

# 11 MARCH 2018

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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“Let us never lose courage  
amid fatigues and dangers of  
the journey of Life.”

Ven. Suzanne Aubert

**We welcome the Foxton, Shannon and Rongotea Parishes  
to our Combined Newsletter**

A year ago we produced our first Combined Newsletter. As Bishop Charles said when we launched this initiative .... *This combined newsletter of our 3 parishes in Palmerston North City and our parish in Feilding is a small but symbolic act in favour of the new life and growth we are experiencing. My hope is that an occasional shared newsletter, far from weakening our particular identities will strengthen them as well as make us more aware of the beauty and strength of our wider faith community or iwi whakapono. In this way we come to learn more about ourselves, draw strength from the witness we bear to each other, and thus also grow in resolve to better serve our civic communities.*

This year we include Rongotea, Foxton and Shannon, an exciting opportunity to strengthen our Manawatu Catholic Community.

By now we are well on our way through this season of repentance and renewal. The word of God today makes it clear that it's time to decide. It's a wholly positive choice that we are offered – to welcome the love that God has poured out on us in Christ – but still we hesitate, afraid to come forth out of the darkness into such wonderful light.



Could we be condemning ourselves to a kind of exile, like that suffered by God's people of old? The constant temptation for us is to hold fast to patterns of life simply because they are familiar, though they bring us no lasting joy. As much as we may lament our lot, we let fear paralyse us. Today we are offered the opportunity to open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of God's love for us in Christ. Dare we see ourselves, in that lovely phrase from the letter of the Ephesians, as "God's work of art"? How could we refuse such an invitation?

**Psalm Response: (11 March) - *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!***

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, 18 March 2018**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel: John 12:20-33



Recently we celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, in which about a dozen catechumens and candidates for full communion from around the dioceses were named or presented to the Bishop. We are very fortunate to have Jess Lightbody from St Mary's Ruahine St, Shelly Gyde from St Mary's Foxton and Tiari Nicklin from the Cathedral Parish who have been named as among the Elect and the Chosen.

Now our task and joy is to accompany and encourage them in their Lenten preparation, with prayer and good works! Through the next weeks we have the privilege of celebrating the Scrutinies with them - these are powerful times of prayer that seek to bring to light anything within which may need liberation and healing while strengthening and encouraging that which is good within us! During the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral, Shelly and Tiari will be fully initiated with Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Miriam Thomson will join them in Confirmation and Eucharist as she is welcomed into full communion. Jess's Rites of Initiation will be celebrated at St Mary's on the 2nd Sunday of Easter! Thank you to all those parishioners, sponsors, catechists who are actively supporting them with prayer and fellowship in their journey to Easter and beyond.

## 2018 Holy Week Timetables

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

|                            |                    |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>Rite II</b> (City wide) | Thursday 15 March  | 7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes             |
|                            | Friday 23 March    | 7.00pm St Brigid's, Feilding           |
| <b>Rite I</b>              | Saturday 24 March  | 9.30am St Mary's                       |
|                            | Thursday 29 March  | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes |
| <b>Rite I (Cathedral)</b>  | Saturday 24 March  | 9.30 am to 10am                        |
|                            | Sunday 25 March    | 7.15 pm to 8 pm                        |
|                            | Monday 26 March    | 11.30 am to 12 noon 7.30 pm to 8 pm    |
|                            | Wednesday 27 March | 11.30 am to 12 noon 7.30 pm to 8 pm    |

### Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary's Foxton

|                        |         |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Palm Sunday 25 March   | 5.30pm  | Vigil Mass                                       |
|                        | 8.00am  | Mass   |
|                        | 10.00am | Mass   |
| Monday 26 March        | 10.00am | Mass   |
| Wednesday 28 March     | 10.00am | Mass   |
| Holy Thursday 29 March | 8.30am  | St Peter's College – Maundy Thursday Procession  |
|                        | 9.00am  | Prayer of the Church                             |
|                        | 7.00pm  | Mass of the Lord's Supper                        |
|                        | 9.30pm  | Night Prayer of the Church                       |
| Good Friday 30 March   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer                                   |
|                        | 10.00am | Stations of the Cross                            |
|                        | 3.00pm  | Good Friday Liturgy                              |
|                        | 3.00pm  | Good Friday Liturgy ( <b>St Mary's, Foxton</b> ) |
| Holy Saturday 31 March | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer                                   |
|                        | 9.00pm  | Easter Vigil                                     |
| Easter Sunday 1 April  | 9.00am  | Mass   |
|                        | 10.30am | Mass ( <b>St Mary's, Foxton</b> )                |



## St Brigid's Parish Mass and Service Times

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|------------------------|---|
| Sunday 25 March        | 9.00am Mass (Palm Sunday)<br>Please be in good time for the procession (8.45am) |
| Holy Thursday 29 March | 7:00 pm Mass the Lord's Supper (No 9am Mass)                                    |
| Good Friday 30 March   | 3.00pm The Lord's Passion (no Morning Adoration/Mass)                           |
| Holy Saturday 31 March | 7.30pm Easter Vigil   |
| Easter Sunday 1 April  | 9:00am Mass   |

## St Mary's Parish Mass and Service Times

(please note the language of the various ceremonies)

|                        |         |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Palm Sunday 25 March   | 10.30am | Mass (Gather on the school netball courts at 10.15)                          |
| Monday 26 March        | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
|                        | 9.00am  | Mass   |
| Tuesday 27 March       | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (no 12pm Mass)  |
| Wednesday 28 March     | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
|                        | 9.00am  | Mass   |
| Holy Thursday 29 March | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
|                        | 6.30pm  | Mass - <b>English</b>  |
|                        | 8.00pm  | Mass - <b>Malayalam</b> , Syro-Malabar                                       |
|                        | 10.00pm | Eucharistic Adoration  |
|                        | 10.30pm | Night Prayer   |
| Good Friday 30 March   | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer and <b>English</b> Stations of the Cross                      |
|                        | 3.00pm  | The Lord's Passion <b>English</b> and <b>Malayalam</b> Stations of the Cross |
| Holy Saturday 31 March | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
|                        | 7.00pm  | Vigil Mass - <b>English</b>  |
|                        | 9.00pm  | Vigil Mass - <b>Malayalam</b> , Syro-Malabar                                 |
| Easter Sunday 1 April  | 9.00am  | Mass at St Columba's, <b>Ashhurst</b>  |
|                        | 10.30am | Mass at St Mary's  |
|                        | 11.00am | <b>Latin</b> Mass at St Columba's, <b>Ashhurst</b>                           |
| 2nd Sunday of Easter   | 10.30am | Mass   |
| 8 April                | 3pm     | Holy Hour (Divine Mercy)   |



## Cathedral Parish Mass and Service Times

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|------------------------|--|
| Palm Sunday 25 March   | 7.30 am, 9.30 am, and 6 pm Mass  |
| Monday 26 March        | 7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church  |
|                        | 12.05 Mass   |
| Tuesday 27 March       | 7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church,   |
|                        | 7.00pm Mass of the Oils (no 12.05 pm Mass)                                     |
| Wednesday 28 March     | 7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church  |
|                        | 12.05 Mass   |
| Holy Thursday 29 March | 7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church  |
|                        | 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (no 12.05 pm Mass)                            |
|                        | 10.00pm Night Prayer of the Church   |
| Good Friday 30 March   | 9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church  |
|                        | 12 noon Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Faith (starts at Wesley Church, Broadway Ave) |
|                        | 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion                                     |
| Holy Saturday 31 March | 9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church  |
|                        | 8.00pm Easter Vigil  |
| Easter Sunday 1 April  | 7.30 am, 9.30 am (no 6.00pm Mass)  |



## Notices

(Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

### General Notices

**SetFree Catholic Youth Festival in Tokoroa**, organised by the Hamilton Dio. 23-25 March. Transport from Palmerston North is available: contact Michelle [mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz)

Next Meeting of **SVPD Society** will be held on 13 March in the Cathedral Lounge at 5.15pm. All welcome.



**Confirmation Programme starting soon!** For those in year 10 or above who would like to be confirmed this year, a information session for parents and candidates will be held on Sunday 18 March, 4-6pm at the Diocesan Centre.

**St Vincent de Paul** is looking for a suitable food storage shed (**single or 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 premises accessible by members without interfering with the owner/ business. If you can assist or discuss please phone either Mike Keenan [021 185 8969](tel:0211858969) or Roger Clark [021 678 141](tel:021678141)

### ***Our Lady of Lourdes***

**Sacramental Preparation** Sacred Heart Rongotea and OLOL First Reconciliation preparation, Session 2, Monday 12 March, 5:30pm in the OLOL School Library. **First Reconciliation Sacrament will be celebrated on 20 March at 5:30pm.** Please keep the children in your prayers.

**Mass Of Anointing And Healing** – 21 March 10:00am at OLOL Church, followed by morning tea. Please contact the Parish Office if transport is required.

**Ministers' Meeting** March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm- 8:00pm a meeting of all ministers of Sunday and Weekday Liturgies (readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, greeters, etc.) to discuss the impact of Mass time changes and review our ritual practices.

#### **Consultation**

- ☐ Parish meeting will be held on **14 March** to outline recommendation to Bishop Charles.
  - ☐ Parish meeting to hear the recommendation.
  - ☐ Any issues will be discussed at this meeting.
  - ☐ Recommendation given to Bishop Charles following meeting on **14 March**.
  - ☐ Recommendation presented to the Bishop on **16 March**.
  - ☐ New Mass times published on **Sunday 25 March**.
  - ☐ **The new Mass times will come into effect on Easter Sunday, 1 April 2018.**
- View consultation feedback on the [website](#)
- ☐ Feedback from the general parish
  - ☐ Feedback from the senior pupils at OLOL School.

### ***St Mary's Foxton / St Joseph's Shannon***

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Wednesday at 7.00pm St Joseph's Shannon during Lent

**Mass of Anointing** Thursday 15 March at 10.30am St Mary's Foxton followed by morning tea. All welcome

**Combined PPC Finance Team Meeting** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm St Mary's school staffroom.

### ***St Brigids***

#### **Dates To Remember For March**

15 March: Anointing Mass 10.30am  
Morning Tea to follow.  
16 March: Stations of the Cross 6pm.  
17 March: Potato Comp weigh in  
18 March: Children's Mass 9.00am  
Announce winners - Potato Comp  
23 March: Rite II reconciliation 7.00pm  
24 March: Stations of the Cross:  
(Combined Churches) 9.30am

**Holy Week Ministries** - Thank you to parishioners who have already advised they are not available for the Easter ministries. Please indicate if you are available on the sheets in the foyer. There are a great number of ministries to fill for these Easter celebration so your help would be appreciated. The rosters will be prepared in the next few weeks.

**Christian Meditation In Feilding** - Following the recent Christian information evening on the feast of St Brigid, a Christian Meditation Group will meet on Tuesdays at 5.30pm in the chapel here at St Brigids. Form outlining information is available on the parish noticeboard and it will be affiliated to Christian Meditation NZ ([www.christiammeditationnz.org.nz](http://www.christiammeditationnz.org.nz))

**Anointing Mass 15 March** – please contact the Parish Office if transport is required.

### ***St Mary's***

**Holy Rosary** - All are encouraged to recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 8.30am before the 9am Mass.

**Morning Prayer** - During Lent 8.30am Tuesday to Saturday.

**Stations Of The Cross** at St Mary's - In English at 5pm and Malayalam at 6pm on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. At St Columba's in Ashhurst – 7pm on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Anointing Mass** - Tuesday 20 March, 12pm at St Mary's, followed by a light lunch. Please phone the office 358 5614 to register numbers attending.

**St Mary's Youth Ministry** - The next youth gathering is planned for Saturday 17 March, 6.30 – 8.30pm in St Mary's hall. For more info contact Hilary 022 690 6637.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** - All are invited to attend Mass on Holy Thursday at 6.30pm where the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers will reaffirm their commitment to this ministry.

**Baptismal Preparation** - St Mary's is organising a baptismal preparation for our primary school children. There will be a Parents' Night on 22 March at 6.30pm in the church foyer. Please register your name at the parish office.

### ***Cathedral Parish***

**Holy Week Liturgies** – please offer your services by completing the forms in the Cathedral Foyer.

**Poverty and Justice Bibles for Prisoners** - thank you to all those parishioners who purchased and donated these bibles for Forrest to share with the prisoners under his care. These bibles are still available through the Parish Office at \$35.00, 'purchase one get one free'.



**The PNDiocesan Justice Peace and Development Commission** wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Dion Martin, who recently resigned from the Commission. Dion's highlights while serving 13 years on the Commission were: Educating ourselves on Church and Maori land issues; helping to organise and coordinate the Lenten programme and planning day; organising Social Justice Week public meetings that involved politicians having to respond to a panel made up of members of the community. Dion says it has been a privilege to pray, plan and work on these and other projects alongside many inspirational and spiritual leaders such as Rex Begley and others.

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| 13 March | Liturgy Committee Mtg 5.30pm Parish Lounge |
|          | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
| 14 March | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
| 15 March | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
|          | Choir Practice 7pm Cathedral               |
| 16 March | Lenten Reflection 1pm Parish Lounge        |
| 19 March | Easter Cathedral Clean 8am – ALL WELCOME   |
| 20 March | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
| 21 March | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
| 22 March | Finance Team Meeting 5.15pm Parish Lounge  |
|          | Lenten Reflection 7pm Parish Lounge        |
|          | Choir Practice 7pm Cathedral               |