

# St Mary's Parish



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

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**26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we celebrate Jesus our King. Jesus is the King who died for his people and conquered death for them. During his lifetime, He never ruled any physical territory, he was never anointed a king of any kingdom, no people of his time honoured or accepted him as their king and yet he was the King and the King of all kings who reigned and ruled the world to grant them life eternal. He lived and died for his people and everyone who accepted him as his Saviour received eternal life. Jesus our King did not come to be served but to serve us. In serving us he identified himself with us in everything except sin. He would pay the great of our sins with his life and he will once and for all gain us back for his Father. In order to be citizens of his kingdom, we are invited to love and live his commandments and serve his people in need.

In the gospel today, however, He speaks solely of charity, for this alone He seeks and requires as most necessary for Christians. The strength of one's love appears in one's charity towards the poor, kindness and compassion to one's neighbour. Nothing so moves God's love as love of neighbour. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may recognize those in need.

(Fr Robin Kurian IC)

### 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 Tippet, 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 will be at 9am  
not 10.30am.*

## HOLY HOUR

**This afternoon there will be a Holy  
Hour at 2pm at St Mary's – All are  
welcome.**

## THE ANNUAL SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTION

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 : 27 November – 3 December

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.**

### ***This week's Readings –***

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

### ***Next week's Readings –***

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:31-37

## **ST MARY'S PARISH AGM** **All are welcome to attend our** **AGM TODAY, after the Mass.**

### ***PARISH FEAST DAY***

*10<sup>th</sup> December*

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

### **RITE II RECONCILIATION**

**There will be a combined Rite II Reconciliation for the city wide parishes on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This will be held at the Cathedral.**

### **HOLY ROSARY**

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

### ***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION***

*10am every Tuesday*  
*Followed by Mass*

### **PARISH OFFICE**

The office will be closed for 3 weeks after Christmas. Reopen on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please note the change of parish office times. Working days: Tuesday to Friday, 9am – 2pm. The office will be closed on Mondays in 2018.

### **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Mass Co-ordinator:** J.Lipson

**Sacristan:** T.Lafai

**Greeters:** E. & D. Legg

**Altar Servers:** N.Binto, M.Sung,  
T.Lorigan

**Readers:** T.Makiwa, P.Zimmerman,  
A.Anthony

**Offertory:** I. & J. Bailey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L.Tavake,  
A.Kriechbaum, P.Tavake, M.Wilson-  
Munday, T.Kigufi, H.Wilson-Munday,  
I.Tavake, J.Muwunganirwa

**Junior Liturgy:** L. & T.Makiwa

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

**Collectors:** M.Hoy, P.Zimmerman,  
B.Regan

**Hospitality:** M.Price, V. & D.Joseph

**Prayers of Faithful:** L.Sunga

**Altar Linen (Dec):** S.Learmonth

**Floral Arrangers:** M.Hurley

**Cleaners week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**December:** Sae family



Youth retreat and Christmas celebration is on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All the youth are invited to participate. For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.

### **BISHOP CHARLES**

The Bishop is on holiday at the moment in India and Laos. If you would like to follow his travels and see some great photos then go to his Facebook page and check out - facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan

### **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 **8<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm to 8pm**. Bring along a picnic hamper and enjoy an evening with us ending with a few favourite carols.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge.**

### **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Civic Centre to Parliament Grounds  
in Wellington

Parishes, groups, families and all people of goodwill are invited to this march. Be a beacon of light for Kiwi families, mothers and the unborn! The spirit of the march is one of celebrating the gift of life and protecting the vulnerable at all of life's stages from conception to natural death. The march also seeks to highlight to abortion vulnerable women in our community that we are here to support them and do whatever it takes to help them choose life for their precious babies. [www.marchforlifenz.org.nz](http://www.marchforlifenz.org.nz) or phone Michael 021 825 955.

**Mass for Life – Opening Mass of the National March for Life and Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - this Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Burns at St Anne's, Emmett St, Newtown on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm. For info contact Clare 03 237 8343 or Michael 021 825 955.

### **THANKS**

St Brigid's Feilding Fundraising team thanks the Parish for allowing them to sell their raffle. They enjoyed attending our Mass and spending time with us afterwards. The raffle was a huge success. They welcome any opportunity to reciprocate with supporting any of our parish fundraisers. Many thanks and God bless.

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

### **CENSUS FORMS**

We are handing out Census forms today. Please can you complete this form with all your information and hand back to Susan today or drop into the office next week. Thanks.

### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> December** (Island end of year fiesta). Contact Lucy [lingie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:Nick.021.822.814) or [Kathleen 021 509 436](mailto:Kathleen.021.509.436).

### **CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL** **with the Unity Singers**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**

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

### **MARCELLIN COLLEGE 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

**23 – 25 March 2018**

**Registrations open at**

[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

### **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/>

### **THANKS**

Many thanks to the wonderful people who give their time to deliver "Meals on Wheels" (every 5<sup>th</sup> Friday). Your donation from Red Cross and the payment for serving refreshments at funerals at St Mary's, has enabled us to send \$1,500.00 to our Mission Station at Manivovo in the Solomon Islands. If you would like to be part of this team, please phone Mary Hurley, 358 2878. Thank you friends. God bless.

### **SUPPORT NEEDED**

The "Voice for Life" committee are having a stall in the Square, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, from 9am – 4pm. Christmas Parade is at 2pm. We would appreciate "goodies" to sell and also if anyone is able to give an hour or two to help out. Phone Mary Hurley, 358 2878 for Anne Odogwu, 356 2476. Thank you.

### **CRIB GAME**

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

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> October.

[www.heartsaflame.org.nz](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz)