

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



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29th April 2018

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus says: "You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you." (Jn 15: 3) What does it mean that we are pruned/cleansed by his words? Anyone who grows grapes will have seen the tangle of branches that remain as autumn turns to winter. Even the dead leaves have gone. What was once green and beautiful with sweet grapes hanging from the branches is now dead and desiccated. Likewise, the cares of life and the burdens we carry can cause us to wither. We can get tangled up in self-justifications, rationalizations and excuses for our plight. We also hear it in the media when someone who has sinned says: "I made a mistake." We need Jesus: "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1: 24) to speak to us. It is his love and mercy, revealed and active in the Scriptures and the sacraments that cleanses us of delusions and anxiety. We know that we are both loved and called from the beginning. If we listen to him and obey his word we will be renewed and in due season new branches will spring forth so that the fruit of the virtues will yield a wine of faith, hope and love. "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." (2 Cor 4: 16-18)

Mass Timetable : 30 April – 6 May 2018

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 @ Ashhurst	5.00pm
Sunday	Mass	10.30am
	Mass @ Ashhurst	11.00am

Reconciliation is available after each Saturday morning Mass and on request.



Lord, grant your healing and consolation to all the sick –
Tony Keenan, 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

Lisa Taka, Ngaire Lound, Fr Don Hamilton SM, Fr Graeme
Blackburn (Christchurch), Sr Adrienne Whitehead.

Lord, grant a share in your risen glory –

Sue MacDonald 4, Harry Scheijvens 7, Lois Ensing 9,
Lois Waniuck 11, William Leslie 17, Maureen Sherlock 31.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11am every Tuesday
Mass at 12 noon.

HOLY ROSARY

Every Saturday Holy Rosary begins at **8.40am**. All are invited to participate in these devotional practices of our parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they have the opportunity to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year. The Parish programme starts on **Tuesday 8th May** with a meeting for parents and caregivers at **6.00pm** at St Mary's Church foyer. There will be information for you, as parents, about Reconciliation and your role in preparing your child to receive this Sacrament and also outlining the structure of the Programme. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office or Jill Holdgate 3269 994.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. The tax receipts are available in the foyer today. Please consider joining the planned giving programme if you can. This enables the parish to budget accurately, as well as providing you with the benefit of a receipt, enabling you to claim one-third back each year. Please call into the office for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 3rd May, 6pm in Foyer

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
6th May

- Mass Co-ordinator:** T.Kigufi
- Sacristan:** A. & M.Carambas
- Greeters:** Sae family
- Altar Servers:** Savio, Sam & Stephin Sibi
- Readers:** I. & J.Bailey, R.Andrews
- Offertory:** S.John family
- Eucharistic Ministers:** A.Kriechbaum, C.Sae, I.Bailey, J.Bailey, S.Tavake, J.Muwunganirwa, S.Xavier, C.Wilson
- Prayers of faithful:** K.McNamara
- Counters:** E.Drury, P.Widdup
- Collectors:** B.Regan, P.Gildea, P.Walsh
- Hospitality:** Tongan community
- Altar Linen (May):** M.Smith
- Floral Arrangers:** M. & P. Drury
- Cleaners week beginning 6th May:** E. & N.Legg, K.McNamara, Sunday hospitality people

SEMINARY APPEAL
Please support our Seminarians with prayer and financial support. Place your envelope in this week's collection. Thank you.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Have you been thinking that you would like your child/grandchild to be baptised a Catholic? St Mary's Parish is organising a baptismal preparation for our primary school children. If you are interested, please register your name at the parish office, phone 358 5614.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are in Year 10 or above, please contact Michelle 021 246 0840 mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz to register.



ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

The next gathering for the youth will be on **Saturday, 5th May, 6pm** in the Parish Hall. Children in Years 7 – 10 all welcome. Please bring a torch to this gathering!

INTERFAITH GROUP

Monday 7th May, 7pm at the Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street PN. Interfaith approaches to the Life Cycle: Betrothal and Marriage from an Interfaith Perspective. Helen Chong from the Council of Jewish Women facilitating. All welcome. Contact Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com or Bob Skipp, bob_skipp@xtra.co.nz for more information.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP FORMATION DAY

Come and be inspired to live out your faith in practical ways!

What: Sessions about building community, coping with grief and bereavement.
Where: PN Diocese Centre, Amesbury Street
When: **Saturday 5th May**, 9.30am – 4.30pm
Who: PFG members, parishioners interested in PFGs
Bring: Finger good lunch to share; gold coin koha
RSVP: Please contact Jenny 027 418 7906 or doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 3rd May.

PASSIONIST YOUTH RETREAT

Registrations are now open for the Passionist Youth Retreat to be held at Camp Rangī Woods, Manawatu from 9-12 July and Young Adults Retreat to be held at the Magnificat, Wairarapa from 13th -15th July. www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/
Participants can register online and check out the photos and stores from the 2017 retreats.
If you would like further information please contact Linda Darbyshire ph. 354 6171 or 027 354 6171 or email paulandlinda.d@gmail.com

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

This Sunday's Readings -
Acts 9:26-31
John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8
Next Sunday's Readings -
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



The Society of St Vincent De Paul Conference in Palmerston North is very grateful to the Parishioners of Palmerston North's Parishes for the food donations. over the Easter period. The SVDP is always able to take donations of breakfast cereals, canned items (tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, beetroot, peas, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna, salmon, etc), vegemite and peanut butter. Donations can be left at Sunday Masses and as always will be much appreciated by the recipients. The Vinnies shop is short of double and queen size beds, tables and chairs and lounge suites. If you can donate any of these please contact shop manager, Toni Bidios, phone (06) 357 6779 during shop hours to make arrangements for the SVDP truck to collect. Donations of baby knitting wanted to put in a parcel for a pregnant young mum with a baby. Ball Gowns also needed for upcoming promo at the shop. Please take to the shop in Rangitikei Street. Next Meeting of SVDP to be held on Tuesday 8th May, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge, Broadway, all welcome.

DOVE KAPITI

Dove Kapiti meets at St Patrick's Hall, 20 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu on Tuesday, 8th May at 7.30pm.
Guest speaker: Eileen Romanos will speak about her ministry in our prisons – being a servant in the Vineyard of the Lord. All women warmly welcome.



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.

NEW TO OUR PARISH ?

Please call into the office and give us your contact details, thanks.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property bin in the foyer, also there is a lady's pair of glasses and a boy's watch in the parish office.



POPE FRANCIS Tweets @Pontifex - God alone can give us true happiness. It's useless wasting time looking for it elsewhere: in wealth, pleasure, and power.