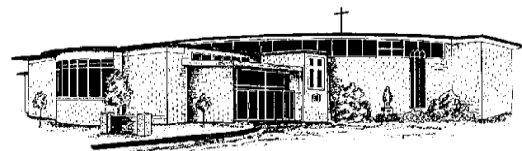


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5th November 2017

**“The greatest among you will be
the servant of all”**

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks very strongly against the scribes and the Pharisees of his time. Jesus tells the people and his disciples what the scribes and Pharisees really are. He tells them that their teaching may be sound but do not follow their way of life because they preached one thing and did another thing. Hence Jesus says “Do what they tell you, but do not follow their example”. They were interested in reforming others rather than themselves. They made a show of themselves, appearing great before others. But Jesus called for equality among all: “we are all brothers and sisters of the heavenly Father”

In many ways Jesus calls us to be simplicity and humility. For example, he checked the ambition of Zebedee's sons to occupy the most coveted positions in the kingdom of Christ; he cautioned the disciples not to choose a more honourable place at dinner. In all these instances the demand is challenging and paradoxical: it is better to serve than to be served; it is safer to be below rather than above; it is greater to humble oneself than to exalt oneself. We are true Christians only to the extent we follow the example of Christ, who though great, humbled himself and became the servant of all. He teaches us today that the greatest among you will be the servant of all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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 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

Sunday 24th December - 10.30am
7.00pm Vigil

9.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

Monday 25th December - 10.30am
St Columba's - 9.00am

PARISH FEAST DAY 10th December

*Please bring a plate for a
shared lunch
and barbeque, after Mass.*

ANointing MASS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

For the elderly people. There will be an anointing Mass on **21st November at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. Please register your attendance** and phone Susan in the office in the next week or two. We will also be needing people to help on the day, with transport, serving food, cleaning up etc. Please phone Susan if you can assist.

MASS TIMETABLE : November – 6 - 12 November

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.

This week's Readings –
Malachi 1:14- 2:2, 8-10
Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12

Next week's Readings –
Wisdom 6:12-16,
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,
Matthew 25:1-13

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

ROSMINIAN HERITAGE
12th November, 5.30pm
In the Parish House

You are invited for an ongoing programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality. All welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

All are invited to participate for the School Mass on 19th November. Please encourage your children to be part of every Sunday Mass.

ST MARY'S PARISH AGM

All are welcome to attend our AGM on 26th November, after the Mass.

Raffle tickets: If you bought raffle tickets (5581-5590) at St Columba's and have the butt instead of the ticket please call the Parish Office 3585614.

CAROLS AT SCHOOL

St Mary's School will hold a Carols evening on 8th December from 5.30pm to 8pm. Bring along a picnic hamper and enjoy an evening with us ending with a few favourite carols.

RCIA

Cathedral, 7.30 – 9pm
Wednesday, 8th November.

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- Prolife facts www.voiceforlife.org.nz
- CDC Admin/fundraising position
- NZCBC Director, National Liturgy Office position

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 12th November

Mass Co-ordinator: S.Autagavaia
Sacristan: S.Thomas
Greeters: L. & B. Verghese
Altar Servers: C.Flanagan, S. & S.Sibi
Readers: L.Boyd, S.Berry, S.Autagavaia
Offertory: S.Mao & family
Eucharistic Ministers: A.Kriechbaum, S.Munday, K.McNamaram A.Marsh, T.Kigufi, J.Muwunganirwa, S. & P.Tavake
Junior Liturgy: A. & A. John
Counters: R. & R. Brooks
Collectors: A.Pabellon, P.Gildea, J.Marsh
Hospitality: V. & D. Joseph, M.Price
Prayers of Faithful: A.Kriechbaum
Altar Linen (Nov): D. Fredericks
Floral Arrangers: A. Marsh
Cleaners week beginning 12th November:
Indian community



The next youth gatherings are planned for 11th & 25th November. **Please note the change of dates** and mark them on your calendar. Youth retreat and Christmas celebration is on 16th December at 6.30pm. All the youth are invited to participate. For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.

ST MARY'S WORKING BEE

Mark your calendar, **Saturday, 18th November 9.30am – 12 noon.** We plan to have a working bee at the church and hall, to get all spruced up for Christmas! There are sign up sheets in the foyer today. Please put your name against the jobs you are willing to do.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, longlife milk, spreads and rice. Thanks to you all.

Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard. Visit and complete the [Synod 2018 survey](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html) before **30 November 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

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 29th October. www.heartsaflame.org.nz

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

Mokos Youth Group

Our whanau youth group is *open to everyone* 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! Contact Lucy lingle@pndiocese.org.nz 021 509 439 for more information. **Please note this group is cancelled for 9th November.**

Young Catholic Leaders Programme 2017 Dec 11-15

This programme is for year 12 students going into year 13 who wish to develop their leadership skills from a Catholic values base. If you are an interested student at a Non-Catholic College, or know someone in this situation who might benefit, please contact Kathleen kfield@pndiocese.org.nz; 021 509 436 for more information.

Te Ahi Kaa – The Hearth-Place

If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For More Information contact Georgia 0226704422; georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY –

ST PATRICK'S BRANCH 400

Third Quarterly Meeting, 4pm Monday 20th November in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, phone (06) 357 7844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS Tuesday, 21st November 7pm

This Mass is an opportunity for parishioners who have suffered a bereavement, to recall in quiet prayer the importance of the recently deceased person to you, and to link with God in and through the Eucharist. Those who have lost someone who lives elsewhere or whose death occurred some time ago are also welcome. This spirit of this liturgy is very much in tune with the month of November when we give special mention to the deceased members of our families. A shared supper will follow at the end of Mass – if you can please bring along a plate of finger food, it would be greatly appreciated.