: (09) 237 0013 or 0800 785 386, email: tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz

ON SALE

**We still have a few COLUMBAN
CALENDARS \$12.00
purchase from the Parish office.**

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY



www.holycross.org.nz

**CATHOLIC RADIO
Sundays 9am on**

Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM