



19 July 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**STAYING  
IN TOUCH**

Please register your details online at the [Cathedral of the Holy Spirit](#) or [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) websites. Please include your Surname, Christian name, Email address, Cell and Landline numbers, and Street address and which parish you belong to. Alternatively, you can email the above details to [info@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:info@lourdesparish.nz), "Registering my details with you".

## Pastor's Desk

Our recent experiences of a level 4 lockdown, confined to our homes, was perhaps a heaven and hell experience. My discussions with others since the easing of restrictions have certainly been polarised. Some loved it, perhaps a heaven experience, others hated it, perhaps a hell experience?

For myself, I loved the experience, uninterrupted time with Monica, online Masses, the Zoom prayer meetings, walks and rides, the warm smiles from total strangers. But as a counter to this, being unable to partake of the Eucharist, unable to interact with family and friends, the lack of social contact, were not beneficial.

Here in NZ we appear to have brought a halt to the pandemic, while it still rages in many parts of the world. Many will be experiencing heaven and hell moments. This is not the time to ease up on our prayers for this world!

In today's Gospel reading (Matt 13: 24-43) the parable clearly points out that we are to "hate sin but love the sinner." We have no right to pull the weeds from the field but must wait till the time when God will send his angels to separate the wheat and weeds, the good from the bad! People we may consider to be the weed could become the wheat, and vice versa. Let us face it, there is wheat and weed within all of us!

Do I consider I am 'good enough' to attain heaven? In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that, besides the hope of heaven, there is also the dread of hell! Jesus and his followers did not avoid speaking of hell. St Paul gives us warning of sins that prevent us entering heaven. (1 Cor 6: 9-10)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states the doctrine of hell, the "state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed .... To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him for ever by our own free choice." (no. 1033)

"Self-exclusion," the person's free choice. If we persist in our sins, and do not change, we are going to hell! This truth shall not change and should be told to everyone. Zechariah pointed this out. (Ez 3: 18)

The wheat and weeds parable is not meant to scare us. Firstly, it reminds us that God will judge in the end. Secondly, it proclaims God's love for all, (wheat and weeds,) "he makes the sun rise on the good and the bad and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust." (Mt 5: 45) Thirdly, it reveals God's unbounding love for us sinners, giving us time and opportunity to reform our lives.

Through Zechariah He declared, "For I find no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies – oracle of the Lord God. Turn back and live!" (Ez 18: 32)

I was struck a couple of weeks ago as we sang the recessional song "City of God" which begins, "awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep, a new day is dawning..." Let us awake, arise, a new day has dawned for us to, "turn back and live."

**John Hammond**

## Liturgical Matters

Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, St Mary's Foxton, and St Joseph's Shannon.

Public Safety is still a communal concern. We need to be diligent in keeping safe health practices and respectful of other people's safety.

We have been given permission to return to previously suspended liturgical rituals and practices.

From this weekend we will offer communion from the chalice, the Sign of Peace with a handshake, blessed water in the font and communion on the tongue. All these need to be done with respect for other people's safety, including the priests and ministers. If you are sick, please refrain from coming to Mass. If a person does not want to shake hands, please continue to acknowledge them in some other way. If you are able, please continue to receive communion on the hand. Please do not use the water font if you do not wish to.

Reintroducing these rites and actions from this Sunday will continue unless Public Health requires them to be suspended again. Each parish has been given the discretion to restore these practices as and when they see fit, so there will be differences between parishes.

# Prayer Intentions

## We Pray for Our Deceased:

**RIP:** Norah Sutton, Leo Pelonia Gumban, Jo Colville, Carol Joseph

**Mass intentions:** Zdenka Orosova(A16/07/12), Larry Florentine (A27/07)  
Andre Griffin – Operation



**We pray for:** Andre Griffin, Audrey Murphy, Bettie Beech, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey, Maureen Murphy, Maureen Watts, Maria Pascoe, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Melva Widdowson, Pat Kauri, Nicola Burmeister, Paul McRae, Peter Morrison-Story, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Rebecca Lauvi, Romeo Plamio, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll, and William Lemmon,



### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER: - We will be retaining the online newsletter.

If you know of anyone who cannot access the emails or the internet or who does not have a printer please print out a copy of the newsletter and pass it onto them. Alternatively, ask them to register with the parish office for a printed newsletter – thank you! Please view the overhead presentation before and after Mass.

**Welcome – സ്വാഗതം. Invitation to get newsletter via email:** ഈ ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ ന്യൂസ് ലെറ്റർ ഇമെയിൽ ആയി ലഭിക്കാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നവർ, ദയവായി തങ്ങളുടെ ഇമെയിൽ അഡ്രസ് പാരിഷ് ഓഫീസിൽ നൽകേണ്ടതാണ്.

## Reflection – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 12.13, 16-19, **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8.26-27

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13.24-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Jesus' interpretation of the parable of the weeds and the wheat can seem a little harsh, especially when it mentions souls thrown into a "fiery furnace, / where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom seems to balance out this picture by naming God as one who judges "with clemency" and who has given "your children good ground for hope/ that you would permit repentance for their sins" St. Paul in his letter to the Romans refers to the Spirit who "comes to the aid of our weakness".

Gospel readings proclaiming "fire and brimstone" offer a word of warning to unrepentant sinners who do evil and "cause others to sin," but they can also have the unintended consequence of leading the faithful to fear or even to scrupulosity. In these cases, it is important to be grounded in the compassionate and merciful love of God who is always ready to take back the repentant sinner. Take heart from "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" (Para 302) which says, "By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, reaching mightily from one end of earth to the other, and ordering all things well". In our weakness God is our strength and our help. (GPBS) **From Mons Dave Bell**

## Health and Wellbeing

Remember our motto during these interesting times:

**"simple, relaxed and stress-free"!**

Be gentle with yourself and each other as we return to our liturgical rituals and practices. It is up to you to make the decision regarding the sign of peace and communion and your decision is the right one. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided as you enter your parish home and if you are feeling unwell, please refrain from Attending Mass. An online Mass (Auckland Diocese) can be found on Shine TV at 2pm each Sunday.

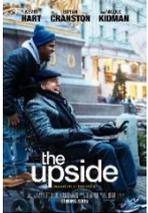


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## Church Notices

### Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:

The following events are an open invitation to the Palmerston North Catholic Community – all welcome.

20 July	9:30am	<b>Listening Space:</b> An open inter-church group in Manawatu offering quiet space and companionship – Cathedral – See noticeboard for more information
21 July	1:30pm	<b>Women's Movie Afternoon – The Upside:</b> Phillip is a wealthy quadriplegic who needs a caretaker to help him with his day-to-day routine in his New York penthouse. He decides to hire Dell, a struggling parolee who is trying to reconnect with his ex and his young son. Despite coming from two different worlds, an unlikely friendship starts to blossom as Dell and Phillip rediscover the joy of living life to the fullest. – Cathedral Lounge 
22 July	9:00am	 <b>Gathering for Ministers of Eucharist to those at home.</b> Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Opportunity for Prayer / reflection / nuts and bolts
23 July	9:30am	 <b>Shining Stars</b> – an invitation to all our little people to come and share some song, dance, and morning tea – an invitation to all parents and caregivers from all parishes.
28 July	10:30am	<b>Blokes Morning Tea</b> – Cathedral Lounge
20 August	10:00am	The third form that began the 1957 school year at <b>St Patrick's College Silverstream</b> will shortly be holding a class reunion in Palmerston North. This will include a Mass at 10am on Thursday 20 August in the Cathedral which will be concelebrated by a member of that class, Fr Michael McVerry S.M., along with another college old boy, our own Bishop Owen. All men who were educated by Marist priests are warmly invited to attend and join in the light luncheon in the parish lounge which will follow. If you are one of these and can come, please ring, and give your name for catering purposes to either to the parish office (06 3572891) or Michael Vanderpump (06 3555268). 
7 September		<b>Cathedral Café recommences</b> on Monday 7 September. Please book on 357 2891, between 9.00 and 1.00pm Monday to Friday, if you wish to join us.

**Cathedral Café** – Please collect your dishes from the Parish Office. Thank you.

### Our Lady of Lourdes:

- **Children's Liturgy Mass** – Children's Liturgy Mass will commence in August at the 9.30am Mass. This will be held once a month and will ensure we stay connected with our children, parents, and families in the Parish. The children's liturgy will continue on the other Sundays of the month. Please watch for further information in next week's newsletter.
- **Rosters** available on OLOL website and on the noticeboard in foyer.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes School Annual School Fundraiser – Fertilizer Dive.** \$17 per 12kg bag delivered right to your door! In sterilised pellet form – it is perfect for your vegetable patch, flower bed or potted plants. Orders can be made through the school office by emailing [office@lol.school.nz](mailto:office@lol.school.nz) or phone the school at 06 358 9727. Delivery date: Saturday 25 July between 9:00am and 12:00pm. Have you ordered your bag yet? Thank you for your support!



### St Mary's Foxton/Shannon:

- **St. Mary's Parish office has moved** into the church foyer.
- Come and enjoy a cuppa after every 10:30am Thursday Mass.

### General Notices:

 ST PETER'S COLLEGE PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND	<b>St Peter's College</b> invites you to their <b>Open Night</b> on Thursday 6 August at 6:00pm in the school gymnasium. Families with children entering Year 7 or Year 9 in 2021 are invited to come along and get an insight of what we have to offer.
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- † See the **Noticeboard** in your church foyer for more information and notices including bulletin 435 for Pro-life Action
- † **Wanting to rent** - Catholic Tongan family from Levin (parents with two adult children), need to rent a house in PN, preferable near Ruahine Street. If you can assist, please phone Ana 021 084 00126 or Atina 021 269 0818.

† **The Pregnancy Centre** is holding its Annual General Meeting on 23 July, 7pm, at the Centre 237 Broadway Avenue. Please see Noticeboard for more information.

† **Junior Youth Group-Friends of Frankie** starts for term 3 on 24 July at the Diocesan Centre for years 6-9 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, bring a friend. Contact Bridget Kelly-Lowe for more info on [bkelly@pndioocese.org.nz](mailto:bkelly@pndioocese.org.nz)

† **KPF 3rd Quarter Community Assembly Mass** – 25 July 1pm-4pm at the Cathedral – Presider Fr. Nathaniel Tat Brazil.

† **Senior Youth Group Manawatu Mokos** years 10-13 starts Thursday 30 July at the Dio Centre from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, come for Kai, Korero and Karakia. A time to relax and reflect. Contact Hinekawa Wilson-Munday for more info on [hwilson-munday@pndioocese.org.nz](mailto:hwilson-munday@pndioocese.org.nz) 021509439

† **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook** page – <https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/>

Contact: Basia McIntosh at [BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz](mailto:BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz) phone: 021 082 03750.

† **Marist St Pats RFC** – Past Players and Supporters Complimentary luncheon and launch of the Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Book “C`mon Red” Saturday 25 July at the Hataitai Clubrooms.

† **An Ignatian Retreat for Our Times** - A retreat inspired by the words of Pope Francis, in which he sees the church as a field hospital after battle needing to heal the wounds and warm the hearts of the faithful. We invite you to come and 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. Mondays 3 August, 10 August, 17 August 2020. Mornings 11am-noon, or evenings 7pm-8pm. If you are interested, contact Nicola McCarthy or Murray Adams from the Diocesan Retreats Team.

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† **The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith** will be held this year on Saturday 15 August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to [www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz](http://www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz) or phone Clare 022 1912 886. – **See Noticeboard for more details**

† **CathNews** reports news about and of interest to the Catholic Church. This Catholic News has focus on New Zealand and the South Pacific – read online [CathNews New Zealand](http://CathNewsNewZealand)

**NZCatholic**

† For sale in the church foyer.



Available in the Cathedral foyer.

† **The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street is now open:** Mon-Fri 10–4pm. Sat 10–1pm. **We are desperate for:** Men’s clothing, Children’s clothing and Toys are in high demand – please bring them in when you do a clean out.

**Special request:** waterproof clothing for 10-11-year old’s for a school camp in July – this can be dropped off at the op shop.

**Donations:** Please take all donations to the back door – down the drive and into the yard. Food parcel requests will also be received on the shop number 06 3576779. Food donations may be put in the baskets at Church as we return to Sunday Masses.

**Please Note:** if you require emergency food parcels in the Foxton and Shannon area, please contact Eleanor on [foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz) or 021 064 4584.



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