

21 OCTOBER 2018

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in His ministry and in His passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. What was Jesus' unique message to His disciples about how they are to exercise authority. How can you apply Jesus' words in your family life? How do we learn to serve others with love?

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Psalm Response: 21 October 2018

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 October 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9;

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Background to the celebration of St Oscar Romero on 27 October 2018

On 14 October 2018 there will be a great celebration in Rome of the canonization of St Oscar Romero. Who is he and why are we celebrating in Palmerston North on 27 October?

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador. He was assassinated on Monday 24 March 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty-five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, because he was killed out of hatred of the faith, and was beatified on 23 May 2015, and now he is being declared a saint, an example for us of what it means to be a Christian and especially of how a Bishop will be a witness to the Gospel in the midst of our time and place.

Born on 15 August 1917, Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained in April 1942. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher who responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor. He gave dedicated pastoral service to the diocese of San Miguel for 25 years – a greatly-admired workaholic in a cassock!

There followed seven years of what he saw as “pastoral famine” in the capital city, San Salvador, where he worked as an ecclesiastical bureaucrat. Ordained Auxiliary Bishop in 1970, he gained a reputation as a stubborn and reactionary prelate. Seemingly unsympathetic to the new social justice thrust of the Latin American Church, he was suspicious of the clergy and the Base Christian Communities of the archdiocese who worked alongside the exploited rural poor, promoting social organisations and land reform.

A brief spell back in the countryside as Bishop of Santiago de Maria opened Romero’s eyes as he reconnected to the semi-feudal misery and hardship of the campesinos and witnessed the murderous repression being suffered at the hands of the security forces. In February 1977 he was the surprising choice to be the new Archbishop of San Salvador.

Over the next three years the social and political conflict in El Salvador intensified with electoral fraud blocking change, and peaceful protest being met with massacres and death squad killings. From his Cathedral pulpit Archbishop Romero became the voice of the voiceless poor. There, in a society of cover-up and lies, he spoke the truth of what was happening in the countryside; he denounced the killings, the torture and the disappearances of community leaders; he demanded justice and recompense for the atrocities committed by the army and police and he set up legal aid projects and pastoral programmes to support the victims of the violence. With the emergence of armed guerrilla groups on the far left, civil war loomed. Archbishop Romero, rejecting the violence perpetrated by the left as well as the right, strained every nerve to promote peaceful solutions to his nation’s crisis. He was vilified in the press, attacked and denounced to Rome by Catholics of the wealthy classes, harassed by the security forces and publicly opposed by several episcopal colleagues.

The death threats multiplied; the atmosphere was charged. Archbishop Romero realised he was going to be killed. And he came to accept it. At 6.26pm on 24 March 1980, with a single marksman’s bullet, he fell at the foot of a huge crucifix. He died a Eucharistic martyr, a martyr to the option for the poor, a martyr to the Magisterium, the teaching and witness, of the Church – and now is recognised as Saint Oscar Romero, and example that is being put before the whole Church as how we are called to respond to the ‘cry of the poor’.

Based on an Article from the Archbishop Romero Trust

You are invited to a movie and Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of Oscar Romero, Saturday, 27 October.

3pm - ‘Romero’ Film, in the Diocesan Conference Rooms with intermission at 4pm with hospitality.

5pm - Mass in the Cathedral. The Mass will be in Spanish and English and presided by Bishop Owen Dolan and Bishop Charles Drennan.

A few things happening in our Young Church

Who are we?

The Citywide Youth Team exists to serve the parishes of Palmerston North. The office is based in the Diocesan Centre in the Diocesan Young Catholics Office.

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A warm welcome to **Basia McIntosh** who is our newly appointed Families Minister.

The kaupapa of this team of people is to partner the parishes existing engagement with young people.

What’s on and who to contact:

- ✓ Sunday Young Adult Events are happening! Contact Georgia
- ✓ Seekers Sacramental Programme. Please pray for those students at St Peter’s College who are exploring Baptism and those who are preparing for First Eucharist.
- ✓ PN CityWide Youth Ministry - Mokos Senior Youth Group – runs fortnightly on Fridays @The Diocesan Centre. Contact Tausilia
- ✓ PN Junior Youth Group – runs weekly on Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Jude
- ✓ Nick is at **Massey** on Wednesdays! Operating out of the Centre (opposite the bus stop) Mass at 12:05 with a spectacularly delicious lunch provided after! Contact Nick
- ✓ **Young Catholic Leader** 10-14 December. This is for students going from Year 12 who are returning to school for Year 13. There are spaces for Catholic Year 12 students who are not in a Catholic School. Contact Nick or Thom.

Te Ahi Kaa - We are seeking expressions of interest for Te Ahi Kaa for 2019. If you or someone you know is aged 19 – 35 and will be living in Palmerston North next year, invite them to consider Te Ahi Kaa! We are looking for those who are interested in exploring their faith in conjunction with their work or study commitments under the house pillars for formation, service, prayer, and hospitality in a supportive and welcoming environment. Please contact Georgia on 021811148 for more information. There is an upcoming working bee at Te Ahi Kaa! Contact Georgia if you are able to come along, even if it is just for a short while.

Tertiary Study 2019 - Are you studying somewhere other than Palmy in 2019? If so, grab a red sheet from your church which has all of the National Catholic Tertiary Chaplains details on it, with dates and venues for the welcome events for young adults at the beginning of 2019! For more info, contact the DYC Office 3503824.

Reminders:

- ✎ Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School – 10 EPIC days of prayer, community formation and discernment for 18-35 year olds. 4-13th Jan 2019. www.heartsaflame.org.nz or contact Thom
- ✎ Lifeteen Summer Camp 15-19 Jan 2019, Forest Lakes, Otaki <https://lifeteen.nz/> Contact Taus.
- ✎ Challenge2000 – looking for a way to live the Gospel and get a taste for social work before heading off to uni? <https://www.challenge2000.org.nz/youth/gap-year/>

Notices: (Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

General Notices

FR CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT - 3 November 2018 St Brigid's Church, Feilding

To ensure you have a seat at the concert, we recommend that you purchase tickets promptly, however there will be door sales on the night for people who decide to come at the "last minute!" Fr Chris's last concert at St Brigid's was a "sell out"!! You can either send a cheque to St Brigid's Parish office, 4 Monmouth Street, Feilding 4702 Attention: **Chris Skinner Concert** with a self-addressed envelope for us to send your tickets to or we can hold your tickets for you to pick up on the night of the concert.

Or you can pay by direct credit if that is more convenient with your Initials and Surname and C Skinner as the reference. Bank account 02 0630 0288037021. If you do choose to pay on line, would you please send a quick email with your address, so we can send your tickets and also state when you have transferred the money. (stbrigids@xtra.co.nz) or (amwilliams9@outlook.com) **The same applies re holding your tickets if you would prefer rather than sending a self-addressed envelope. Tickets:** Adults \$25, Gold card/Concession \$20, Students \$10.00. Thanks very much. We look forward to seeing you on 3rd November. *Regards, St Brigid's Parish Fundraising Committee*

ACROSS AGM at noon on 24 October, All Saint's 338 Church Street. All Welcome

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400 3rd Quarterly Meeting: 4.00pm, Monday 5 Nov in the Cathedral Lounge, 197 Broadway Avenue, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, 3577844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

Enquiry Nights for the RCIA Programme
Cathedral Lounge - Wednesday
17 October at 7.00pm

Contact: Rod Bennett on 021-2922918
This is for anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith and more about becoming a Catholic (with no commitment).

MISSION SUNDAY reminds us that God says to each of us: "up and leave your place". Leave all that can lock us down in mediocrity – for some that is routines, others its tired agendas and pet hobby horses, and for others again perhaps it's overdoses of Facebook and Instagram etc. Set free of traps, we can bring the beauty and kindness of faith somewhere else, somewhere new, which may be just around the corner.

Faith transforms every possible human situation. Mission Sunday prompts us therefore to step back and marvel at the breadth and depth of our Christian faith. Let's relish the good at work in our communities, let's take courage from the lives of our saints, sung and unsung, let's grow in appreciation of our faith for which others have even died, let's remember kiwi missionaries abroad – lay volunteers, Columban Fathers, Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, De La Salle Brothers etc.

In many regions and countries simply being a Catholic is dangerous. Our collection today helps the Church in such places by supporting education and healthcare, pastoral programmes and family development projects, the protection of democracy etc which are all fruits of Jesus' Good News of mercy, compassion, justice, peace, and eternal life.

Mission Sunday is for us all. Our prayers show that in Christ we are all brothers and sisters of our worldwide human family. *+ Chelles*



Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 - We have just about got a viable party of travellers. If you would like to join me and others on a 2 week tour of the Passion Play in June 2020, then please contact me as soon as possible on 021-2576771 or mondbell@gmail.com as soon as possible. Those who would like to extend their tour will be able to do so. If you have any other queries, please let me know. *Regards, Mons David Bell.*

Our Lady of Lourdes

LOL Coffee group meets every Tuesday at 9:15am during term time in the Church foyer. All welcome to come in for a casual chat; toys for kids, hot drinks for adults. Call Maria 021 02760945 or Laura 027 4273683 for any questions, or just turn up on the day!

Catechumenate for children at LOL each second Sunday following the 9.30am Mass—next session is on 4 November.

Annual LOL Bereavement Mass Wednesday 7 November at 7:00pm. 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 anyone who lived elsewhere or whose death occurred some time ago are also welcome. The 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. **Please note – no 10am Mass**

ROSTERS: 22-28 October: Church Cleaning: Wendy Derksen. Counting: Marion Carey. Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Suneal and Beverly Singh 9:30am Josie Conlon. Readers: 5:30pm Roselle Gouwland, Kathy Gardiner, Rolyenne Grocero. 9:30am Diane Baucke, Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue. Extraordinary Ministers: 5:30pm Judith and Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Brendon O'Connor, John Lynch. 9:30am Maria Amey, Mary Dorn, Clare Cole, Eileen O'Connor, Mary O'Connor. Flowers: June Lynch. Altar Servers: 9:30am Kaitlyn Amey and Brianna Wilson. Children's Liturgy: Narelle O'Connor. Hospitality: 9:30am Tokelauan Group. Religious Goods/Library: Rita Auta. Lawns: (Oct 13th) Fr Joe. Linen: (October) Mary O'Connor.

LOL Prayer Chain: Phone Eileen O'Connor 329 1801 or 021 671 755 or the Parish Office

All Souls Day 1 November Mass 10:00am
All Saints Day 2 November Mass 10:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes School is now accepting enrolments for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 - New Entrants to Year 6. We offer quality education for children in a caring and supportive environment. Phone 358-9727 for further information. (Principal - Jacinta Cousins)

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: 7 November at 1.30 p.m. Anne Odogwu speaking about Brazil, information about refugees, usual flower comps and craft is a recycled object. Remember your Christmas raffle item.

St Mary's Foxton / St Joseph's Shannon

4 November: **One Mass only on Sunday 4 November at 10.00 am St Joseph's Shannon** followed by a sausage sizzle. Please sign the form at the back of the church (St Mary's) or leave a message on the parish phone if you need transport.

Mission Sunday – there will be a separate door collection at each of the two masses. Please give generously.

Fr Chris Skinner Concert - there will be two parishioners from St Brigid's selling tickets to this concert after Mass today. Concert will be at the St Brigid's church Feilding on Saturday 3 November at 7.30pm. Fr Chris Skinner is returning by popular request.

St Brigid's

Parish A.G.M - This will take place after Mass and Hospitality 10.30am 18 November. Would Chairs of Finance, Liturgy, St Vincent de Paul, Prayer and Meditation groups, St Brigid's Hall Trust and Parish Pastoral Council have their reports to the Parish office by 9 November. This will enable all reports to be prepared well ahead of time. Thank you.

October **Month of the Rosary** and is dedicated as the month for Catholics to pray the Rosary. Come and join each Wednesday 9.30am to pray for the unborn child and value of life, and Friday 9.30am to pray with us followed by Adoration and 10.00am Mass.

Cake Stall for Kerala Flood Relief: Sunday 28 October there will be a cake stall after Mass to raise funds for the Kerala flood relief. As you are aware this is the home area of both our priests. Donations of baked goods appreciated, these can be collected Saturday if required. Contact Colleen 323 3141 for further information.

28 October Roster: Welcomer: Rose O'Brien; Coordinator: Colleen McIntosh; Readers: Stuart Binns / Kevin Petersen; Gifts: Anne McGregor/ Jane Roberts; Collectors: Grant Pennycook/ Gary Pugin; Overhead: Marshall Kessler; Sound: Jeff Grant; Altar Server: Lochlan Emerson; Min of Host: Marie Williams; Min of Cup: Curt Brown/ Alvin Sewell/ Margaret Morrison/ Jean Sherrard; Scristan: Marie Williams; Bellringer: Darryl Lindop; Morning Tea: Dianna Kessler/ Pam Trail

St Mary's

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - please collect your planned giving envelopes from the foyer today. A kind thank you to all for your generous donations for the upkeep of our parish.

The month of October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary** so we encourage you to recite the Holy Rosary with your family together. As a parish family we recite rosary together after the Holy Eucharist (Monday, Wednesday - Friday).

The **piercing with the Lance and the Resurrection of Jesus** is the title of next week's Compassion for Christ session at St Mary's.

ST. MARY'S PARISH AGM

All are invited to our AGM on 25th November, after the Sunday morning Mass. Please mark this date in your diary and attend

Cathedral Parish

The Cathedral Community Café (celebrating 25 years) has been a special project of the Social Justice Group since 1993. Sharing food is the primordial human sacrament. Providing food for the hungry has a special meaning for Catholics given the centrality of the Eucharist, in which Christ gave his Broken Body for the salvation of the world.

When Ivan Snook wrote for the parish newsletter, he made the connection between the Eucharist and the option for the poor in his frequent references to Monica Hellwig's classic, "Eucharist and the Hunger of the World" in the parish newsletter. So too in the fact that new cooks were recruited at the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Café meets on the first Monday of the month, except when there is a public holiday (2nd Monday of the month) and we host approx. 50 people. It has never been a soup kitchen. It was always intended to be a community Café where low income families can enjoy a gourmet three course home cooked meal, prepared by our generous parishioners.

For the last 25 years, Josie Snook has taken on the responsibility of calling the cooks the week before the Café and requesting either a main, a vegetable dish or a dessert. Without any hesitation, I can say that parishioners who cook for the Café ALWAYS prepare a feast. The food is delicious, and portions are very generous. No wonder the Café has been the best church meal in town (so we are told) and in some instances we have seen our guests grow up in the last 25 years. And now they bring their children! A joyful spirit always prevails. All are made welcome just because they came.

Social Justice committee members not only prepare some of the food, they set up, serve and clean up. Some of the guests also pitch in and help and this allows the committee members time to hopefully enjoy a meal with them. As they leave, the team are thanked profusely for the gourmet delight that has been provided with a "see you next month," as they cheerfully walk out the door.

What makes the Cathedral Community Café so special is that those who cook and serve the feast enjoy it as much as those who receive it. The support from parishioners has always been amazing and the Cathedral Parish assists us with an annual grant. That is why it has continued for 25 years and why, God willing, it will always be a witness to the Eucharistic faith of our Catholic people. We would welcome any offers of help from any of the Palmerston North parishes and if you would like to assist with the Café or would like more information, please contact the Cathedral parish office.

Mary Eastham, August 2018



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blokes Morning Tea – Tuesday
23 October, Parish Lounge, 10.30am

Cathedral Parish Annual Meeting – 25 November
2018 commencing at 7.15pm after the 6pm Mass.

We pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently especially Josie Scheyvens RIP and Noemi Roche RIP (Wgtn) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our prayers are also with those who are unwell and for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.