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<https://pncathedral.org.nz/contacts/> for the Cathedral

Or email info@lourdesparish.nz with the subject line: "Registering my email with you".

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Pastor's Desk

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!”
“Ko tātou ngā Tāngata Aranga ko Āreruia tō tātou Waiata!”

“Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have. Give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. Moreover, if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.” (1st Peter, 3:15-18).

What does the Government's decision to limit Church services to 10 people mean when restaurant, bars, schools, Kura, and airlines can open? Is this decision based on strong reasoning and compelling logic, or is it religious discrimination based on anti-religious pragmatism?

If five-year-olds at school, revellers in restaurants and viewers in cinemas are deemed responsible enough for their own and other people's safety, why are people attending religious services considered less capable? Is this an example of paternalistic politics? Where is the team of 5 million now that so many have been excluded?

Is it an economic decision based on the notion that religious organisations do not contribute to the tax-base, so they should have fewer rights to gather?

If tracking, tracing and social distancing were absolute values, why have I never been asked for my contact details at New World or Countdown over the last seven weeks and why have there been so many people in same aisle as me?

In secular liberal democracies like New Zealand, the dominant view is that religious practice and belief should remain personal and private. The religious voice should not sully the purer political and social debate. In this scenario, the State tolerates religious practice and belief; it does not embrace it.

In our country, religious believers have “learned-silence”. We have learned to hide our belief. Disempowered, we have learnt not to disturb the neighbours. Have we internalised the discrimination to such an extent that we have lost our voice?

If we do not challenge the presumption that religion is a private activity then our values of life, justice and equity will continue to be ignored.

A religious worldview is a valid worldview.

Too often, we are silenced by the argument that religion is the source of all the world’s problems. This gross oversimplification is used by people with limited historical knowledge who cannot distinguish between *inauthentic religion* and *authentic religion*.

Inauthentic religion is the manipulation of beliefs and people to gain power, prestige, and position. *Authentic religion* is the source of *Caritas* that changes the world through acts of mercy and forgiveness.

Lest we forget: men and women with religious worldviews have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, sheltered the oppressed and rescued migrants as the outpouring of their religious faith.

Authentic religion is at work “when hatred is overcome by love, vengeance gives way to forgiveness, and hatred is quenched by mercy.”

Authentic politics respects all people. It protects all life -without exception-, promotes equity and cares for the weakest. Paternalistic politics does none of these.

We cannot open our churches for public worship because of the Government’s decision; this is not our decision. We comply because we are responsible citizens.

“I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive, since it neither sees, nor knows God's Spirit; but you know the Spirit because the Spirit is with you and in you.” Jn 14:16-17.

Fr. Joe Grayland

Dear All


Deacon Trung Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood with Cardinal John Dew presiding, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North on Saturday 6 June at 11am.

Numbers attending will probably be limited due to Covid 19 restrictions and details about this will be made known as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for Deacon Trung in his preparation for priesthood.

Blessings to you all.

Monsignor Brian



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We Pray for Our Deceased:

Nellie Vriens – RIP

We pray for her sons John and Patrick and daughter-in-law
Gaylene and granddaughter, Olivia.

Anniversary of:

Florence & Joseph Donaldson
Alan Donaldson and Gary Donaldson



Prayer Intentions

Audrey Murphy, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon,
Betsy Franssen, Bettie Beech, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs,
Evie Feierabend, Fiona Hurly, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell,
June MacMillan, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey,
Margaret Kersel, Melva Widdowson, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike
Manson, Mikulas Oros, Pat Kauri, Pat McDonald, Paul McRae,
Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy,
Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll and William Lemmon



Pastoral Outreach

Pastoral Phone Tree

OUR PRIORITY IS YOU!

The telephone, internet and email are our friends. We have Pastoral Phone Trees working at the Cathedral, Lourdes, and Foxton. If you have time to help, please contact one of our coordinators:

Cathedral:	Kate Bell	k.bell@pncathedral.org.nz
Our Lady of Lourdes:	Kate McNamara	office@lourdesparish.nz
St Marys' Foxton:	Eleanor Jacobs	foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz

Please meet Jennie Fon one of our **Pastoral Phone Tree Volunteers** who have been tirelessly keeping in contact with our Catholic family bubbles during this unprecedented period of Covid-19 Lockdown 2020. Thank you for helping us stay in touch with one another and providing the pastoral care as and when needed. God bless you!

If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know! We would dislike not acknowledging anyone.



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Special Announcement:

The Government's decision to limit Church services to 10 people means that we cannot open our churches for public massed. This is a cause of great disappointment. The Government restriction, along with requirements for cleaning and social distancing, means we must limit the times churches are open.

Beginning this Sunday (17 May), churches will be open at the following times each day until the restriction is lifted and we are able to gather for the Holy Eucharist. At that time, we will advise you of any changes.

St Mary's Church, Ruahine Street:	Sunday	10am - 12 Noon
	Monday to Saturday	9am -10am
<i>St Brigid's Feilding:</i>	<i>Wednesday to Friday</i>	<i>9am-10am</i>
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9am – 10am</i>
Cathedral	Everyday	12 noon to 1pm and 4.30 to 5.30pm
<i>Lourdes:</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9am to 10am</i>
	<i>Monday to Saturday</i>	<i>10am to 11am</i>
St Mary's Foxton:	Will remain closed until public masses begin again.	
St Joseph's Shannon:	Will remain closed until public masses begin again.	
Sacred Heart Rongotea:	Will remain closed until public masses begin again.	

Reconciliation by appointment with the priests

PLEASE NOTE: for all Churches

- There will be a person on site to greet you.
- You will need to provide your name and contact details for the 'Track & Trace'
- You will need to use the sanitisers provided
- You will need to sign out.

For the Cathedral:

Entry to the Cathedral will only be via the door closest to the Parish Office (our front doors will not be open). Please follow the above process. We are asking people to only use the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for quiet prayer time. There will be no access to the rest of the Cathedral which will be roped off. This will assist with the cleaning process after our open times.

This is for a limited time and we ask everyone to please make your visit 5 to 10 minutes so that a number of people can access our spaces during this time. As we have been advised by the Government, we are only allowed 10 people on site at any time which is very restrictive.

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Health and Wellbeing

Did you ever stop to think how each day is precious? Have you noticed how we are so busy trying to get as many things accomplished both in our work life and home/family life each and every day? Many fall into bed at night exhausted and immediately the thoughts turn to tomorrow's agenda. As a result, we need to question ourselves - did we miss out on other important times? Did you miss out on lunch with a family member or friend? What about that walk with your child or an opportunity to play with the family at the park/beach? Did your co-worker need someone to talk to, but you were too busy?



Being in lockdown has provided opportunities to re-learn, to re-connect. These last 6 weeks have given us the gift of time to look out the window, notice the beautiful day, see neighbours walking past your home, spend time with family!

Our challenge now is to not waste all the opportunities we have been gifted over the last 6 weeks – continue to take time to feel the breeze on your face and the warm earth beneath your feet. Remember to hold that baby and enjoy the sweet smell of the new-born. Watch the glow of the stars, listen to the children laughing and touch base with all those we have connected with during lockdown. And always remember to thank God for all these things and how he has filled our lives with this love and beauty.



Collaboration from St. Peter's College Palmerston North

We are all so incredibly proud of our young people here at St Peter's College who have embraced and transitioned so smoothly into distance learning at home over the past 7 weeks.

Our vision speaks to us that “St Peter's College celebrates being a Catholic Faith Community where students, teachers and families work in partnership to develop empowered, self-managing, lifelong learners, who live the Gospel values in a changing world.” This vision has been lived out in these challenging times with enthusiasm and support for one another. Our teachers have worked extremely hard to make the learning enjoyable and achievable, whilst taking on the needs of all our students. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see what is possible - and that has been plentiful!

We have been able to maintain our competitive House spirit by having House challenges - from handstands to trick shots! Leading up to ANZAC day we collaborated in a school wide project to produce a photographic series which then became a video commemoration of ANZAC day. Past and present students and members of their isolation bubbles contributed. The video was accompanied by sound of The Last Post and was shared and viewed by many on our St Peter's College Facebook page.

Our senior leaders continued to support their peers by creating videos to motivate and support everyone. And we had classes sending messages regarding what was important in these unprecedented times.

As we embark on our journey heading back to school next week, we bless all our families, staff and wider community that they may continue to keep safe in this changing world.



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Kei Wareware Tātou | Lest We Forget

A creative ANZAC tribute by our St Peter's College community, 2020

Top Row: Aaron & Samuel Balm, Amelie Villocido, Annalysa Turia, Aaron & Samuel Balm, Brayden Moore, Carmel Fullick.
 Second Row: Connor Gilmour, Currie Bubble from Dunedin, Eleanor King, Gabriel Josafat & whanau, Gabriella di Mattina, Gabriella di Mattina.
 Third Row: Thia Mantle, Harry Newcombe, Harry Newcombe, Hoterini Bubble, Isla Corlett, Jacob Crume.
 Fourth Row: Moor Bubble, Kayla de Vries, Lizzy Hickman, Lizzy Swadel, Lleyton Cliff, Margaret Leamy.
 Fifth Row: Morley Bubble, Arielle Te Huki, Nikita Holmes, Nikita Holmes, Olivia Prescott, Curry Bubble.
 Sixth Row: Peyton True, Raj Galvez, Riley Winiata, Samuel Collins, Sondana Vann, Sophie MacDonald.
 Bottom Row: Tamihana Wainohu, Moore-Smith bubble, Frankie Ratana, Matthew Pererra, Eden Rolfe, Cameron Donald.

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Reflection

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21

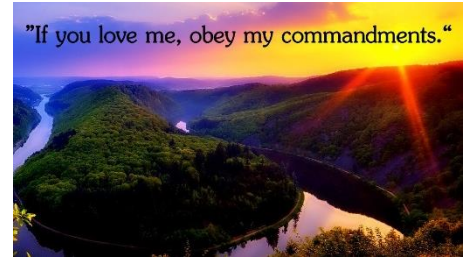
Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!

“If you love me, you will keep my Commandments,”

Love of Jesus is demonstrated in obedience to Him.

This is so contrary to our human understanding of loving someone. Loving parents, siblings and extended family are usually our first impressions of love. There is a link that binds us. Loving is then defined by blood and culture, but the love that binds us to Christ is His Spirit. When His Spirit flows through our veins, we share in His life because God is Spirit and all who share in His Spirit is family.



Loving Jesus has nothing to do with feelings: it is a choice.

Our understanding of love has a lot to do with the senses, things that play on our imagination like, appearance, intelligence, or power. If someone does not appeal to us, then there is no way that we would love that person. Jesus commands us to choose to love.

Isaiah 53 described Him as He was on earth:

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Loving Jesus means laying down our own will unto obedience to His will.

Having our own will is the only power we have. To make decisions about our own lives gives us satisfaction. The last thing we want is to lose that freedom. It is for this freedom that people want independence from God, to drive Him out of society and to still the conscience that reminds us of Him. So how should we love?

1Cor 13 explains how love is demonstrated:

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Jesus did not come to establish a Democracy, but a Kingdom of love

His Kingdom consists of obedient co-rulers whose only motivation is love for Him, as He is obedient through love, to His Father, the ultimate and righteous Sovereign. So many earthly rulers have tried and still do, to force their subjects unto obedience through cruelty and fear, but God's Kingdom is built on the saving blood of Christ that brings us unto obedience by His Spirit, the Transforming and Renewing love of God. *From Eleanor Jacobs*

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Liturgical Outreach

Livestreaming and TV Masses

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am – Cathedral’s Presbytery <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYVaO5s-fNo>

Daily Mass with Pope Francis:

A recording of Pope Francis daily Mass: <http://www.catholictv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Catholic Telecast on Shine TV

10 May 2020 – 2:00pm – Shine TV – Sunday Mass with the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.
(Freeview TV Channel 25, SKYTV Channel 201)

Catholic Radio

Sunday 9:00am – 10:00am Manawatu People’s Radio (MPR) AM999

Half hour Liturgy starts at 9:30am

Catch up on: <http://mpr.nz/Shows/Details.aspx?PID=071618eb-56c5-46aa-afda-4ad72ee462e8>

Julie Randall’s ‘Liturgy at Home’:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/homeliturgy

Issy McCafferty’s ‘United in Prayer’ resource:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/unitedprayer

Information

Please be aware that there are scammers out there presently using this lockdown time to their advantage. None of the Priests or Bishops of our Diocese would ever ask you for a favour via email. They are staying safe and well in lockdown like everyone else in New Zealand. Please **delete** any email asking you for a favour, money etc immediately.



Resources for Children

Auckland Diocese liturgy site has this link:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/>

Cafod has a very good children’s liturgy recorded and interactive check it out:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Diocesan Website Links

Here are the links to several helpful resources. The Diocesan Team keep these updated each week/month with the latest content. Feel free to share these widely.

Signup for Diocesan newsletter:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/newsletter

Weekly ‘UNITED’ mailout:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/united

Diocesan YouTube channel:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/video

Resources and links on the Diocesan website:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/covid19

Diocesan Mass livestream, from Cathedral Presbytery:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/livemass

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Pastoral Information

Diocesan General Manager Job Application

With the impending retirement of Tony Murphy, our current long-standing General Manager, the Diocese is now seeking applications from suitably experienced professionals for the position. The advertisement can be found here:

<https://www.ocg.co.nz/resources/jobs/general-manager/MHU67572OCC>

Prayer Intentions: If you have prayer intentions for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to info@lourdesparish.nz and we will include them in this newsletter.

Covid Levels – Pastoral Ministry

For all priestly ministry please contact our priests. Funerals and gatherings under Levels 3 and 2 follow Government and diocesan guidelines. Please contact the priests for further information. We will advise next week the return to Sunday Masses.

Please contact:

Fr Joe Grayland: Cell: 027 777 8096

Email: priest@lourdesparish.nz

Monsignor David Bell: Cell: 021 257 6771

Email: monsdabell@gmail.com

Annual Planned Giving Receipts – Cathedral Parish



All planned giving receipts have now been distributed. If you haven't received yours, please contact the Parish Office on 357-2891 or email office@pncathedral.org.nz.

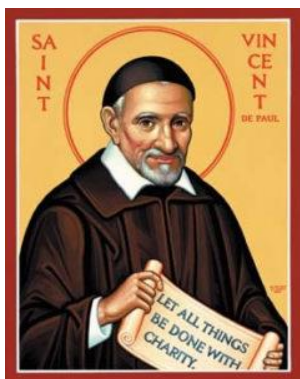
Tax receipts for OLOL and St. Mary's Foxton/Shannon are currently being processed and will be going out either by post or email during next week. If you would like to receive your receipts via email, please contact OLOL Parish office at office@lourdesparish.nz.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parishes.

Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy

Catholic Hospital Chaplain, Kathleen Field. Contact 021 509436 or Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz

St Vincent de Paul Society



The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street will reopen on **Monday 18 May** at 10 a.m. **We are asking for donations of:**

- Clean, tidy winter clothes including jackets, jerseys, and woolen garments.
- Winter dressing gowns and nightwear
- Bedding particularly warm sheets and blankets.

Please take all donations to the back door – down the drive and into the yard. There will be a place for you to leave them and a system for you to advise the staff of your drop off. Food parcel requests will also be received on the shop number 06 3576779 and food donations may be left at the shop until

we resume our usual Sunday Masses. Thank you for your generous donations which will be used to stock up our food store.

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

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Reading Material & Online Prayer Groups

St. Mary's Foxton is hosting a **Vesper's Monday's** at 4:30pm, if you are interested in joining their prayer group, please contact Kerry Hughes on 027 814 4444

Our Lady of Lourdes has a **Liturgy prayer group** hosted by Julie Randal on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining that group, please contact Fr. Joe priest@lourdesparish.nz

National Liturgy Office <https://www.nlo.org.nz/resources/>

Pentecost Pilgrimage: https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/?r_done=1

NZ Catholic Free Online Edition: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/1d34fad4-d929-4c6c-aaab-b84fdaeb7459>

CathNews New Zealand: <https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

Tui Motu: <https://hail.to/tui-motu-interislands-magazine/publication/Pcj8lyG>

WelCom: [PDF Link to WelCom](#)

Fr. Joe Grayland's Book link: [Amazon](#)

Gifting

Gifting to parishes if you. The decision is simple: Family First and if you can support the parishes please donate using the bank accounts below:

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:	02-0630-0288037-01
Our Lady of Lourdes:	02-0630-0288037-18
St Mary's Foxton:	02-0630-0288037-07

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