



26 July 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**STAYING
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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, “Registering my details with you”.

Pastor’s Desk

In the Gospel reading today, the kingdom of God is likened to a treasure buried in a field and to a fine pearl. Jesus sees the search for God as central in our journey of life. What we are asked to seek is the most important in life, that which gives meaning and helps us make sense of our lives. The kingdom of God is the “pearl of great value” worth more than all we have gained in our human experience. The challenge for all of us is to become signs of God’s kingdom through our love for God and our neighbours. When the Spirit of God fills our hearts, our capacity to love expands to all nations, all ethnicities, all people, especially those who have not had a place at the table.

Sometimes, however it is not until something we value is threatened, that we realise just how precious it is. The destructive impact of Covid 19 on our health, our families, our economy, our way of life, has been felt throughout the community of Aotearoa, New Zealand and the global community. This time has taught us to be a team of 5 million, to be kind to each other, to discover how important our connectedness is to each other and our environment, to look out for each other, to be willing to be the human face of Christ to each other. The Black Lives Matter Campaign also provided a powerful example of the Kingdom of God going to those who were hurting, who’d been denied a place at the table, who had been cast out of community and said ‘You Matter.’ The life and ministry of Jesus gave us the vision and capacity to love so we can break down the religious and cultural walls that have long divided people.

Throughout history, we have inspiring examples of people who sought to live lives that matter, that continue to make a difference in the world. Nelson Mandela’s vision was for a peaceful, more equal society in South Africa and at great sacrifice for what he believed in, he committed to human rights for all. Striving for dignity for the poor dying on the streets of Calcutta, and around the world was where Mother Teresa experienced the Kingdom of God. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Dame Whina Cooper’s vision was that everyone would live in harmony and share the wisdom from each culture, as she fought for better health care and for the future of our children.

As we live with faithfulness, gentleness, gratitude, aroha, integrity, understanding and compassion, and embrace the gifts of diversity, interconnectedness, interdependence, and communion in our community, we too have the opportunity every day to be God’s love in action and attitude.

From: Kerry Hocquard

Liturgical Matters

Last week we announced that we had been given permission to return to the previously suspended liturgical rituals and practices. Communion is now being offered from the chalice, the Sign of Peace with a handshake, blessed water in the font and communion on the tongue. We asked that you personally decide what you are comfortable doing and whatever you choose was the right choice. Thank you everyone for your continued support of the changes and for respecting each other’s decisions.

Reminder: Public Safety is still a communal concern. We need to be diligent in keeping safe health practices and respectful of other people’s safety. 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 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 each parish will be different.

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: Norah Sutton RIP



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions: The Tibbles Family

Farewell to Tony Murphy

Tony Murphy retired from his role as Diocesan General Manager on Wednesday after nearly two decades of service. The farewell was underscored by the prayers and hopes for Tony's health and for a future full of hope! Tony, the parishioners of the Cathedral, Lourdes and Foxton parishes thank you for your leadership and support! With Mons Brian, Tony you have lead our diocese and for your service we are most grateful. We will continue to pray for you, Denise and your family.

In gratitude, the parishioners of the Kotahi Ano: The Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Mary's Foxton, St Joseph's Shannon and Sacred Heart, Rongotea.



Congratulations to Juanita Johnson who celebrated her **90th birthday** on Saturday 18 July.

Congratulations to Mons David Bell who celebrates his **birthday** on Friday 24 July.



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, Michael Quirk, Pat Kauri, Nicola Burmeister, Paul McRae, Peter Morrison-Story, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Rebecca Lauvi, Romeo Plamio, Rose Waldvogel, 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.



St Peters College: The Board of Trustees are about to commence the process of appointing a replacement Principal for Kevin Shore, who will be leaving us in September. This is a time when prayer becomes a significant factor to their planning and decision making. Accordingly, we invite all parishioners to mindfully keep this process and the Board Members in your thoughts and prayers.

Reflection – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12++, **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.44-52

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.



For the past two Sundays, and again today, we have heard the parables in Matthew's Gospel that begin "The kingdom of heaven is like..." We are told that even those closest to Jesus, his disciples, had trouble understanding not only what he was trying to teach but the way in which he was talking to the people. They would have known it was an important topic – after all he was describing something beyond their imagination, something of which he spoke about with great authority.

But the deeper meaning of his simple parables was often lost on them. However, they were privy to his explanations, his postscripts for their ears alone. As readers of these gospel accounts, we too are enlightened by the teachings of Jesus as recorded and by the distilled wisdom of the centuries. But we can become complacent having heard the stories many times. To 'hear' with new ears gives us the opportunity to go deeper into the mystery of the kingdom, the 'something' beyond our imagination.

I read a short reflection by a priest who turned the two parables of today on their head and asks the question - what if the one who found a great treasure in the field or a magnificent pearl, the one who sold all they had to possess that treasure or pearl, what if that one is not us?

"God is the unnamed person who is preoccupied with purchasing the field. God is the merchant who is infatuated with obtaining the precious pearl. Most importantly, God tells Jesus that for the buried treasure and the precious pearl no cost is too great, not even his life. This makes us the valued treasure. This makes us the precious pearl." Listen all you have ears!

From Julie Randall



Flashes of Insight - Conversations on Worship after Liturgical Lockdown with Professor Thomas O’Loughlin of Nottingham University, England.

Why a conversation?

Because we need to talk about the disruption and change in our worship during lockdown

Who is the conversation for?

It is for everyone who has experienced liturgical disruption and who is seeking to “understand” their experience.

What’s the format of the conversation?

The first part is a conversation with Professor O’Loughlin and Fr. Joe Grayland. Part two is a Q&A with Professor O’Loughlin.

How long are the conversations?

They are 45 minutes long and presented via Zoom. You will have to register beforehand and details soon.

When are the conversations? (dates, times and login-in)

August 6, at 7pm NZ Standard Time
August 13, at 7pm NZ Standard Time
August 20, at 7pm NZ Standard Time

10 SIGNS YOU'RE DOING WELL IN LIFE

- 1) You have a roof over your head.
- 2) You ate today.
- 3) You have a good heart.
- 4) You wish good for others.
- 5) You have clean water.
- 6) Someone cares for you.
- 7) You strive to be better.
- 8) You have clean clothes.
- 9) You have a dream.
- 10) You're breathing.

BE THANKFUL FOR THE LITTLE THINGS, FOR THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT.

Church Notices

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:

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

28 July	10:30am	Blokes Morning Tea – Cathedral Lounge
28 July	5:15pm	St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Cathedral lounge – all welcome.
15 August	3:00pm	The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be hosting a section of the Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith – for more information please contact Rastem Eugenio rastem@me.com or the noticeboard.
20 August	10:00am	The third form that began the 1957 school year at St Patrick’s College Silverstream 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		Cathedral Café recommences on Monday 7 September. Please book on 357 2891, between 9.00 and 1.00pm Monday to Friday, if you wish to join us.
Eucharistic Ministers – Spare printed copies of the current roster are available in the display holder situated beside the roster noticeboard.		



Our Lady of Lourdes:

2 August	9:30am	Children’s Mass – everyone welcome!
5 August	1:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Next meeting belated birthday lunch: Cafe 116 Napier Road. RSVP June 354 7686 Rose 357 5429.

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 invites you to their **Open Night** 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.

See **Noticeboard** for more information and details on certain events mentioned below.

† **Media Prayer Day** – 26 July 2020 would love to invite you to take part in Media Prayer Day today. The mass media helps to shape the dominant ideas and values of our culture... and it's easy to criticize, yet how often do we stop & pray?

† **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.

† **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook** page – <https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/>
Contact: Basia McIntosh at BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz phone: 021 082 03750.

† **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. Nicola McCarthy n.mccarthy@xtra.co.nz / 021 2922342 or Murray Adams m.c.adamsfam@xtra.co.nz / 027 3574302

† Ignatian Spirituality NZ is offering a 6 day **Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat** –25 October, 10am to 30 October 4pm. St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Auckland. 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.com)

30 July	6:00pm	Senior Youth Group Manawatu Mokos years 10-13 at the Dio Centre, come for Kai, Korero and Karakia. A time to relax and reflect. Contact Hinekawa Wilson-Munday for more info on hwilson-munday@pndiocese.org.nz 021509439
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1 August	7:00pm	Meet the Candidates night – Gateways Church, 174 Church St: Facebook event link: https://www.facebook.com/events/894077251077252/ - See noticeboards
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† For sale in the church foyer.



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† **The Op shop still requires:** Men's winter clothing & Children's clothing and toys. All food and welfare requests to the shop 06 3576779. **Conference request:** We are in need of firewood to assist a household – if you can help please phone – Mike Keenan 021 1858969.

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



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