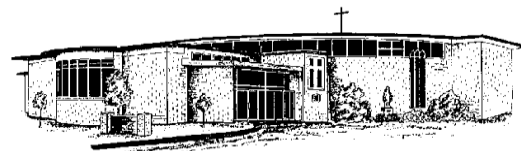


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th August 2017

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

In today's Gospel Our Lord starts quizzing his disciples about the rumour mill regarding him but then hits them with a pop quiz. Who did people think Our Lord was? Simply a prophet, and, for most, not even a new prophet: one back from the dead. Even the disciples did not realise that they'd have to answer for themselves. Peter taught us how we should respond to the question: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter's profession of faith in today's Gospel was bolstered by grace, not just his own sleuthing. The Father revealed something about his Son in Peter's response, and Peter's faith should be our faith.

Today Christ asks us once again: **“And you, who do you say that I am?”** We know we cannot answer this question with human reason alone. Rather, it is a challenge that each one must respond to by learning to live in harmony with God and abandonment to his interior workings of hope and love. It is an act of freedom, a decision of faith. Only when the grace of Christ unmasks our egotism are we prepared to give the answer He most desires to hear: **“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”** And so we are born into new light.

Fr. Manoj Mathew IC

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Annette Bristow, Barry Nolan, Carmel Walton, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Trish Collis, Sue Fryer, Laura Roberts, Stephen Mullin, Neil Burton, Wiki & Delastro Maniapoto, Marie Hubbard and all in rest homes and hospital care.
Prayer Chain - please phone Sally: 326 9209.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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).

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Elisabeth Zentveld 1, Siets Martens 2, Marie Spelman 3, Hebe Hurley 4, Gilbert Brown 7, Cecelia Sievers 10, Ursula Scales 11, Anne Hutchins 20, Albie McCool 23, Jack McCaffery 26, Patrick Kerr 29.

Our apologies for some disruption –

to the phone system while maintenance/decorating works are being carried out at the Presbytery. Over the next 3-4 weeks you can contact:

Fr. Manoj 022 646 2151 or Fr. Robin 022 646 2153 for emergencies, and alternatively email the Parish Office with any enquiries. Thank you.



We are delighted to announce that St Mary's Parish has launched a youth ministry programme with the leadership of Hilary Autagavaia, Rhea Villocido and Rijo Varghese. This is an exciting development for our parish. Please encourage and support them.

For more info contact Hilary Autagavaia 0226906637

QUIZ SOCIAL EVENING

When: Friday 15th September

Where: St Mary's Parish Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Small donation (koha)

A fun quiz evening for all. Come along by yourself or with a group. Teams will be made up on the night. A light supper will be provided. For catering and set-up purposes could you please email or phone the parish office if you are interested in coming.

Today's Readings –

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23, Romans 11:33-36,
Matthew 16:13-20

Next week's Readings –

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2,
Matthew 16:21-27

MASS TIMETABLE : 28 August – 3 September

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| 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.

PAUSE 2017 ME TŪ

A vocations retreat for those discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister.

Friday 1st evening to Sunday 3rd September afternoon.

Magnificat retreat centre in the Wairarapa. Transport provided.

We already have nine young men and women enrolled for this weekend. That's good news!

Join me, Sr Clare O'Connor and others for a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer karakia, and korero. Find us on facebook events:

www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan To secure a place email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz. All welcome. Also see brochure in your Church.

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Bishop Charles

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 10am every Tuesday Followed by Mass

FACEBOOK

St Mary's Catholic Parish, Palmerston North.

A new facebook group has been created for the St Mary's Youth group
[Facebook.com/groups/809151159259255/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/809151159259255/)

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY www.holycross.org.nz

EVENING WITH OUR BISHOP

Bishop Charles will give a presentation on his work in India followed by dessert/coffee/tea on Thursday 31st August, 7:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St. Please bring a small dessert to share. All parishes are most welcome to come and enjoy this social evening with our Bishop.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 3rd September

Mass Co-ordinator: J.Lipson

Sacristan: T.Lafai

Greeters: Sae family

Altar Servers: J.Wayodi, D. & D.Shinoy

Readers: Children

Offertory: Children

Eucharistic Ministers: M.Radford, A.Marsh, L.Tavake, I.Tavake, J.Austing, C.Sae, M.Wilson-Munday & H.Wilson-Munday

Junior Liturgy: P. & S.Tavake

Counters: E.Drury, P.Widdup

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

Hospitality: M.Price, D.Havell, D. Wrenn

Prayers of Faithful: R.Andrew

Altar Linen (August): E. Legg

Floral Arrangers: A.Marsh

Cleaners week beginning 3rd September: Kapatiran Group



Twelve children will make their First Holy Communion next Sunday, 3rd September at 10.30am Mass. Please keep these children in your prayers. Parishioners are welcome to join the children in the hall after Mass, please bring a plate of food to share. There will also be the usual hospitality in the foyer after Mass.

Maori Education Special Collection Today

This annual collection has growing support. Thank you. An investment in something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori are good for all New Zealanders. All of our Catholic schools serve Māori students well. In our Diocese we are also blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools: Hāto Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. They achieve outstanding results with the students they nurture, teach and form. There is a desire which resonates deep within all New Zealanders to foster educational achievement among all families of our nation. All of us – as a community of believers, as iwi whakapono – can contribute to this vision and make it real. For this reason the annual special collection for education of our young Māori is something that I hope will appeal to everyone. Your donation, no matter the amount, is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. May I also take the opportunity to thank those who support families of other ethnic groups including of course Pākehā struggling to pay school attendance dues.

Thank you. (Bishop Charles)

The P.N. Catholic Diocesan JPD (Justice, Peace and Development) invites you to attend a **Social Justice Week Public Meeting with a General Election focus**. Theme: 'Overcoming a disconnected society and rebuilding our communities'.
Saturday 9 September 10am – 1pm
P.N. Diocesan Centre - Te Rau Aroha 33 Amesbury St P.N. Please bring a plate for shared lunch at 12 noon and a gold coin koha. There will be 4 community speakers and then 4 politicians for the P.Nth electorate will respond (see poster on noticeboard)

NOT POOR ... MADE POOR A 2017 Election Issue : Debt-Induced Poverty

Cards to sign and mail to Parliament are in the foyer if you wish to call the Government's attention and action to this issue.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Requests the assistance of Parishioners with good quality summer clothing and saleable furniture for our Rangitikei Street shop. Clothing can be dropped off at the shop [opposite Countdown]. Shop hours: Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm, and Sat 10am – 1pm. Furniture can be collected— phone 3576779 to arrange a pickup time. Thanks to all those who have donated in the past. Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, longlife milk, spreads and rice.

ARE YOU A TERTIARY STUDENT IN THE MANAWATU?

Make yourself known to Nick Wilson, Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplain, Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822814.

World Youth Day 2019

Do you know any young ones that might be interested in this opportunity? Phone Kathleen in the Youth Office 021 509 436 or email - kfield@pndiocese.org.nz

CALLING ON YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS TO SHARE THEIR VOICE WITH THE VATICAN <https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ>

SURVIVING LOSS & GRIEF COURSE

Commencing 28th August, 7.30pm
Contact Jenny djdevans@inspire.net.nz or phone 357 4112 or 027 357 4115

ST MARY'S PTA QUIZ NIGHT 1st September

Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Coachman Hotel

Teams of 6-8 people

\$15 per person

To enter: contact

stmaryspn.pta@gmail.com

Come and join us for a night of fun and support St Mary's School.

ANNOUNCING GOOD NEWS

A day of retreat is being held at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, P. Nth, from 10.00am – 4pm on Tuesday 12 September. Rev Brian Pierce OP and Sr. Mary Ellen Green OP will conduct the retreat in the Dominican tradition of contemplation and reflection on the Word, in an environment of silence and prayer. Please bring your own lunch, Tea and coffee will be provided. Cost Koha.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE

In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a "Current of Grace" Conference 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North. To register please go to <http://ccrnz.org/register2017>

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am

on Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM.

CHALLENGE YOUR CANDIDATES

On 23rd September, New Zealand residents will once again make important decisions in choosing the people to form our government for the next three years. **Come to the Convention Centre on 6th September, 5-7pm** where candidates from five political parties will be present to talk with voters. No formal speeches, this is your opportunity to question candidates from Green, Labour, Maori, National and NZ First parties about their values and their party's policies. **Take advantage of this opportunity if you are in Palmerston North, Rangitikei or Te Tai Hauauru electorates.**