

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



St Mary's Parish

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St Mary's Parish Priests can be contacted by phone –
Fr Manoj – 022 646 2151
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Presbytery – 358 5614

Please Pray for Our Sick

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

Frances Foley, Jillian Cullinane (Cathryn Harpur's sister), Rita Ameresekera, June McMillan, Tony Keenan, Trish Collis, Terry Walsh, Kathy Fahey, Catherine Walsh, Fr Nicho Verkley (Kopua), Veronica Fenton, Ricardo Miranda, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Sue Fryer, Neil Burton, and all in rest homes and hospital care.

Prayer Chain – please call Sally on 326-9209 if you would like a prayer for a special intention.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased - RIP

Margaret (Peggy) Blandford, Jean Coburn, Colin Bowe, Norah Sutton (Mary's mother), Constance Pullen, Joan Colville, Annette Osborne (Lynaire Minihan's sister), Catherine MacGuinness and Fidelma Cusack in Ireland (sisters of Anne & Michael Gainey), Pat McDonald, Jim Duncan, Denis Fenton.

Anniversaries

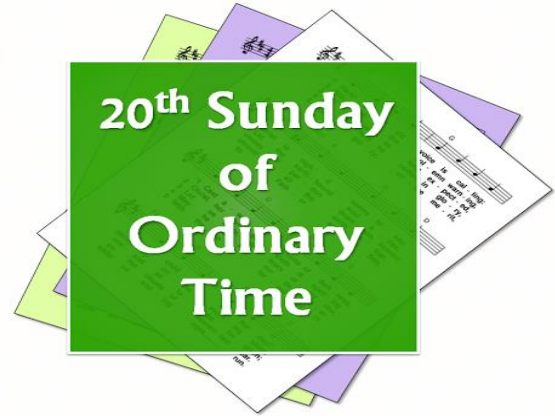
Siets Martens 2, Marie Spelman 3, Hebe Hurley 4, Gilbert Brown 7, Noeline Baylis 10, Ellen Lound 12, Jack McCaffery 26, Patrick Kerr 29, Mary Hickey 30.

**Lord, grant a share in your risen glory –
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

If you have a prayer intention for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to

stmaryspalmy@inspire.net.nz

16th August 2020



The episode in today's gospel disrupts any idea that Jesus was a saccharine, soft touch who went around being "nice" to everybody. When we look at the Gospels we find that Jesus challenged people and tested them often with hard questions. People come to Jesus and they are often in tears, desperate or angry. Jesus does not evince a neutral or disinterested response and he hardly answers a question with a direct answer. As Jesus was in life so he is in the resurrection. In our prayer life we need to be aware that Jesus will challenge us and test us. His answers to our prayers will not always be immediate or exactly what we expected. In fact, his answers to our prayers, usually in hindsight, yield a far better result than I could have expected at the time. What a wonderful, personal and loving God we have! He knows us better than we know ourselves and loves us more than we can know! Let us therefore approach him in faith as did the Syro-Phoenician woman and allow ourselves to be tested so that our relationship with Jesus may mature and grow.



Today's Readings –

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings –

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

If you're unable to attend Mass this weekend, we invite you to watch the 2:00pm televised liturgy on Shine TV: **online at www.shinetv.co.nz, on Freeview 25, or Sky 201.**



CATHOLIC RADIO Frequency AM 999 on Sundays
at 9am Liturgy at 9.30am

ST MARY'S WEBSITE
www.stmaryschurchpn.org.nz
view the bulletin online

Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook page –
https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/?ref=br_rs
Contact: Basia at BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz
phone: 021 082 03750.

PN Hospital Chaplains - phone 350 8690 ext. 8690 or email:
chaplains@midcentralthb.govt.nz

PLANNED GIVING

If you wish to become part of the Planned Giving Programme and donate to the Church by automatic payment, please contact the office or fill in a form available from the foyer and bring into the office. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS via Email – if you would like to receive our bulletin via email, please send your address to stmaryspalmy@inspire.net.nz

Mass Timetable

17 - 23 August 2020

Monday	Mass	9.00am
Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration	11.00am
	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	Masses	8.30am & 10.30am
	Latin Mass @ Ashhurst	12.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

available after Saturday morning Mass and on request.

MINISTRIES – 23rd August

Mass Co-ordinator: J.Lipson
Sacristan: A.Dongon, T.Lafai
Greeters: Dongon family, L.Pactores
Readers: I.Langreo, N.Abraham, S.Autagavaia
Altar Servers: A. & A.Saju, W.Weigler-Harding
Offertory: No Offertory
Eucharistic Ministers: S.Xavier, D.Chakkappan
Junior Liturgy: No junior liturgy
Counters: D.Moir, B.Semmens
Collectors: No collectors
Hospitality: No hospitality
Altar Linen for August: S.Sebastian
Floral Arrangers: E.Legg
Prayers: R.Andrew
Cleaners week beginning 23rd August: A. & F. Pabellon

COVID – LEVEL 2 – Please continue to listen to the Government updates. If we go into Level 3 there will be NO Masses and our activities may be suspended. The following requirements for Level 2 apply at this time:

- Our Masses this Sunday will be at **8.30am and 10.30am.**
- Our Masses are limited to 100 at each Mass.
- Please make sure you register as you enter for Track and Trace purposes (use the Government app (on the front door) and sign in sheets in the foyer).
- Please make sure you sanitise your hands.
- Social distancing rules apply.
- At the Sign of Peace, people can smile, nod or bow to one another.
- Communion under one kind – hosts, in the hand.
- There will be no collection baskets handed around at the Masses on Sunday – please put your donation in the basket as you enter the church and at the exit door at the right hand side of the church.
- If you are unwell, aged or vulnerable, please make an informed decision about attending Mass. Whatever decision you make, is the right decision.
- The Bishops have once again advised us that there is dispensation of attendance at our Sunday Masses.

MAORI EDUCATION COLLECTION – Sunday 23rd August

This annual collection has growing support. A contribution to something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Maori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – Kia ora all year 6 to 9 students and your whanau! You are invited to join the youth group **every Friday night from 5.30 – 7pm** at the Diocesan Centre on Amesbury Street. Come along for a night of fun, food and good times! Contact: Bridget bkelly@pndioocese.org.nz

AN IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR OUR TIMES

Join us, via Zoom, as we open a field hospital in which we will pray a series of Ignatian prayer exercises written for everyone affected by Covid 19.

Monday 17 August 2020, 11am and 7pm.

If you are interested, contact Nicola McCarthy or Murray Adams from the Diocesan Retreats Team.

Nicola – n.mccarthy@xtra.co.nz or 021 292 2342

Murray – m.c.adamsfam@xtra.co.nz or 027 357 4302

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY – 17 August 12.30pm

Meeting and AGM at the Cathedral's Gathering Area. Finger lunch served at 12.30pm – please advise if attending for catering purposes to Kevin Frost 06 357 7844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

PARISH FUNDRAISER - We are planning to run a Raffle which will be drawn on Mission Sunday. We would be grateful for any donations of items that could be raffled. Maybe you could donate your time in service e.g. lawnmowing, window cleaning. Please bring to the parish office or contact us on 358 5614.

SHINING STARS – every Thursday, 9.30am - an invitation to all our little people to come and share some song, dance, and morning tea – Parish Lounge at the Cathedral in Broadway Avenue.

St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Op Shop is in desperate need of children's toys, and warm children's clothing. We are still looking for firewood that can be donated to the needy, please phone Mike Keenan 358 6318 or 021 1858 969. All Welfare requests to the shop 06 357 6779.

DIOCESE OF PN ALLOCATIONS GROUP – The October 2020 funding round is now open and invites parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting families and Social Services to apply for funds. Please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndioocese.org.nz or phone 354 1780 ext 833. See noticeboard for more information.

VOTESAFE.nz – a new website launched this week - www.votesafe.nz - providing information about the End of Life Choice Act and helping New Zealanders vote safe at the binding referendum. www.facebook.com/votesafe.nz

