

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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25th February 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent

It is not included in this Sunday's First Reading however the full citation states: "So Abraham called that place: 'The Lord will provide as it is said to this day: 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided'. " (Gen 22: 14) In life we can feel oppressed and lost for ideas at some of the difficulties that confront us. The danger is that we give up and become fatalistic. We stop praying for what we want and in doing so close our hearts to the conversation with God who in his wisdom often provides answers which were beyond our ability to imagine. The fact of the matter is, as in the First Reading so with the apostles in the Gospel, we need to climb the mountain because that is where God will provide! We will not find him at the bottom of the hill. He asks for some effort from us. What helps us to climb the mountain of suffering or difficulty is our faith. We need to trust in God and not our good works or understanding. True faith asks us to trust God even when we have no tangible reason to do so. Having climbed the mountain and experienced his mercy and love, which only he can provide, we need to return to the flat earth of everyday life fortified by the conviction of God's presence and glory. Lent is a period when we are asked to climb the mountain of overcoming our disordered appetites and selfishness so as to encounter the glory of the resurrection anew.

MASS TIMETABLE : 26 February – 4 March

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.



HOLY HOUR TODAY – 2pm At St Mary's

**PARISH FOCUS MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY 4th March**
please come along to this Parish Focus meeting and have your say, 2pm in the foyer.

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 23rd March – everyone welcome to join in.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS At St Mary's

In English at 5pm and Malayalam at 6pm on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

CENSUS FORMS

Have you filled in a census form with your details? Please complete and drop into the office, thanks.

POWHIRI

A warm welcome is extended to all to join St Peter's College at 12 noon on Monday 5th March for a powhiri to welcome the new Principal – Kevin Shore. Please advise the School if you will be attending ph. 354 4198 ext 721.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 4th March

Mass Co-ordinator: T.Kigufi
Sacristan: O.Robertson
Greeters: E. & D. Legg
Altar Servers: D. & D. Shinoy, T.Lorigan
Readers: M.Sutton, J.Austing, P.Sojan
Offertory: S.John & family
Eucharistic Ministers: S.Autagavaia, M.Munday, A.Kriechbaum, T.Kifugi, H.Autagavaia, S.Munday, S.Tavake, C.Wilson
Junior Liturgy: V.Vercoe
Counters: E.Drury, S.Learmonth
Collectors: P.Sojan, P.Walsh, C.Wilson
Hospitality: Tongan group
Prayers: A.Kriechbaum
Altar Linen (March): S.Sebastian
Floral Arrangers: M. & P.Drury
Cleaners week beginning 4th March: E. & N.Legg, K.McNamara, and Sunday hospitality people (foyer)

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.

KAPATIRAN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

The KPF Lenten Retreat will take place at the Parish hall on Saturday 24th 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

The deadline for submissions to be into the Select Committee on the End of Life Choice Bill has been extended to 6th March. So there is still time to make your submission. See information on table in the foyer. Please don't let this opportunity to say no to euthanasia, assisted suicide and the Bill.

CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Two major earthquakes hit Nepal in April and May 2015. More than 8,800 people were killed and over 16,800 injured. In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, Caritas' emergency response delivered aid to more than 300,000 people, including food, shelter, water and sanitation relief items, and has now helped more than 1.2 million Nepalese. Caritas has been working to improve livelihoods. Three years on from the earthquake things are now changing for the better. Local communities are now able to build houses with increased earthquake resistance and have access to safe drinking water. **Please support the Caritas Lenten Appeal, envelopes available in the foyer.**

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

*This Sunday's Readings -
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18
Romans 8:31-35, 37
Mark 9:2-10
Next Sunday's Readings -
Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25
John 2:13-25*

TE AHI KAA

Nau mai haere mai hoki mai ra! Welcome! Are you new or know someone who will be new to our faith community here in the Manawatu We would like to meet you and welcome you personally! The Youth and Young Adult Office is situated at 33 Amesbury Street behind the Cathedral on Broadway. Join us on our Facebook pages Diocesan Young Catholics and PN Catholic Young Professionals or Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students. We have a Youth House called Te Ahi Kaa and we run regular events there. Your contact for Manawatu Catholic Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplaincy is Nick Wilson nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822 814.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society is looking for a suitable food storage shed about the size of a single or preferably double garage with power. Ideally located near the inner city, accessible by members to prepare food parcels, no food will be issued direct to clients from the shed. We would even consider a small portion of land to erect a garage or a part of a premises accessible by members without interfering with the owner/business. We are seeking a long term arrangement. If you can assist or discuss please phone either Mike Keenan 021 185 8969 or Roger Clark 021 678 141.

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!

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.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Looking to find a Catholic couple or family who can have a 17 year old to board with them for the year. Sam has moved from Dunedin to begin a building apprenticeship. Please phone Nick 020 477 6778 or Ellen 022 656 8322.

ALLOCATIONS GROUP FUNDING

The Diocese of PN in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. Application form and criteria for funding is available from the parish office.