



## 24 May 2020 – The Ascension of our Lord – Year A

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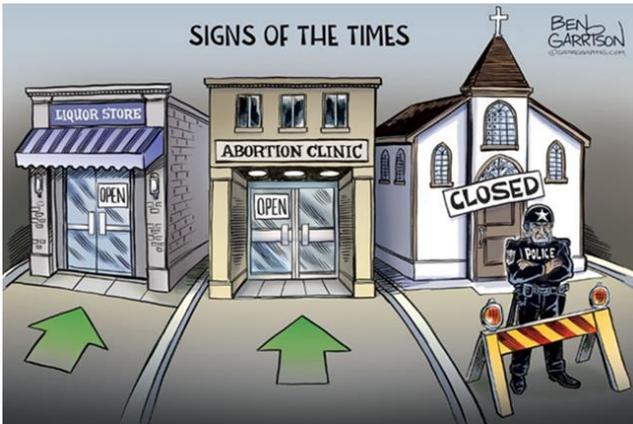
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# Pastor's Desk



## CHURCH NOTICE!

Since 500 people can safely be in Home Depot...  
This week's services will be held in plumbing.  
Bring your Bible.



Fr. Joe Grayland  
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## We Pray for Our Deceased:

Sherna Galant (Cape Town) – RIP  
Fr. Michael O’Dea (Wellington) – RIP

James Obben A25/05  
Jane Obben A04/06



## 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



There has been a gentle stream of visitors to the Cathedral this week –  
However, Bobby Abhilash and Abhilash Sebastian receive a special mention,  
as their prayer celebrated and remembered their marriage at St Sebastian’s  
Church Kadanad Parish, Kerala on 21 May - 22 years ago! Their children are  
Aleena and Alby. Every blessing on your anniversary Bobby and Abhilash.



## Special Announcement:

Starting last Sunday our churches were open for private prayer:

Cathedral	Everyday	12 noon to 1pm and 4.30 to 5.30pm
Lourdes:	Sunday Monday to Saturday	9am to 10am 10am to 11am

Unfortunately, St Mary’s Foxton, St Joseph’s Shannon, and Sacred Heart Rongotea will remain closed until public masses begin again. Appropriate contact tracing, physical distancing, hygiene measures and restrictions on numbers in attendance will be in place.

The parish offices are now open as per their usual hours. Please ensure you sign in using the QR system or sign in sheet provided.

The Mass timetable for both Sundays and weekday Masses will be advised once the limit to gatherings at level 2 is increased to a minimum of at least 50 people. An online booking-in system will be in place and information on how you can access this will be found on the parish websites and Facebook pages. Again, appropriate contact tracing, social distancing, hygiene measures will be adhered to.

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## PLEASE STAY AT HOME

If you are unwell or if you have underlying medical conditions which would put you at risk of severe illness from COVID-19. If you feel unsafe attending Mass at this time, please stay home. Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass remains in place under Level 2.

There will be no hospitality following our Masses and to adhere to gathering requirements, you are all being asked to leave promptly after Mass.

Please Note: Reconciliation by appointment with the priests

### PLEASE NOTE: for all Churches

- There will be a person on site to greet you.
- If you are not using the Checkin-19 QR system, 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.

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.

## Health and Wellbeing

Are you [All Right?](#)

Though we are all in this together, we've all experienced noho rahui/lockdown differently. It is okay if you are still feeling hesitant to get out and about, or if you would rather stay in your bubble. We are all adjusting at our own pace, and there is no right or wrong way to feel about it all.

Let us continue to be kind and look out for one another and take note of those who might need a little extra aroha from us right now.



### IT'S OKAY IF YOU...

- ♥ STILL FEEL NERVOUS OUT IN PUBLIC
- ♥ WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM BUSY PLACES
- ♥ NEED TO ASK FOR MORE SPACE
- ♥ DON'T WANT TO CATCH THE BUS
- ♥ WOULD PREFER TO STILL BE IN YOUR BUBBLE

ALL RIGHT?  Mental Health Foundation  
mauri iu, mauri ora

GETTING  
THROUGH  
TOGETHER  
MAHI I HOKU TE PAE TAWHITI

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# Reflection

## Ascension of our Lord.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.1-11    2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.16-20

*Responsorial Psalm:*

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord!

### Do Not Just Stand There: DO Something

The Ascension is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what is called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts recorded several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples - the ones in 'longer Mark' being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do this is up to us. If you want to knock on doors or preach in the



park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to the foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missioned corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?



*When you show up, is it 'good news' for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that has been given to you? Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the 'new normal' for you.*

*Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one all. Go today! (GPBS)*

## Liturgical Outreach

### Livestreaming and TV Masses

#### Ascension of our Lord

10:00am – Cathedral's Presbytery – [Mass on YouTube 24-05-2020](#)

#### 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 this [link](#).

Julie Randall's 'Liturgy at Home':

[www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy)

Issy McCafferty's 'United in Prayer' resource:

[www.pndiocese.org.nz/unitedprayer](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/unitedprayer)

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## UNITED IN THE SPIRIT – The ‘Upper Zoom.’ An online Diocesan Pentecost Celebration.

4:00pm - 5:00pm on Sunday May 31, 2020. Online via. Zoom

*Pentecost is a big deal for the church, it is an even bigger deal for the Diocese of Palmerston North as we are consecrated to the Holy Spirit. As part of our celebrations on Pentecost Sunday there will be an inspiring time of prayer hosted online and led by people from across the whole diocese. This will be a unique opportunity to pray together across the entire diocese, so you will not want to miss out! All welcome More info and online link at [www.pndioocese.org.nz/pentecost](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/pentecost)*

Please, if you will, fill in the form [Church Online Survey](#), which is a brief survey to church members about their experience under lockdown, in particular, assessing the effectiveness of online services and other forms of support.

## Information

### Resources for Children

Auckland Diocese liturgy site has this link: [Children’s Liturgy](#)

Cafod has a very good children’s liturgy recorded and interactive check it out: [Children’s Liturgy](#)

### Diocesan Website Links

Signup for Diocesan newsletter: [www.pndioocese.org.nz/newsletter](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/newsletter)

Weekly ‘UNITED’ mailout: [www.pndioocese.org.nz/united](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/united)

Diocesan YouTube channel: [www.pndioocese.org.nz/video](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/video)

Resources and links on the Diocesan website: [www.pndioocese.org.nz/covid19](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/covid19)

Diocesan Mass livestream, from Cathedral Presbytery: [www.pndioocese.org.nz/livemass](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/livemass)

## Pastoral Information

**Prayer Intentions:** If you have prayer intentions for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to [info@lourdesparish.nz](mailto: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](mailto:priest@lourdesparish.nz)

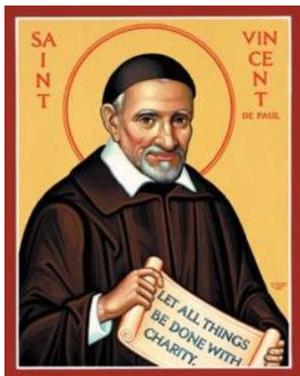
Monsignor David Bell: Cell: 021 257 6771 Email: [monsbell@gmail.com](mailto:monsbell@gmail.com)

**Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy:** Catholic Hospital Chaplain, Kathleen Field.

Contact 021 509436 or [Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz)

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## St Vincent de Paul Society



The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street is now open **Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm. Sat 10am - 1pm.**

**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.
- For hygiene reasons we are not taking used pillows.

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](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz) or 021 0644584.

## Resources & News

**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](mailto:priest@lourdesparish.nz)

National Liturgy Office

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/resources/>

Pentecost Pilgrimage:

[https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/?r\\_done=1](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

### 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: [General Manager Job Application](#)

### Our Lady of Lourdes Guild

It has been decided to hold over the June meeting until we can gather safely.

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