

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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28th January 2018

*4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

"What is this? A new teaching with authority!" (Mk 1: 27), the crowd exclaims about Jesus. The son of a tradesman, brought up in the provinces, is able to not only teach but also to act with an authority "not as the scribes." (Mk 1: 22) Yet, when we read the Scriptures, so much of Jesus' teaching is grounded in the Torah. He quotes the Book of Deuteronomy and the Psalms to the devil during his temptations in the desert (Mtt 4: 1-11) and when challenged on marriage he states: "But from the beginning of creation..." (Mk 10: 6)

Jesus is not new because he is innovating rather his teaching is new because it realizes and enacts all that is at the core of what we call the Old Testament in a new and powerful way. He does not rely on teachers from Jerusalem nor does he enter the debates between the different schools of rabbis such as those of Hillel and Shammai. Rather, he speaks the truth with conviction and acts, not with the authority of the religious authorities, but conscious of the mission given to him by the Father. In the Gospel of John he replies to his critics: "My father is still working, and I also am working" (Jn 5: 17) and, to those who are amazed at his cure of the paralytic, he says: "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (Mk 2: 10)

I think this tells us that we do not need to pick up on the latest theological or spiritual fad in order to be "new" or current. Rather, we need to speak with sincerity and conviction of the Gospel message which is evergreen and has an authority and power of its own.

MASS TIMETABLE : 29 January – 4 February

Monday	Mass	12:00pm
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 Don Hamilton SM, 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.

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

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

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

ROSMINIAN COMMUNITY

The Rosminian Community of Palmerston North (Frs Robin and Manoj together with Bishop Charles) are having a time of celebrations next weekend. They invite you to –

A talk on Rosminian spirituality, Saturday 3rd February at 11am led by Fr Michael Hill IC of the Dunedin Rosminian community.
A book launch of Fr Michael's new book **'The Rosminian Mission Sowers of the Second Spring'** - about the first wave of Italian Rosminians to evangelise England and Wales in the 1830s and 1840s – **a highly readable story of the adventure of mission** with a foreword by Bishop Charles. Starts at 7pm on Saturday and Fr Michael's talk will be followed by wine and cheese.

And the highlight of the weekend, the receiving of Khuong Nguyen as a Postulant (first formal stage of formation) **in the religious family of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians)**. This joyful occasion will take place during the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's next Sunday 4th February (Presider Bishop Charles, Preacher Fr Michael Hill).

The venue for all the above is St Mary's Church. Many of you will know of Fr Michael Hill IC as the former editor of Tui Motu and many of you will have met Khuong who has been with us for the last six months (brother of Trung a seminarian for the Palmy Diocese). **All are very welcome.**

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 4th February

Mass Co-ordinator: J.Lipson
Sacristan: T.Lafai
Greeters: E. & D. Legg
Altar Servers: E.Sojan, M.Sung, A.Joseph-Shijo
Readers: Sr Pam, B.Huynh, S.Tavake, T.Lorigan
Offertory: Vietnamese community
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Counters: R. & R.Brooks
Collectors: A.Pabellon, P.Walsh, B.Regan
Hospitality: S.John & family
Prayers: J.Nixon
Altar Linen (Feb): A.Kriechbaum
Floral Arrangers: J.Lipson
Cleaners week beginning 4th February: Sae family

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. All are welcome.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC 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. For more information go to -- www.nathaniel.org.nz

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL

Today Matthew Radford will speak about this topic at Mass. Information will be handed out today to assist you to write a submission and next Sunday you could also attend the Diocesan Office at 11am for assistance. 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**

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.

HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration to restart on 6th February, 10am.

ASHHURST LATIN MASS PARISHIONERS

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.

*This Sunday's Readings –
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:17, 32-35
Mark 1:28-28*

*Next Sunday's Readings –
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39*

BISHOP CHARLES

Have you seen Bishop Charles' Facebook page?
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.

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.

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

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.

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY



www.holycross.org.nz

**CATHOLIC RADIO
Sundays 9am on
Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM**

**AGLOW MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, 22 February
See noticeboard for details.**