



27 September 2020 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Pastor's Desk

Social and religious restrictions since March have disrupted so much of what we took for granted. The pattern of disruption is one that we are going to have to learn to live with for the next while. With disruption came innovation and new ways of gathering, worshipping, and living.

Our experience of disruption is also an experience of innovation as we have found new ways to do old things —think of shopping online rather than taking your car and bag to the supermarket.

“Disruptive-innovation” is not a common church term. It was coined by Clayton Christensen (*The Innovator's Dilemma, 1997*) where he explained that successful, new companies are those that can meet not only the customers' current needs but anticipate their future ones too. Established, powerful older companies were innovating too, but differently. Christensen called their innovation “sustaining innovation”, by which he meant they were engaged in enhancing their already established products and services in ways that would retain their already established, traditional, customer. The innovators were at the edges, attracting customers the corporates were not interested in, and building new communities.

“Disruptive-innovation” and “sustaining innovation” are not usual church terms and some would refuse to use them in church-speak. Nevertheless, applied to our experiences of liturgical lockdown, they can help us see the impact of disruption and innovation on worship and church life. They ask us to consider whether we return to “sustaining innovation” or accept the innovation that disruption has brought.

While the business world speaks well of disruptors —leaders who are “movers and shakers”— church people generally vilify them because they challenge the established, sacred cows. We see this often in response to Pope Francis' call to look to the needs of the poor, as he challenges us all to see the most important political issues today are the plight of refugees and the trafficking of people and children, because these are not abstract questions; these are realities that frame the way we are treating the most venerable and the most vulnerable. A church aligned to, and living with, the poor is a church that lives out of the experience of mercy, in continuous ethic of life. Francis has called us to see that “mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel”.

Whether the experience of disruption leads to authentic innovation or back to sustaining innovation remains to be seen. Whether we cling to the past or embrace the future is never a binary choice. We are people, who are like the wise householder, bring out the valued and essential “old” and uses it to understand and accept the invigorating “new”.

COVID-19 has turned the world —and religion— on its head. It is forcing nations, religions, and individuals to adapt or face the prospect of extinction, and we are not immune. We can take fright at this suggestion or consider it —over time— as the opportunity the Spirit is giving to us.

Whakarongo ki te kupu a te Wairua ki te Haahi

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church —

Kia mau tonu tana kupu ki a tatou

Thanks be to God.

Fr Joe Grayland

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: RIP:

Fr. Brian Traynor (Invercargill), Garry O'Neill and Roisin Gallagher (Ireland)

Mass intentions:

Sara D'Cruz (A25/09) and Antony D'Cruz (A07/03)

Special Prayers:

Congratulations to Joe & Iaeli Tuia on the Baptism of their son Apuna Lagokamu Anthony Tuia at OLOL this Sunday.

For all those suffering with psychological illnesses and their families.

We pray for: Andre Griffin, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Catherine Walsh, Chris Kleinsman, David Maeguard, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, Josie Conlon, Bernice OBeirne, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Janice Williams, 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, Romeo Plamio, Rose Waldvogel, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll, William Lemmon, Anna & John Feldberg, Mick Spring, Mike Spring, Margaret & John Maskill, Tyler, Allan and Wayne.



Mass Intentions



Special Notices

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

So parishioners can respond in unison each month we will alternate these responses starting with:
"Save us, Saviour of the World, for by your death and resurrection you have set us free!"

Peter's Pence Collection 4 October 2020 – Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity. Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help. If you are not on planned giving, you can make a donation in an envelope marked Peter's Pence and place it in the collection basket. Visit www.peterspence.va/opere to see great images of the works Pope Francis is supporting.

Cathedral Café is back in operation. 5 October 2020 – 6:00pm. 33 Aimesbury Street, Palmerston North

Jubilarians Mass 2020: Everyone in the Diocese is invited to the annual Mass to celebrate the ordination Jubilees of 2020. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Thursday 8 October at 11:30am followed by a luncheon in the Cathedral gathering area, to which everyone is invited. No RSVP required. **The Jubilarians this year are:** Fr John McLaughlin 65 yrs, Fr Frank Twiss SM 60 yrs, Fr Walter Cooke 60 yrs, Fr John Dykes 55 yrs, Fr Michael Wooller SM 50 yrs, Fr Damian Caccioppoli SM 40 yrs, Fr Peter Brockhill 30 yrs & Fr Craig Butler 25 yrs. **Episcopal Ordinations:** Bishop Peter Cullinane 40 yrs & Bishop Owen Dolan 25 yrs. **Congratulations and Blessings to our Jubilarians!**



Marriage Preparation Course for those getting married during the next 12 month.

We are calling all couples wishing to get married prior to October 2021 to enrol for a Marriage Preparation course. We hope to hold this in October. Please contact your Parish office.

Auckland Diocese Sunday Mass @ 2pm on SHINE TV
Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or SKY TV Channel 201

Bishops' 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti and Be Informed about the End of Life Choice Act.

PDF copy of Bishops' 2020 [Election Statement](#)
The NZCBC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>
Catholic Bishops' Election [Online Media Statement](#)

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum and more:

www.nathaniel.org.nz
<http://www.nathaniel.org.nz/euthanasia>
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/valuing-the-vulnerable-is-the-theme-for-respect-life-sunday-2020/>
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nathaniel-euthanasia-briefs/>

Please visit **Te Rōpū Tautoko Newsletter**, the Catholic agency which liaises with the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care at <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/> and you can sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

Reflection – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28 **2nd Reading:** Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.28-32

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

As the Season of Creation comes to an end, we might ask if this Sunday's Gospel reading has anything to say to us about the relationship between humankind and our common home – planet Earth.

At first it would appear not. However, these five verses from Matthew recording an interchange between the chief priests, the elders and Jesus, are packed with challenging statements and thoughts.

- John the Baptist is described as 'a pattern of righteousness' or 'a way of righteousness'.
- Jesus makes a clear distinction between 'you' (the chief priests and the elders) and those regarded as lowest in the pecking order – the tax collectors and prostitutes. Those who might have been expected to listen to John had rejected him, and those who were regarded as sinners came to believe.
- Jesus reproves them: 'even when you saw that the prostitutes and tax-collectors believed' you remained stubbornly resistant to the message that John had brought.

None of these comments directly on creation or our relationship to creation. However, they do prompt a series of questions, which can be applied to our relationship to Creation and to our celebration of this liturgical season made official by Pope Francis in 2015:

Who are the 21st century equivalents of the tax collectors and prostitutes who have listened to the message? The community group who cleans out the local stream so that native fish can live and breed there? Greta Thunberg?

Do I/we say 'yes' to the environment and creation, but do nothing to follow up like the second son?

Am I, or are we half-hearted and reluctant starters like the first son?

Do I/we think that the Season of Creation is a 'good' thing but secretly wonder if it is an added extra?

What does Level 1 mean to us?

No limits on crowds for gatherings but we would encourage you to follow the Government guidelines:



- Use the Government QR code as you enter our parish home
- OR Sign in using the sign in sheets provided
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church
- Social distancing – we encourage everyone to be mindful of not over crowding and to please keep social distancing in place when moving up to receive communion.
- **Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell**
- Please wear a mask if that is your preference

Liturgical Practices: we do the following:

- Sign of peace: We recommend a gesture of peace, a bow or similar
- Holy Communion remains as Host alone and only received in the hand
- Eucharistic Ministers must sanitise their hands before entering the sanctuary and distributing Holy Communion.
- Collection of envelopes and donations will be managed at the end of Mass with volunteers standing at the exit to receive any (to be reviewed in 2021)
- There will be no holy water (to be reviewed in 2021)
- We will continue to wipe down the spaces used after every Mass

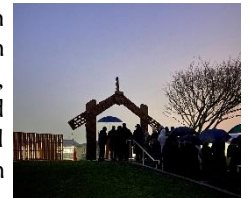
**Remember our motto during these interesting times:
“simple, relaxed and stress-free”!**

Be gentle with yourself and each other as we return to our liturgical rituals and practices. In the event you cannot attend Mass in your Parish home, please join the online Mass (Auckland Diocese) which can be found on Shine TV at 2pm each Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL NEWS: St Peter's College



The highlight of Term 3 occurred with the re-dedication of our tomokanga which had recently been restored. This event was celebrated pre-dawn with representatives from local iwi Rangitane present along with Cardinal John Dew, Mons Brian Walsh, Mons David Bell, Fr Joe Grayland and members from the Board of Trustees and our school community including our previous principal Mr David Olivier. After breakfast Cardinal John blessed the school office block in recognition of the completion of five years of building upgrades.



On the 18 September, we farewelled our principal Mr Kevin Shore as he leaves to take up his position at the National Catholic



Education Office in Wellington. Mrs Margaret Leamy will be acting principal in Term 4 as the board seeks to appoint a new principal for 2021. The school term will finish with our annual house haka competition which is always keenly contested. The end of term will also host a mufti day which will be the culmination of our Keys to the Kingdom fundraising. This year our fundraising will be divided between the Fred Hollows Foundation and our local St Vincent de Paul. Our weekly Friday liturgies have included Fr Joe celebrating two teaching masses for our year 10 students and Bishop



Peter has celebrated a Miha Mass for us to mark Maori Language week.

GENERAL NOTICES:

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

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

Contact: Basia McIntosh at BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz phone: 021 082 03750.

† **St Vincent de Paul:** Op Shop - WANTED - CAR SEAT for new-born baby. Please phone Phil Brady on 027 595 484 if you can assist. Books and children's toys are needed please.

† **Cameo** after 12:05pm Mass every Friday. **Praying the Sunday Gospel** every Friday at 1:30pm.

† Every Sunday at 2:00pm **Life in the Spirit Programme** in the Diocesan Hall

† 11th October is **Respect Life Sunday**. Catholic.org.nz have some good resources available for use at RespectLifeSunday

† **Would you like to be Catholic? - Inquiry Evenings - RCIA (City Wide)** Wednesday 23 September 7:30pm – 9:00pm in the Cathedral Lounge. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the RCIA process for those who seek Baptism or those who come from another Christian tradition who wish to be formally received into the Catholic community. Please extend this invitation to any family members, friends, associates, or neighbours who may be interested.



† **Ladies Movie Afternoon** and the **Blokes Morning Tea** will commence again in October 2020.

† **Combined Passionist Family Groups Quiz Night:** Come along and join in a great night of trivia and fun! This will be held on Saturday 10 October, 7pm at the Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St, Palmerston North. BYO supper, everyone is welcome! Contact dodsworth87@gmail.com to register your team.

† **Praise and Worship:** A teaching with an experience of the Holy Spirit. Includes a workshop presentation by Mike & Wilma Conroy and Theresa Goulding. Saturday 17 October. 9am to 4.30pm, OLOL Church, Shamrock St, Palmerston North culminating in Vigil Mass 5.30pm. Please bring something to share for lunch. A Koha will be appreciated. John Hammond 027 688 7750.

† **Let us get to know the bible.** Come join Emma, Angie, Basia, Mel, Sarah, Lena, Sue – Nana Sue. Over a cuppa and enjoying the Word and being encouraged. **Where:** 540 Albert street, **Time** 1:15 Tuesday pm till school pickup. **Enquires** ring any of these ladies: Basia McIntosh 02108203750 BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz, Emma Whitson 0277557375 Analena Siu 0220209297

† **Flashes of Insight** - if you would like to view the online clips please click the following links: [Flashes of Insight Let's Talk Liturgy – Episode One](#). [Flashes of Insight Let's Talk Liturgy – Episode Two](#). [Flashes of Insight Let's Talk Liturgy – Episode Three](#)

† **Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I?** – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 24 October, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

† **All Saints (PN) along with Archbishop David Moxon** have created a Virtual Franciscan Pilgrimage to be held on 3 October at All Saints. Resource book available on www.pilgrimagenz.nz. See parish noticeboard.

† **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. Cost is \$770. Apply to: chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

† **CathNews** – This Catholic News has focus on New Zealand and the South Pacific – read online [CathNews New Zealand](#)

† **NZ Catholic** – Free online while we are in Alert Level 2 – [NZ Catholic](#).

CHURCH NOTICES

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit



11 October – First Communion Start Date: This year we will be conducting our preparation in four weekly sessions for parents/caregivers and children together! With no separate times for parents! This means that we will need to be more savvy than usual in our organisation of logistics for the “Breakfast” Morning Tea Celebration after Mass in the Diocesan Centre on 8 November. It is imperative that you attend Mass with your children before each session, as the Mass is formative by its nature. **Parish Catechist: Kate Bell** – k.bell@pncathedral.org.nz and 0276544004. Mark your calendars and diaries!

All sessions commence with Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea and session in Diocesan Rooms

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
11 Oct	We Gather to Celebrate	18 Oct	We Listen to God's Word
25 Oct	One Bread, One Cup, One Body	1 Nov	Belonging and Serving
4 Nov	5pm in the Cathedral – soup and sausages followed by a walkthrough of the ceremony	8 Nov	9.00am 1 st Holy Communion Celebration followed by breakfast in the Diocese Rooms

Our Lady of Lourdes:

First Holy Communion is planned for Sunday 22 November – The Feast of Christ the King – 9.30am Mass. Information evening to begin is on Wednesday 28 October in the Church Gathering Area at 5.30pm. The preparation sessions will be each Sunday in 1, 8 and 15 November after the 9.30am Mass.

Carmel Cole of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions will say a brief message after the weekend Masses regarding **RNDM Mission Appeal 2020**. The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are holding their annual Mission Appeal over the next few weeks. Your gift will help make an enormous difference to the lives of those in dire need. Please pick up a brochure and read about the 2 projects where the Mission Sisters are working. Thank you for your support and kindness.

OLOL Planned Giving envelopes for the next gifting year are available in the gathering area today. Please collect yours asap. Your continued support of our parish life through your donations of talents, time and money is very much appreciated

Men's breakfast. Come & be fed mind, body & Soul. Next breakfast Friday 2 October, 6.45 to 8.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room. Continental breakfast supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Wed 7 Oct at 1.30 p.m. A housie afternoon. Flower comps as usual. Come & enjoy a game or 2.

Every Friday 10:30am **Reconciliation** available on Fridays 10:30-11am after Mass. **Adoration** available on Friday after Mass from 10:30am to 12pm. No reconciliation on Saturdays. Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Joe

Sacred Heart - Rongotea:

Reconciliation by appointment with Fr. Joe

St Mary's Foxton/Shannon:

Reconciliation by appointment with Fr. Joe

Items for our Newsletters: Please either email to info@lourdesparish.nz or drop into the Cathedral office, all newsletter notices by 12 noon each Wednesday.