

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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4th March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent

St Paul tells us: "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom." (1 Cor 1: 22) Do I demand anything? Some Catholics have demands because we know that they discontinue their practice of the faith when they are not met. It might be that I demand a parish or church that is free of scandal or a priest who preaches good homilies or a community that accepts my sexual behaviour/orientation or... or... or.... The problem with the Cross is that, by definition, it is something which is inconvenient and painful for us: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done." (Lk 22: 42) Yet, the Cross is the price of true discipleship: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Lk 9: 23) Do I have the right to demand of the Lord? Is my relationship with the Church conditional? It is not only in our theology and preaching but also in the example of our lives and conduct that we must witness to the Cross as the source of salvation and not the moral probity of the members of the Church including ourselves: "but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1: 23-24)

**PARISH FOCUS MEETING
TODAY 4th March**

All are invited to come along to this Parish Focus meeting, **2pm in the foyer.**

MASS TIMETABLE : 5 - 11 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 each 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

Ngairé Lound, Fr Don Hamilton SM, Fr Graeme Blackburn (Christchurch), Sr Adrienne Whitehead.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES –

John McCartney 2, Francisca Koenders 7, Luke Randle 10, Bill Tither 10, Penny O'Connell 12, Mathew Croad 13, Dr John Crowley 13, Jean Callahan 14, John Devlin 16, Terri Ruffell 20, Marjorie Dawson 30.



WELCOME

Welcome to Matthew Radford who is the new Chairperson of the Parish Council. We take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks to Theresa Makiwa for her leadership of the PPC over the past few years.

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 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

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.

SIGN UP SHEETS

Please see the sheets on the noticeboard for Holy Thursday and Good Friday if you would like to take on a ministry.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 11th March

Mass Co-ordinator: S.Autagavaia

Sacristan: T.Lafai

Greeters: L. & B.Verghes

Altar Servers: M.Sae, E.Sojan, A.Joseph-Shijo

Readers: R.Andrews, S.Berry, R.Bennett

Offertory: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: A.Kriechbaum, L.

Tavake, I. & J.Bailey, T.Kigufi,

J.Muwunganirwa, S.Xavier, I.Tavake

Junior Liturgy: L. & T.Makiwa

Counters: D.Moir, B.Semmens

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

Hospitality: M.Price, D.Havell, S.Learnmonth

Prayers: K.McNamara

Altar Linen (March): S.Sebastian

Floral Arrangers: M. & P.Drury

Cleaners week beginning 11th March: Sae family

ANOINTING MASS

There will be an Anointing Mass on Tuesday 20th March at 12pm at St Mary's, followed by a light lunch. It is an occasion to celebrate Easter with our elderly people. Please phone the office and register numbers for the lunch. We will welcome assistance from anyone who is available on the day.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Have you been thinking that you would like your child/grandchild to be baptized at Catholic? If then, St Mary's Parish is organizing a baptismal preparation for our primary school children. Prior to this event, there will be a parents' night which will be held on 22nd March at 6.30pm in the church foyer. If you are interested, please register your name at the parish office, phone 358 5614.

HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL MASS

There will be Eucharistic celebration in Roman Rite (English) at St Mary's on Holy Thursday at 6.30pm and on Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) at 7pm.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are invited to attend mass on Holy Thursday at 6.30pm. During this mass they will be reaffirming their commitment to their ministry.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Programme is starting soon! For those in year 10 or above who would like to be confirmed this year. Information session for parents and candidates Sunday, 18th March, 4-6pm at the Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury St. Any questions contact Michelle 021 246 0840.

SETFREE CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL in Tokoroa, organised by the Hamilton Diocese, 23-25 March. Transport from P.N. is available – contact Michelle mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz

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.

CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Care for the environment and for local people has been continuously overlooked in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This is demonstrated by multinational companies taking land for logging and development. Doug Tennent is a lawyer working with us through our Catholic Volunteers Overseas Programme. Doug works alongside Archbishop Panfilo and local communities to develop land and fight for land titles. Caritas continues to support Doug, Archbishop Panfilo and the people of PNG in their stand against exploitation and abuse of power. **Please support the Caritas Lenten Appeal, envelopes available in the foyer. Last week \$147.00 was donated by St Mary's parishioners to the Lenten Appeal.**

This Sunday's Readings -

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25

John 2:13-25

Next Sunday's Readings -

2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10,

John 3:14-21

WHAT IS GOOD AND EVIL? WHO DECIDES

Wednesday, 7th March

Diocesan Centre, 7.00pm

Speaker –Raymond de Souza KM

www.raymondde Souza.com/biography

CROSS WALK

On Thursday 29th March, St Peter's College will be having their annual Cross Walk across the city. It begins at 8.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish connecting through the parishes and catholic schools of the city and praying the seven sorrows of Our Lady along the way. It will finish at St Peter's College with the Cross Liturgy at 12.00pm which is based on the Stations of the Cross.

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 are **looking for volunteers** 3 hours morning or afternoon one day a week. Furniture needed, double/queen/king size beds, tables and chairs. Please phone Toni at the shop 357 6779.

St James School has The Young Vinnies coming to set up a toy and children's book sale outside our shop on **10th March**. Lots of support for these wonderful children would be great.

A big "THANK YOU and blessings" to all parishioners who give so generously to the Society of St Vincent de Paul each year. In particular your generosity before Christmas enabled our members to bring Christmas love and support to families and individuals, who were suffering from illness or other setbacks. We wish you could have seen the joy and excitement, with which we were greeted by the children, plus the surprise and very genuine gratitude shown by adults.

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.

CLEANERS REQUIRED

St Peter's College requires two casual part-time cleaners. See noticeboard.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA - January 2019 See the noticeboard for details