

3 May 2020 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Year A

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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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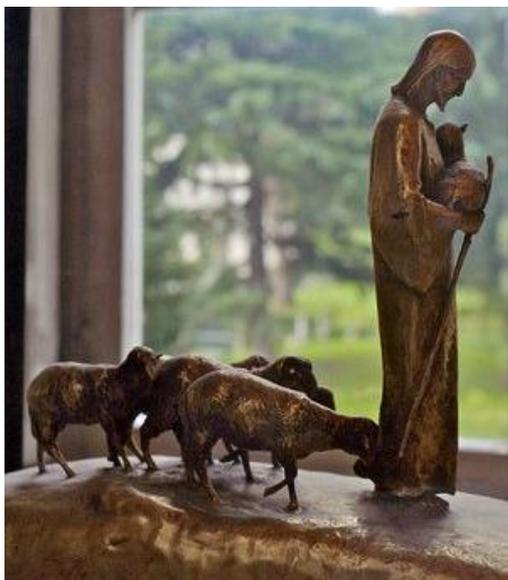
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Pastor's Desk

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

Friends, the theme of Christ the Good Shepherd, which used to belong to the second Sunday after Easter, has been transferred to this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Psalm 23 is the key to the day and explores God's shepherding of the People of Israel through the Exodus experience into a deeper relationship. When the Greek-speaking Christians began using the title *Kyrios- Lord* for the resurrected Christ, many of the passages concerning God's shepherding became "Christ" passages. So, the process of adaption and change began.

The increasing references to Christ- the Resurrected became references to the divinity of Christ in a union of divinity with God whom Jesus called Father, and the Hebrew nation had called YHWH. Thus, the development of Christian theology began to move from YHWH- Kyrios to Christ-Kyrios. From this humble start, the great theology of the Trinity was born. Later, in the 3rd and 4th centuries, during the Christological debates, the place, relationship, and liturgy or work of the Trinity -Father, Son and Spirit- was established, defined, defended.



Good Shepherd Rudolf Marschall 1887

The second reading is an ancient baptismal homily. It urges the reader to be patient, to take Christ as the model of service, and to keep hope in God's mercy and redemption.

The first reading is Peter's Pentecost proclamation -most of which was read last week- today, we hear the response. Peter's summation is a Christological formula: "God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Good Christian theology always has a Christological basis!

These readings, and today's focus on prayers for vocations to the priestly ministry, remind us that all ministry begins in Christ and for all of us that is baptism. In baptism, we are given a share in Christ's *tria munera* – as priest, prophet, and leader (king).

From this moment on, we use the term Christifidelis -the Faithful, or Christian Faithful to name our common Christian discipleship.

Even Church Law (CC204) speaks of those "incorporated in Christ through baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal office".

Our sharing in Christ's priesthood, prophetic ministry and kingship is the foundation of all ministry in the church. From this ministerial source arise those called by God to serve the community as presbyters.

Please see the reflections for today from Fr. Vjay and Kate Bell and the videos from Deacon Trung. These three, together, give us the wide vista of the call to ministry.

Fr. Joe

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

We pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our prayers are also with those who are unwell and for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community, especially

Audrey Murphy, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Betsy Franssen, Bettie Beech, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Evie Feierabend, Fiona Hurly, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey, Margaret Kersel, Melva Widdowson, 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



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Please meet 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 all!



Eileen Obben



Trish Bates



Nick Wilson



Kate McNamara



Roger Clark



Kerry Norman



Kath Rooney



Michele Columbus



Mike Keenan



Margaret Lucinsky



Anne McCarthy
Robert Towers
Jeanette Wright



Rose Semmens
Julia Towers
Eric Wright



Eleanor Jacobs
Cushla Hughes
Kerry Hughes



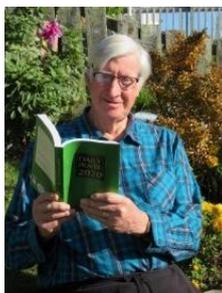
Kate Bell
Passionist Family Group
Catherine Norman

Kevin McKenzie
Kathy McKenzie
Claire Devito
Christine Cosgrove
Dianne Jordan
Briona Hehir
John Hammond
Jane Charlton
Lynette Roberts-King
Iveta Griffin

Prayer Intentions

A special shout out to those who are celebrating their first anniversary of **Sacraments of Initiation and Welcome into Full Communion**; to name but a few... Alicia Brosnan, Patricia Harvey, Steve Hodson, Raquel Roseman, Lizzy Zheng, Izaya Stevens, Keira Burkett, Miley Burkett, Nyta Noun, Danny Noun, Sothut Noun, Jackson Torok, Samuel Torok, Addie Torok, Mia Haynes, Patience Howe, Antoniah Howe, Cameron Stewart, Stephen Hodson, Ashley Nomsa, Alison Pain, Maggie Trembath and Wayne Duncan.

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To Wayne Duncan, who celebrated his birthday on 27 April, Happy Birthday! Wayne was baptised in the Catholic faith on 28 April 2019 in St Mary's Foxton, and had something to say regarding his first Sacramental anniversary: "Who would have thought then that one year on we would be marking the day under a Covid-19 Alert Level 3 Lockdown with Churches having been closed for some 5 weeks!!"

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

Vocation Sunday

One of the great tasks of the Easter season is to 'unpack' Baptism with the neophytes (the newly baptised) This year is somewhat inverted as we are still accompanying the catechumens who are the elect, looking forward as we move towards hopefully celebrating Baptism and the sacraments of initiation at Pentecost.



Often our images of Jesus as shepherd are sweet and sentimental, rather than the radical shepherd who risks all for the sake of the flock.

I am drawn to an earthy, intense, staunch shepherd who has done the hard yards. There and back again. He is entered by the gate, through passion and suffering, with extravagant love. Jesus is the one who knows the abundant love of the Father - the gatekeeper. Jesus is the one who also knows us, who calls us, each by name, personally intimately, his voice lures us. We enter into the divine life by the very same gate, with the plunging of Baptism; when we die to sin with Christ so that we may also share his risen life of true freedom.



The importance of our Baptism cannot be overstated, baptism is our greatest dignity, continually the source of our commitment, and our faith response. Baptism is never an event of long ago, but the event that is affirmed and chosen daily. It is lived, as we listen keenly for the voice of shepherd, echoing through the ordinary coming in and going out of our personal terrain. Baptism is the source of all the multiplicity of vocations.

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The Spirit empowers us each with unique gifts and talents, these are the tools with which we respond in vocational service and so follow Jesus pattern of self-emptying love. This is the heart of all ministry for us - the smelly, rumped flock. Through the gate of Baptism, we are graced and imprinted with the identity of the shepherd; so that we may recognise the timbre of his voice and the rhythm of his footfall so that we may follow where he leads. The shepherd's path, of abundant love is costly but it is the path that gives life to the full.

This week we celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, please see the link below from Deacon Trung as he reflects on his vocation to the priesthood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrl4-s6r9cl&feature=youtu.be>



Deacon Trung and his family.



Link to our Seminary Website <http://www.holycross.org.nz/home>

Health and Wellbeing



We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Stay home if you are sick

As we move to Level 3, we need to keep in mind what we have been asked over the previous weeks in level 4.

*Heavenly Father,
thank you for placing us in families,
churches and neighbourhoods.
Please inspire us by your Holy Spirit
and show us creative ways
we can reach out appropriately from
our bubbles and help and encourage
each other this week.*

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Liturgical Outreach

Livestreaming and TV Masses

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00am – Cathedral’s Presbytery <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnzrZdd9iNE&feature=youtu.be>

Daily Mass with Pope Francis:

A recording of Pope Francis daily Mass is available at:

<http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Catholic Telecast on Shine TV

3 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>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

We hope this finds your BUBBLE well, safe and happy. What surreal times we have all lived through. Our Lady of Lourdes school have been connecting and caring for our community living out our MERCY MISSION of

‘TO LIVE, LEARN, LOVE the Mercy way’

All our staff are developing online learning for all of our children. Below are our Junior teachers sharing their BUBBLES with our community. They post prayers, conversations, learning activities every day. Look on our school website and look at the ‘HOME LEARNING’ tab to see what our children are up too.



CHARISM	OUR MISSION	OUR VISION
The Mercy Sisters legacy of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Service* Excellence* Compassion* Respect* Hospitality* Social Justice	TO LIVE, LEARN LOVE the Mercy Way	Inspired by our Catholic faith to LIVE, LEARN, LOVE with Mercy Hearts to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* COLLABORATIVE* CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE* RESILIENT* CREATIVE* REFLECTIVEwitnesses

Live, Love, Learn the Mercy way



And here is a link to a wonderful PowerPoint of our senior school learning.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OHaUJFhyeLsURAhFghNqcPXadK5aYdgJ/view?usp=sharing>

Abundant blessings from our bubbles to you all. You are all in our prayers and thoughts.

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Reflections – Vocation Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we are also reminded to each reflect on our own vocations. Mine is the call to serve God's people.

I was asked by one of the parish team members to share my own vocation to priestly life which I am very glad to share. When I was growing up as little boy about six years of age, I saw a Catholic Priest wearing a long white Garment and visiting a small, remote, humble village as the part of his pastoral ministry. I was inspired by his way of life and thought to myself, I will follow his footsteps and will become a priest.

To achieve this goal, I have faced so many difficulties and hardships. Finance was an issue for my poor family of seven children. My parents were unable to let me go to school until my uncle, now deceased encouraged me and promised to support me in my education.

When I started school, I walked bare foot the whole ten kilometers to primary school each day. Only two of our family were fortunate enough to receive an education.

At the end of my primary school years, the same priest visited my little village and encouraged me saying, “Vijay, you have been selected to go for an interview and entry exam for Junior Boarding at the school that are run by the ‘Society of Jesus’ twenty five kilometers away!”

After school I shared my joy with my parents; following this they were also very happy to support my further education. So, I prepared for the interview and entry exam. I went with two other school mates to the interview but on the way, I fell off my bicycle and got wounded, but I never stopped!

I did very well at my interview and exam, and I was sure of getting a pass. After a few weeks, the priest made an announcement at Mass - that I was selected for the pre-seminary study. As soon as I got the message, my family and I were so happy. From the beginning my parents had a lot of struggles to support my education but at the same time they were so happy that one of their sons was going to become a Priest.

I completed my High School in 1995 and then joined ‘Heralds of the Good News Society’ 26 July 1998. After all my religious studies, I was Ordained as a Priest on 27 December 2006. I really enjoy the life I have chosen, though I face unending challenges and crosses in my life, I know the risen Christ is always with me, side by side to help me in my struggles, to quote 2nd Corinthians 12: 9 “My grace is sufficient for you.”



Figure 1 - Good Shepherd - Daniel Bonnell 2011

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Today Jesus our Good Shepherd challenges us and invites us to follow in his footsteps. In our sickness we need a Saviour, in our wandering a guide, in our blindness someone to show us light.

We sheep need a shepherd, we children need a teacher and the whole world needs Jesus the Good Shepherd. Christ not only promises us that He is Gate that leads to life but wants us to follow Him. Therefore, let us be humble, be kind, loving and caring as we dedicate and commit ourselves to serving each other needs. Every baptized member of the Church is called by God to lead others to hear the voice of a Good Shepherd. God Bless.

Fr Vijay Dung Dung

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

Julie Randall's 'Liturgy at Home':

www.pndioocese.org.nz/homeliturgy

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

Issy McCafferty's 'United in Prayer' resource:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/unitedprayer

Diocesan Mass livestream, from Cathedral Presbytery:

www.pndioocese.org.nz/livemass

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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 and we will include them in this newsletter.

Visiting the sick and dying via phone: Those that require priestly pastoral care while in hospital, can be via phone. If those at home require this pastoral care, this will also be by phone. A priest or lay pastoral leader cannot visit a home during this Alert Level Four.

Funerals

No funerals are being celebrated during Alert Level Four. Please phone our priests:

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

This week receipts will be emailed out to those who have provided us with their email addresses. If you would like to receive yours via email, please contact the Parish Office on office@pncathedral.org.nz and update your details.

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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Guild

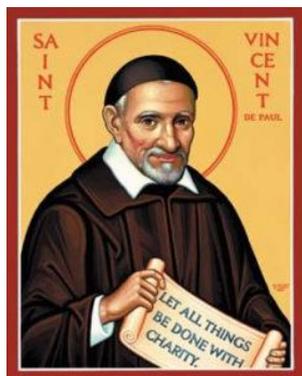
As we are unable to meet for our 63rd birthday meeting this month we would just like to tell you all to have a treat on Wednesday and we look forward to being able to meet in June for our AGM.

Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy

Catholic Hospital Chaplain, Kathleen Field.

Contact details: 021 509 436 or Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz.

St Vincent de Paul Society



Due to Covid-19 virus and Levels 3 & 4 lock-down the Society St Vincent De Paul have temporarily ceased visiting vulnerable people. With NZ Government funding a nationwide programme is in place to serve vulnerable persons in need of emergency food parcels, other services and transport. The programme is run by Civil Defence Emergency Management, will be operating up until 11 May 2020 pending the Government lifting Level 3. In the Manawatu region this service is contacted by telephoning free call 0800 725 678. When our Government allows person to person contact again the Society St Vincent De Paul will recommence their visitation programme.

To obtain an **emergency food parcel**, the person(s) in need must phone 0800 725 678 or go to www.pncc.govt.nz/covid19 and fill out a needs assessment registration form. Palmerston North City and Rongotea contacts are Mike Keenan (021 1858 969) and Roger Clark (021 678 141).

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

La Croix International: <https://international.la-croix.com/category/religion/10>

Real Presence and Virtual Liturgies (Part I)

<https://international.la-croix.com/news/real-presence-and-virtual-liturgies-part-i/12261>

NZ Catholic 3rd 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/>

WelCom: https://archdiocese-of-wellington.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/WelCom_382_May_2020.pdf

Joe Grayland's Book link: https://www.amazon.com.au/Catholics-Prayer-Diversity-Secular-Context-ebook/dp/B085BXZQBK/ref=sr_1_1?qid=1588120203&refinements=p_27%3AJ+P+Grayland&s=digital-text&sr=1-1&text=J+P+Grayland

Important Links

Need help? Useful Numbers

Helplines

Family & Community Services National Directory:

0800 211 211

Youthline:

0800 376 633 Text: 234 or Email: talk@youthline.co.nz

The Low Down: www.thelowdown.co.nz or Text 5626

Lifeline 24/7 Helpline: 0800 543 354

Mental health Crisis team: 0800 754 477 Need to talk: Free call/ TXT – 1737

Samaritans: 0800 726 666

Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757 or TXT 4202. Email: www.depression.org.nz

Kidsline: 0800543754

Parent help: 0800 568 856

Online Mental Health Support: <https://www.clearhead.org.nz/>



Police

If people want to call police, there are two numbers.

In an emergency, please call **111**.

If something needs to be reported but it is not happening right now, please call **105**.

ACROSS

Anglican, Catholic & Community Social Services – 0800 227 677

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Government and Palmerston North City Council

PNCC have set up a registration form if you need help. Please click on the link

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/news-events/covid-19-coronavirus/council-updates/register-for-welfare-support/> Government information on financial help is available through this link [COVID19](#) .

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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