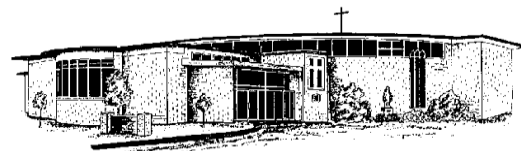


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd September 2017

There is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is *First Holy Communion*, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful. The Eucharist, instituted by Christ at the Last Supper is a Sacrament of the New Covenant, rather, the greatest of the Sacraments. In this Sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearances of bread and wine. Children receive this Sacrament solemnly a first time - in First Holy Communion -and are encouraged to receive it afterwards as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.

The day of First Holy Communion is also *a great day of celebration in the family and parish*. I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the One who out of love became the Redeemer of man.

I pray that this day will be the beginning of a new and deeper friendship with Jesus. May you be filled with the joy that Saint Peter talks about in his letter when he says: "Although you have not seen Him, you love Him and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1.8).
Fr Robin Kurian IC

ST MARY'S FIRST COMMUNION



Back L-R: Jack, Paula, Isabella, Tanisha (absent)
Front L-R: Aidan, Chanda, Leo, Tinomuda, Paige, Charlotte, Ana

CONGRATULATIONS to the children



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).

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Petrus Koenders 4, Peggy Connolly 16, Jim Cuttance 17, George Fahey 24, Frank Fee 28.

MASS TIMETABLE : 4 - 10 September

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	12:00pm

Reconciliation is available after Saturday morning Mass and on request.



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.

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.

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/

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

www.holycross.org.nz

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER –

10th September

Mass Co-ordinator: T.Kigufi

Sacristan: A. & M. Carambas

Greeters: L. & B. Verghese

Altar Servers: S. & S. Sibi, E. Sojan

Readers: M. Sutton, L. Boyd, S. Berry

Offertory: S. Cherian & family

Eucharistic Ministers: S. & M.

Munday, T. Kigufi, A. Carambas, H. &

S. Autuagavia, J. & I. Bailey

Junior Liturgy: E. Sami, L. Makiwa

Counters: D. Moir, B. Semmens

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

Hospitality: V. & D. Joseph

Prayers of Faithful: M. Smith

Altar Linen (Sept): S. Learmonth

Floral Arrangers: A. Marsh

Cleaners week beginning 10th September: Sae family

Today's Readings –

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2,

Matthew 16:21-27

Next week's Readings –

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10,

Matthew 18:15-20



Thank you to all the parents who sent their children for the youth programme of the parish. It was a very good start. We had 22 young people. They all had a wonderful time. Please encourage our students who are at the age of 11 to 15 to be part of this programme. If you are 16 to 18, you are also welcome to be part of this group as leaders and mentors. Our aim is to nourish their faith by strengthening their bonds to their parish and each other through prayer, fun and friendship. **Please mark the dates of youth gathering for this month at St Mary's parish hall @ 6pm to 7.30pm. 9th September and 23rd September. For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.**

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)

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

ST MARY'S PARISH AGM

26th November, after Mass.

ROSTERS

We are short of people to wash the altar linen, you would be rostered for a month every 6 months or so. If you are interested, please call Susan in the office.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Christian Life programme

16th September, 1-4.30pm

Please pick up a brochure from the foyer.

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.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Sundays 9am

on Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM.

ST BRIGID'S RAFFLE

Our friends from St Brigid's Parish, Feilding will be here selling their raffle on Sunday 17th September before and after Mass. Great prizes – tickets \$2 or a book \$20 – thanks in advance for your support.

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>

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 BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

The wellbeing of all New Zealanders is of concern to everyone. **Mental health services and facilities** are a telling measure of a **society's attitude to its vulnerable.** Years of inadequate funding are resulting in much stress and angst in families, and our suicide rates bring shame upon us as a nation. We advocate a thorough review and strengthening of the mental health sector as part of an integrated health system.

CHALLENGE YOUR CANDIDATES

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.**

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. *Supported by Josephine Justice Network, Sisters of Mercy, Dominican, Mission, Marist, Good Shepherd and Compassion Sisters.*