



4 October 2020 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Pastor's Desk

The month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary and the celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The word *rosary* derives from the Latin term *rosarium* or rose garden. By the fourteenth centuries the *rose garden* referred to a collection of devotional texts concerning the place and meaning of Mary of Nazareth in the history of salvation.

The contemporary rosary —beads, prayers, recitation— is commonly referred to as the Dominican Rosary and was adapted again by Pope John Paul II. The rosary's meditations on the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary focus on the Incarnation, Passion and Glorification of God, in Christ. In many ways it is a Christ-centred, Marian prayer form.

As a meditation on the mystery of salvation it is also a meditation on the Paschal Mystery —the birth and ministry, suffering and death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ. This Paschal Mystery is celebrated in every sacrament and liturgy of the Church. It recalls for us the centrality of God's presence and action of God in the world as the source of meaning and salvation for all people.

The roots of the rosary go back further than its sixteenth century form. The string of knots on a cord is widely used in many religions, as a way of keeping count. In the early church, this system was used to recall and recite passages from scripture, especially the psalms. By the eleventh century the custom of saying 150 Our Fathers had supplanted the psalms. It had the character of being the "poor person's breviary".

In the twelfth century, as the Mass became the job of "massing priests" participation and reception of communion by the laity at

Mass declined. As a result, congregants began to kneel during the Mass —kneeling was a sign that they would not receive Holy Communion— rather than stand as the priest did. As a kneeling congregation, observing the priest "saying his" Mass, the prayer form for laypeople changed and the practice of kneeling throughout most of the Mass, praying the rosary, became the norm. This practice continued through to the 1960s for Catholics.

Because of this evolution, the biblical scenes, especially those from Luke's Gospel became associated with the rosary such as the greeting of the Angel to Mary at the Annunciation and the words of Elizabeth. With these biblical images, the rosary returned to being the "psalter" of the people and a substitute for hearing and understanding the texts of the Mass. Wider than this though, the rosary became a normative part of Catholic devotion and popular piety. Its presence was strengthened again in reaction to the European Reformation, where the rosary also became a Catholic Counter-Reformation prayer form.

The development of the *Aves* or Hail Mary's began in Carthusian circles and it was here that the Hail Mary's were separated into 10 and divided by an Our Father. After this, the Dominicans made this form of the rosary popular. They introduced simplifications and standardised the prayer form.

The Dominican Pope, Pius V, instituted in October 1572 a feast to celebrate the Christian victory over the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto (1571). In 1573 this was titled Our Lady of the Rosary and fixed on October 7.

Fr Joe Grayland

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: RIP: Janice Williams, Fr. Phillip Handforth (Auckland), Kamal Ranjan Ghosh (India), Glicerio Mangoma, and Bob Griffin (UK)



Mass intentions: Greg Shore **Special Prayers:** For those suffering with psychological illnesses and their families.

We pray for: Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Catherine Walsh, Chris Kleinsman, David Maeguard, Diane Stubbs, Deborah Green, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, Josie Conlon, Bernice OBeirne, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, 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.



Special Notices

Peter's Pence Collection today 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 - 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!

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/>

Reflection – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7 **2nd Reading:** Philippians 4.6-9 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21.33-43
Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

In this gospel of Matthew, Jesus cautions us that like the tenants of the vineyard, we are privileged to hear the Word of God and be invited into God's kingdom. Jesus reminds us to be kaitiaki, guardians to protect, nurture and grow the 'vineyard' of faith. We are also expected to be open to the slaves (prophets) in our lives who challenge our beliefs, our practices and our way of life. Yet, like the tenants, we may be greedy and try to keep the 'vineyard' of faith to ourselves or people like us. Or we may neglect this gift. Worse still, we can be hard-hearted and ignore

or reject the messengers (even Jesus) in our lives. But if we do so, we are warned that the kingdom could be taken from us. This week, how can we nurture this gift of faith? How might we be more open to the needs of others around us, inside and outside the Church? Could we give more generously of our time and talents, so that we can 'contribute to the harvest' by sowing love and justice? What will we do to share this message of love in the way we talk and act?

Jenny Poskitt

VENERABLE Suzanne Aubert

A Woman of Great Faith • He wahine whakapono nui

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the *spirituality and good works* of Venerable Suzanne Aubert known to Maori as Meri Hōhepa. It's the one day in the year when we can take time to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and be inspired and encouraged as we hope and pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Cardinal John Dew received a personal letter last month from the president of the Causes for Saints, confirming the cure attributed to Suzanne's alleged intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure is accepted as miraculous, she will be beatified and known as Blessed. This will be a very significant

stage on her journey to Sainthood.

One can only wonder what Suzanne Aubert would say about the COVID-19 pandemic, but we know she would be working at the coalface ensuring all were cared for during this time of upheaval and stress. Her *wairua* lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers today.

To coincide with Celebration Sunday, the Sisters have launched a special video project design for students. Details are on the Suzanne Aubert website.

(www.suzanneaubert.co.nz).

You will also find new resources including a video book on her life and a booklet of 35 reflections.

Please pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And let us remember her constant prayer.

"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."

(Extra resources available in our online newsletter).

NOTICES:

For more in-depth news see our [Online Newsletter](#) or the Parishes Noticeboard.

- † **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.
- † **LOLO Greeters** need to pick up their rosters in the church foyer.
- † **LOLO 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.
- † Attention all **Junior Youth** group participants, as it is the school holidays, youth group is NOT on. Have a great holiday and we will see you again in term 4! Stay blessed, Bridget K. bkelly@pndiocese.org.nz
- † **Let us get to know the bible. On Hold during the School Holidays.** Contact Basia McIntosh 02108203750 BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz, Emma Whitson 0277557375 Analena Siu 0220209297 for more information.
- 7 October 1:30pm **LOLO – Guild Meeting** and a housie afternoon. Flower comps as usual. Come and enjoy a game or two.
- 8 October 11:30am **Cathedral – Jubiliarians Mass 2020** followed by a luncheon in the Cathedral gathering area, to which everyone is invited. No RSVP required.
- 9 October 12:05pm **Cathedral – Cameo** after Friday Masses
- 9 October 1:30pm **Cathedral – Praying the Sunday Gospel**
- 10 October 7:00pm **Combined Passionist Family Groups Quiz Night:** Join in a great night of trivia & fun at the Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St. BYO supper, everyone is welcome! Email Emma Dodsworth dodsworth87@gmail.com
- 11 October 9:30am **Cathedral – First Holy Communion** and every Sunday until 8 November.
- 11 October **Respect Life Sunday.** Catholic.org.nz have some good resources available for use at RespectLifeSunday
- 14 October 10:00am **LOLO – Anointing Mass** followed by morning tea. Please phone parish office 06 358 3667 if you would like to attend but need transport or know of someone who might need transport.
- 17 October 9:00am **Praise and Worship:** A teaching with an experience of the Holy Spirit. Workshop presentation by Mike & Wilma Conroy & Theresa Goulding. **LOLO Church**, Shamrock St, PN culminating in Vigil Mass 5.30pm. Please bring something to share for lunch. A Koha will be appreciated. John Hammond 027 688 7750.
- 24 October 10:30am **Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I?** – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Finish 4:00pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: Email info@studyjoy.nz or Register Online
- 25 October (Start) 10:00am **Ignatian Spirituality NZ - 6 day Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat** (ending 30 October 4:00pm). St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Auckland. Cost is \$770. Apply chair@ignatianspirituality.nz
- 28 October 5:30pm **LOLO First Holy Communion Information Evening** in the OLOL church Gathering Area. Preparation Sessions will be each Sunday (1, 8 & 15 November) after 9:30am.
- 1 November **Sacred Heart, Rongotea**, are celebrating 125 years in 2020. Further details to follow. Please watch this space.
- 22 November 9:30am **LOLO First Holy Communion Celebration – Feast of Christ the King.**
- † **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.

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.