



25 October 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

## Pastor's Desk

### Cathedral Parish Council Meeting

On Saturday last the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council held a reflection day. This day took the form of a reflection and each council member invited a "guest" to attend and participate in the process. The purpose of this was to form a conversation that begins to reach beyond the Council's own discussions, while allowing others to share the conversation.

They began by looking at our strategic plan and the chunky pieces of work that have been undertaken over the 2018-2020 period. Strategic Plans are living plans that express the aspirations and hopes of the group and a programme of actions. Holding the aspirational and the programmatic intention is always challenging, but it is the challenge of leadership.

The major focus of Saturday's discussion was re-emerging from the experience of Covid-19 and liturgical lockdown with purpose. It is challenging to consider how much fear has ruled our lives over recent months and in some parts of the world, fear of pandemic is still dominant and operative. It was also wonderful to hear that people there want more engagement with the mission of the Church.

The day was spent *listening to what the Spirit is saying to the church*. The voice of the Spirit can be so easily ignored when the Spirit's wisdom and voice is not saying what we (you or I) want the Spirit to say. Listening to, and discerning, the voice of the Spirit is a critical task for us all, especially if we think or feel that times have changed. Listening is the work of the Church and not of an individual. There is a listening-in-common that is critical to the life of the Church.

The Cathedral PPC will invite more parishioners to engage in further conversations around mission—would you participate if invited?

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council and Finance Committee have decided to meet in one monthly meeting, on the basis that all members are parishioners concerned for and engaged in the life of the parish. At St Mary's Foxton, the Parish Council and Finance Committee have decided to integrate and become one council. In both parishes, to abide by Church Law, members will hold a

designation as either Parish Councillor or Finance Committee member, and where necessary use sub-committees. St Mary's School, Foxton, is doing a major enrolment drive and you can access their website here <http://www.stmarysfoxton.school.nz/> and please pray for the success of this campaign.

### Bereavement Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes has hosted for several years a Bereavement Mass in November for those who have suffered the death of a loved one during the previous year. This year it is on 4 November 4 at 7pm. It is also a memorial for those who have died previously. We will hold this Mass at the Lourdes Church for everyone from our three parishes and beyond and welcome everyone, of every faith, to join with us. If you have questions please contact [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz) for details.

### First Holy Communion

First Communion is planned for the Cathedral on 8 November 8 at 9.30am Mass and Lourdes/Foxton on 22 November at 9.30am. The Cathedral process has already commenced. Preparation begins for Lourdes parishioners next Wednesday, 28 October at 5.30pm in the Church gathering area. First reconciliation for Lourdes Parish children is planned for 4 November at 5pm at the Church.

Mission and ministry are central to our identity, as is hospitality. As Catholic communities, our ministry of hospitality to the city and other Christian Communities will be obvious this Advent. At the Cathedral, we will co-host with St Peter's Anglican the blessing of the Advent wreaths on 26 November at 7pm. On 28 November and again on 20 December, we will host the City-wide Anglican Communion. During Advent we will have "Sacred Space" prayer times for those who are seeking peace during the pre-Christmas rush. Please feel welcome to attend any or all of these.

The month of the Rosary—October—has seen the hosting of the Rosary in homes, led by the KPF fellowship and supported by other parish groups. In November and December on the first Friday's of the month, there will be Praise and Worship with Adoration at Lourdes Church, hosted by KPF for all parish groups and parishioners.

Fr Joe Grayland

## Special Notices

Please Note: **Memorial Acclamation said during Masses in October:**

So parishioners can respond in unison each month we will alternate these responses starting with:

*"We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!"*

### NZ Bishops Conference Palmerston North – Tues Oct 27 to Friday Oct 30

We welcome the Bishops of New Zealand to Palmerston North and our Diocese for their conference this coming week. They will be presiding at the 12.05 Mass each day at the Cathedral. The Bishops attending are Cardinal John Dew (Wellington) Bishop Patrick Dunn (Auckland) Bishop Michael Gielen (Auckland) Bishop Steve Lowe (Hamilton) Bishop Paul Martin (Christchurch) Bishop Michael Dooley (Dunedin). I will be attending the conference representing the Diocese of Palmerston North. Please pray for the success of the conference! – Blessings! Monsignor Brian Walsh.

**Please note:** Cathedral Parish Office and OLOL Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October for Safeguarding Workshop 1.

**OLOL First Holy Communion and Reconciliation** preparation will begin with a meeting, in the gathering area for parents and children, on Wednesday 28th October at 5.30pm. If your child is 7 years old and has been baptised, you are invited to join the programme.

There is still time to enrol by completing a form, which is available in the gathering area, or by emailing Kate McNamara at [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz). A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required with your enrolment. Sessions will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November following 9.30am Mass. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.30am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup>

Reconciliation will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm.

## Prayer Intentions

**We Pray for Our Deceased:** RIP: Leon Darny Baustista (father of Carina & Caryl) and Sr Mary Gordan

**Mass intentions:** Maurice Murray (A24/10), Bob Bowe (A25/10)

**Special Prayers:** For the sick including Muriel Atkinson and those suffering with psychological illnesses and their families.



**We pray for:** Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, David Maeguard, Diane Stubbs, Deborah Green, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Fr Damian Caccioppoli SM, Ian Sutherland, Josie Conlon, Bernice OBeirne, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Malia Mavaega, Marian Carey, Maureen Murphy, Maureen Watts, Maria Pascoe, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Melva Widdowson, Michael Quirk, Pat Kauri, Nicola Burmeister, Paul McRae, Peter Morrison-Story, Pippa Richards, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Rebecca Lauvi, Rose Waldvogel, Steve Horgan, Stephen Caccioppoli, Tony Murphy, Tony Wincombe, Vinnie Carroll, William Lemmon, Anna & John Feldberg, Margaret & John Maskill, Tyler, Allan and Wayne.



## Reflection – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 22.21-27 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Thessalonians 1.5c-10, **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22.34-40  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Both readings explore the consequences of our relationship with God and how it should be illuminated in our relationships with others. These others include not just our friends and neighbours, but our enemies, the marginalised, the poor and needy. In spite of the possible consequences of suffering and exclusion, we are roundly challenged into adopting inclusive values and practices that include genuine empathy. It is not enough to love God in isolation; we must translate his Word into a way of being that helps us nurture and build our communities. In doing so, we need to move beyond an emphasis on the legislative justice of Jewish tradition, business concepts of fair play in the modern world, or peer group drives for individual power or wealth, to place compassion at the heart of our relationships.

Paul's behaviour shows us a model where, even under intense pressure, his Gospel teachings were closely reflected in his actions. The Thessalonians were so inspired by this that they were converted, then maintained a deep sense of joy and hope despite persecution. Today, we too are exhorted to accept the responsibility of God in our lives by resolutely committing to a lifestyle that expresses compassion for others. This can start with fostering supportive family ties, considerate workplace values, or reach out further to assist with local, national or international affiliations.

From Anne McCarthy.

## NOTICES:

For more in-depth news see our [Online Newsletter](#) or the Parishes Noticeboard.

- † **St Vincent de Paul:** Some suggestions for our food store as some items are becoming depleted: small pasta & sauce, spaghetti & baked beans, tinned vegetables, instant coffee, noodles & muesli bars or similar for lunch boxes. Thank you for your continuing support.
- † **St Vinnie's Shop:** We still require Children's toys and children's clothes as both are popular items.
- † **OLOL: Encyclical Letter, FRATELLI TUTTI** – Pope FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP reading & discussion group. Thursdays in November (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19, 26<sup>th</sup>) 7pm to 8pm. Lead by Fr Joe Grayland. Purpose: to read & discuss the letter. All welcome.
- † If anyone in Palmerston North would like to have a **holiday** in Eponi, Lower Hutt during the December holidays, Noel Cassidy would like to **Swap-a-Home** (2 Bedroom Townhouse) for about 7 to 10 days with you, please contact him on 04 577 1940 for more details.
- † **Let us get to know the bible.** Come and join us over a cuppa and enjoying the Word and being encouraged at 540 Albert Street, 1:15pm each Tuesday till school pickup. **Enquires:** Basia McIntosh 02108203750 [BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz)
- † **Young Catholic Leader** is still taking registrations for the upcoming programme from December 14-18, 2020. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for Year 13 who will have a leadership role in 2020 or are wanting to better develop their leadership skills. Students from Catholic and state schools throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Nick Wilson on 0218222814 or [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz)
- † **Volunteer driver needed for Meals on Wheels** – if you are interested please contact Gil Escott 357 1617 or May Young 354 4677 / [szm.young@xtra.co.nz](mailto:szm.young@xtra.co.nz).
- † **Manawatu Community Housing Trust** – We are a social housing charitable trust and wanting to find a **retired handyman** who is looking for casual work. Contact Jacqui Saxton May 0274312424
- † 27 to 29 November 2020 – **ADVENT RETREAT** with Rex Begley & Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC – time to reflect on what has happened to You, our Church & our World since last Christmas. Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston. Cost \$190.00. Registration required. Contact: [rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com](mailto:rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com) Phone: 027 545 6808 or 027 967 2299
- 25 October 6:00pm **Cathedral - Rosary after 6pm Mass**
- 29 October 9:30am **Cathedral Lounge Shining Stars – all welcome!**
- 30 October 12:05pm **Cathedral – Hospitality after Friday Mass**
- 30 October 1:30pm **Cathedral – Praying the Sunday Gospel**
- 30 October 1:00pm **St. Mary's Foxton – Rosary every Friday afternoon at 1pm**
- 31 October 12:00pm **KPF Community Assembly - (Charismatic Mass, Teaching, Praise & Worship, Healing Session, & Fellowship)**
- 31 October 3:30pm **Rosary Culmination for October in the Cathedral – Please note: There will be NO Mass at 6:00pm**
- 1 November 11:30am **Sacred Heart (Rongotea) is Celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.** There is **NO** Mass at 9:00am. This will be followed by lunch at the Rongotea Tavern. All Welcome! For catering purposes, please indicate numbers by 25 October to Tim Hehir [tim.hehir@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tim.hehir@xtra.co.nz) or ph. 027 583 9317
- 4 November 7:00pm **OLOL – Bereavement Mass – Everyone Welcome!**
- 7 November **PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM.** Phone St Mary's office 358 5614 to register your interest.
- 8 November 9:30am **Cathedral First Holy Communion Celebration**
- 8 November 6:00pm **OLOL – City-wide Praise & Worship, and Adoration – finish at 8:00pm**
- 17 November 1:30pm **Cathedral - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Ladies Movie Afternoon – All welcome!**
- 24 November 10:30am **Cathedral Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Blokes Morning Tea – All welcome!**
- 22 November 9:30am **OLOL First Holy Communion Celebration – Feast of Christ the King.**

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