



28 June 2020 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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Pastor's Desk

During lockdown, our pastoral work changed from face-to-face to online interaction. Many people were involved in the telephone tree contacts and others did the shopping for those who could not. We also moved our communications online with this newsletter and live-streamed masses.

Lockdown was experienced differently by each of us and the Pastoral Team, and parishes leadership groups would like to know "how it was for you?".

Below are two surveys we would invite you to participate in. Please share your reflections on how we communicate and on your experience of Covid lockdown. These are two "conversation starters" and we hope that there will be further opportunities to continue the conversations.

Communicating with you

Over the lockdown period we have been communicating via this electronic newsletter email. We wish to continue this because it reaches more people (over 660 individual emails) and has more content.

We are also aware that some people do not have computers or internet access and during lockdown, parishioners shared and recycled the newsletter with others. We would encourage you to continue this. It is the simplicity of people-helping-people that is valuable here – we do not need another system, group, or roster for this – we just need to do it. However, if you want a printed

newsletter please come to one of the parish offices and one will be printed for you. Come in and collect one during the week, so you can take it home and read it with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine! Going forwards, we will continue the online newsletter. So, as our focus turns towards the future, we need your feedback. If you have time, please complete the online survey and give us your feedback on the newsletter: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63XY7MQ>.

Life after Covid

For many people life has changed through the experience of the lockdown and isolation. We are now entering a period of discernment as to the future pastoral priorities for our communities and your opinions will add to our knowledge of the pastoral reality.

The leadership groups are working with the resource “Re-emerging with purpose”. It asks us to look again at “who are we as parish?”. Entering this new phase, it is valuable for us to reflect on the following questions:

- What have you learnt about yourself during the crisis and what are you seeing in yourself as you are coming out of it? (e.g.: Have you become more accepting of life or more intolerant?)
- When you look at our parishes and what we do what would you keep; what would you stop doing and what are the new opportunities?
- When you ponder the nature of parish what do you think is the “why” behind all our activities and outreach?
- As a parish we cannot respond to everything that an individual thinks is important, so we need to discern, as a community of believers, our pastoral priorities for the next few years.

The survey is located here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCCW5D7> .

Returning to the “new normal” slowly, simply, and gently is key. Our ministries to the sick, children, families and home-bound will take up again fully on July 1st. This has given everyone time to adapt and adjust. It has given some who have ministered the opportunity to retire, which gives us the opportunity to say thank you. It also gives others the opportunity to step-up and offer their time to parish ministry – which is time given to others. If you have a willingness to take communion to the sick, to visit those at home and in rest-homes, to work on the parish phone tree, lead children’s liturgy or a sacramental programme, or help in any of these, or if you have a passion for family ministry please be in touch with the parish offices. **Fr. Joe Grayland**

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased:

RIP: Juanita Chadez, Bishop Basil Meeking, Manuel Solorzano.
Mass intentions for: Fr Sean McNamara, Sr Bridget McNamara
Busta Jefferies, Mary and Howard Conlin and relations.
Patricia Angland, Patricia McDonald, and Dennis Fenton



We pray for: Rebecca Lauvi, Romeo Plamio, Audrey Murphy, Bettie Beech, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurlly, 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, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Winchcombe, and William Lemmon,



Special Intention:

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 please.



Cathedral Office Hours

The Cathedral office hours are 9am to 1pm. If you need to contact a parish staff member outside of these times, please either email (email addresses on our website) or phone 357 2891 and leave a message and they will be in touch



Reflection – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-17

2nd Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.37-42

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I want to concentrate on the Second Reading today – A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans (Ch. 6: 3 – 4, 8 – 11) Paul contrasts between two humanities because of Adam’s sin and Jesus death and Resurrection. The former brings about human violence and death, the latter brings the capacity to become just. To illustrate this Paul uses the language of death, and life after death. Those who have accepted Jesus’ free gift must live differently; they must not continue in sin but must live as if they have died, because sin is connected with death.



Paul expands this further with Baptism and with Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. We are Baptised into Christ’s death, and the resurrected Jesus will no longer die. Sin and death are put behind us, and the life we have through Jesus has its end not in another death but in God.

What does it mean to live in God and in justice? It involves what we do for the vulnerable and those in need – for those Matthew calls “the little ones” in today’s gospel. It may be expressed in providing food and shelter as the Shunamite woman did for Elisha (2 Kgs. 4: 8-17), or by giving aid to a destitute person such as Elisha did for a widow (2Kgs. 4, 1-7). Instead of condemning, not respecting, or abusing or killing each other, we welcome and help, especially those who cannot repay us.



Paul has reminded us that God’s love for us becomes evident through Christ’s death for us, “while we were still sinners” (Rom. 5:8) We did not deserve what God has done for us, it is unreasonable to expect it. We need to praise God as the psalmist does today (Ps 89); better yet, we need to give extravagantly as God has given to us. Consider: what does living in justice or justice making bring to your mind?

From: Mons Dave Bell

Health and Wellbeing

Our motto for the coming weeks is

“simple, relaxed and stress-free”!



Church Notices

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Notices:

Cathedral Parish Secretary

Play a pivotal role in our Parish!

We need a person who ...

- ✓ Has a good appreciation of the Catholic faith and parish life
- ✓ Is warm and approachable
- ✓ Can maintain confidentiality
- ✓ Can multitask in a busy office
- ✓ Is proficient in MS Office
- ✓ Has a high level of general computer knowledge
- ✓ Has excellent communication skills
- ✓ Has strong time management skills

This position offers excellent working conditions. Hours of work – 20 hours over 5 days. Please contact Steph at the Parish Office or on s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz for further information and a job description.

29 June	9:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church – Blessed Sacrament Chapel
29 June	12:05pm	St. Peter & Pauls' Liturgy of the Word – Cathedral Church
1 July	9:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church – Blessed Sacrament Chapel
2 July	4:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Cathedral Office
3 July	1:30pm	Praying the Sunday Gospel – This is the time for quiet reflection on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel reading. All welcome. For further information, please contact June (ph. 329 2077 / 021-1779522).
5 July	7:30am	Breakfast after 7:30am Mass
	9:30am	Morning tea after 9:30am Mass
21 July	1:30pm	Women's Movie Afternoon – Cathedral Lounge
23 July		Shining Stars – 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	Blokes Morning Tea – Cathedral Lounge

Our Lady of Lourdes Notices:

- **Return to Mass times** – At a meeting of parishioners and parish leadership we decided to return to the pre-Covid mass times of 5.30pm Saturday Vigil and 9.30am Sunday morning. These times apply from 4/5th July (the first weekend in July). We will celebrate this with a shared morning tea after mass. Please everyone, bring a plate of food to share.
- **Lourdes Seating Plan** – At the same meeting we decided to adapt the seating plan to include parishioner concerns for a more traditional format, while keeping the central ambo and lectern. This will be in place for the month of July. Our decisions for Mass times and the seating plan try to recognise the value and place of all parishioners, from the very young to the elders of the parish.
- **Children's liturgy Mass** – We hope to have a monthly Children's Liturgy Mass, like the last few weeks. This would be at the 9.30am mass. We wish to do this so that we can connect with children, parents, and families. The children's liturgy will continue the other Sundays of the month.
- **Rosters** available on OLOL website and on the noticeboard in foyer.

1 July	1:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st July at 1.30.p.m. Subs are now due. Please bring ideas for the new year - if you need further information please ring June 3547686 or Rose 3575429. Looking forward to seeing you all
3 July	6:45am	Men's breakfast – Come and be fed mind, body & Soul. The perfect way to start your day. Continental breakfast supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750 – OLOL Meeting Room

St Mary's Foxton/Shannon Notices:

- **Foxton's Roster** for July to September is available in the foyer of St Mary's for those who do not get it online

5 July	Masses	Hospitality starts at St. Mary's Foxton and St. Joseph's Shannon
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General Notices:

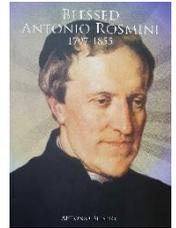
This Sunday – **Special Collection – “Peter’s Pence”**

Please see **Noticeboard** in the church foyer for Vacancies and School holiday programs (CHS) advertised.

Wanting to rent - house preferable near Ruahine street part of Palmerston North. 2 adults and 2 young adults. Pls phone Ana 021 084 00126.

DENIS FENTON R.I.P. A **Memorial Mass** will be held for Denis on Thursday 2nd July at 11:00am at St Mary's Palmerston North. All are welcome.

Rosminian Celebration: The Saints are our Christian heroes or ‘influencers’. They inspire us through their profound focus on Jesus, his Church, and the needs of our world. Next Sunday we are celebrating the life of **Blessed Antonio Rosmini**. His life inspires us to be people of deep charity or love in all aspects of our lives: personally, in our families, and in our communities and civil society too. Fr Michael Hill IC, a former High School Principal, and editor of the Tablet and Tui Motu, will be our guest preacher. **All are very welcome to join us at St Brigid’s, 4 Monmouth St., Fielding, at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday 5th July for Mass and morning tea.**



NZ Hymn Workshop: The Palmerston North Interfaith Group offers a workshop to honour the NZ hymnwriters Shirley Erena Murray and Colin Gibson. This takes place on Tuesday 7 July, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Diocesan Centre, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome. No charge. Supper included. See Noticeboard for further information. John and Gillian Thornley on behalf of the Palmerston North Interfaith Group. Phone: 06/3569681.



St Peter's College invites you to their **Open Night** on Thursday 6th 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.

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15th 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 or phone Clare 022 1912 886.



The June 28 – July 11 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Bishop Basil Meeking laid to rest. Principal joins coalition against legalising cannabis. Theological college considers new Auckland home. This planet, our home, after Covid-19.

Caritas 2020 – if you still have your envelopes from Lent and still wish to contribute towards the Caritas appeal, please feel free to drop them in the parish collection baskets for processing.

St Vincent de Paul Society:

The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street is now open:

Mon-Fri 10–4pm. Sat 10–1pm. **We are desperate for:**

- Clean, warm winter clothes – even a few items would be much appreciated.
- Bedding particularly warm sheets and blankets.
- Winter dressing gowns and night wear.
- For hygiene reasons we are not taking used pillows.

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. **Next Conference meeting Tuesday 14 July Cathedral Lounge 5.15 p.m.**

Please Note: if you require emergency food parcels in the Foxton and Shannon area, please contact Eleanor on foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz or 021 0644584.



An interesting article on the USA religious situation post-covid that has some application to NZ:

<https://religionandpolitics.org/2020/06/23/the-coming-religion-recession/>