



10 May 2020 – 5th Sunday of Easter – Year A

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

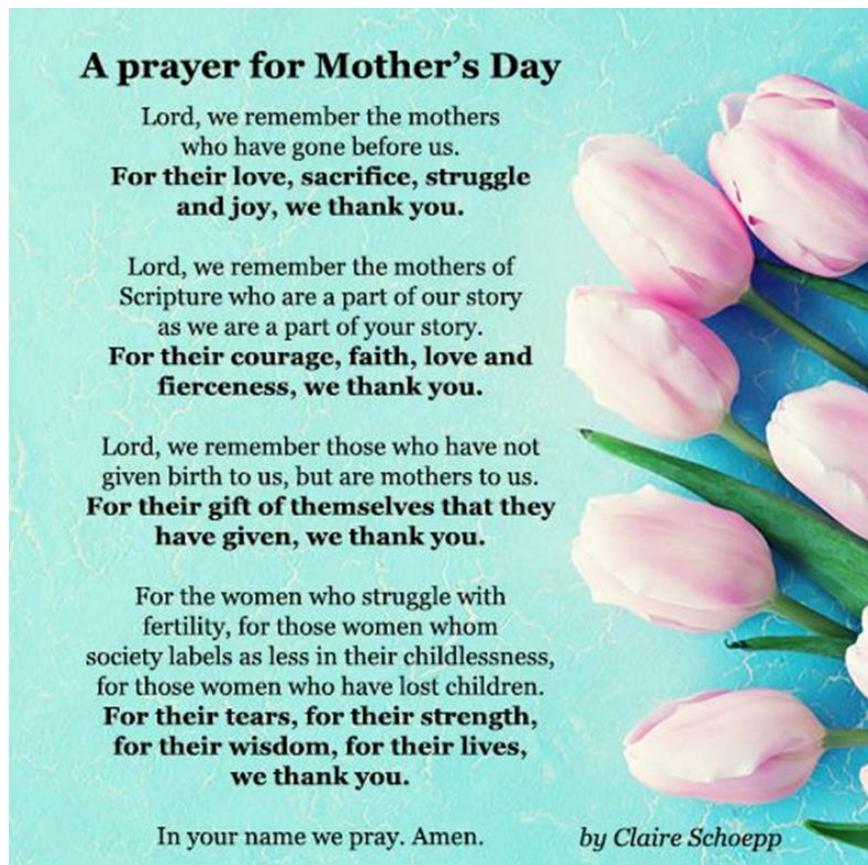
Or email info@lourdesparish.nz with the subject line: "Registering my email with you".
 Please include your Surname, Christian name, Email address, Cell and Landline numbers, and Street address.



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A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.
**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen. *by Claire Schoepp*

Pastor's Desk

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!”

“Ko tātou ngā Tāngata Aranga ko Āreruia tō tātou Waiata!”

The lockdown has generated an international conversation concerning liturgical gatherings, online masses, the opening of churches and reestablishment of masses and the future forms of pastoral ministry and parishes.

Here, the institutions of the Church are non-essential and our gathering a potential health risk. This is tough stuff. We can dodge it, ignore it, get angry at it, be resigned to it, or we can use it as the experience calling us to greater faith, more profound hope, and to discern the future.

This experience reminds me of the origins of the Church, a small religious movement within Palestinian Judaism during the Roman occupation. From small beginnings, the Church evolved into one of the longest lasting socio-political institutions, shaping international political systems, universities, hospices, and hospitals. While none of these institutions here bear the name “Catholic”, the work of the Gospel continues through the generosity of people of good will, reminding us the Gospel isn't our possession, it is given to the world: The Gospel is Christ, and Christ belongs to God and God is the creator and redeemer of all things.

In this crisis, home and family ministry and prayer has reemerged. Often called the “domestic church” it has played the crucial part in recent weeks, showing us that the Church is at prayer even when the buildings are closed.

We are learning again that we are the stones of a living building. Each person, each family, is part of the living and breathing communion of believers. Many people have rediscovered their neighbours, others their families, and some themselves.

Some of you have experienced violence from family members, the pain of separation, the hardship of solo parenting and the loss of friends. Some have buried beloved family and friends quickly and without funeral rites that comfort and console.

I would ask each one reading this to pause and offer a prayer for those I have just mentioned.

The community of faith is with you. To those of you out there who are suffering, our prayer is with you! When you cannot pray, let us pray for you – that is what being a community of believers means – we suffer together, and we carry your need in our hearts. In all these experiences, we set ourselves close to Christ, the cornerstone, the one who calls us to be His witness in the world.

The Church continues Christ's work where we care for our neighbours, go shopping for those who cannot, pay the bills for those who are broke and comfort through the phone or WhatsApp.

Covid-lockdown has asked us to reassess our pastoral priorities and parish structures. This is not easy because the pastoral GPS is not connected to its parish satellite. If we dare to reread the Acts of the Apostles and reflect on the 1st Letter of Peter -an ancient baptismal homily- wisdom will arise.

The future offers more possibility than the past for those with the courage to look. It provides an opportunity to leave old, tired ways behind and, listening to God's Word, move forward in hope. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to go in search of the new, or do you want things to go back to a golden age when everything was perfect? Is the Spirit calling you to a new vision of mission?

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The Greek word *Ekklesia* is the origin of our name Church. There is a translation I like: "Church is a gathering of people called out from their homes into the public space for a specific purpose or task." I think Covid has called us out of our churchiness and back into the world of our neighbourhoods, families and friends as leaven in the mix – our true home. We are part of the 5 Million Team dealing with the crisis. If we are open, and God is generous, we may be able more willing to discern the future without having to seek it in the past.

Fr. Joe

We Pray for Our Deceased:

Ron Gleeson – RIP

Margaret Kersel – RIP

We pray for her daughter Maree, son Brent and family.

Patricia Ellen Cruden – A20/4



Mass Intention

Mike Rooney Ann

Congratulations

Arun and Shilmy with your baby boy Louis George Anthony!



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



Congratulations!

Monsignor Brian Walsh was ordained 45 years ago. May God grant you many blessings as you celebrate your devoted years of faithful service. Congratulations from your Parish Families at the Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart - Rongotea, St Joseph's - Shannon and St Mary's Foxton.



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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!

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



June Hurly
Eileen Obben

Kevin McKenzie	John Hammond	Jeanette Wright
Kathy McKenzie	Jane Charlton	Robert Towers
Claire Devito	Cushla Hughes	Julia Towers
Christine Cosgrove	Kerry Hughes	Eric Wright
Dianne Jordan	Catherine Norman	Kate Bell
Trish Bates	Nick Wilson	Mike Keenan
Kath Rooney	Michele Columbus	Kate McNamara
Kerry Norman	Margaret Lucinsky	Anne McCarthy
Rose Semmens	Eleanor Jacobs	Briona Hehir
Lynette Roberts-King	Roger Clark	Passionist Family Group



Iveta Griffin

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

First Communion Update

It has been wonderful speaking with each of the first communion families this week, you are a flexible positive group. Overall, it was clear that you are more comfortable with waiting a few weeks before we begin preparation in level 2 or lower. So, watch this space for an update on our new start date for preparation (depending on the parameters involved.) We will then commence our parent/caregiver/child/catechist combined sessions in the usual format following the Sunday 9.30 Mass.



St James' Catholic School

When we went into lockdown 6 weeks ago, we had a couple of weeks holiday and then began our online learning. We are using an app called Seesaw which enables learners and teachers to interact, share video and text and allow the school to happen. We were sad that we could not partake in our usual Holy Week and Easter activities, but we moved these online and families took part as best they could.

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We are all looking forward to returning to school soon and getting the year underway again.

Te Mahuri Junior Team has been learning that God is the Creator. We have looked at the creation story and been comparing God created things and People made things. We have also looked at how we use God created items to make things that help us survive, for example, shelter, clothing, and food. We learnt that God has put us in charge of caring for creation. Here is Mela (above) striving to sort the different items into the correct groups.



Our year 6's have been learning about names and images for God in the Old and New Testament. We have discovered that there are so many different names that God is called and just as many images we are given for God.

Some of the Old Testament images are God our protector, a rock, a fortress, a shield, a refuge, a mountain, comforter, strength, and some names are Lord, God, the word, Father.

Some of the New Testament images and names are shepherd, lamb, son, brother, teacher, leader, the light, healer, friend, living bread.

We looked up scriptures to help us find new images and names and then we brainstormed these and drew our own images of God also.



We have also been focusing on Mary, as it is the month of May.

We have drawn pictures of Mary, learnt the Hail Mary in English and Maori and explored scriptures about Mary.

Health and Wellbeing

As we move to Level 2...

We need to be patient and kind as first the Government and then our Bishops decide on our new look at Level 2.

Kindness is incredibly powerful and there have been many examples of care shown through this lockdown period. We have had an amazing team of volunteers contacting parishioners especially the aged and vulnerable, checking on them and helping when and where possible. We know that you, our parishioners, have also quietly been caring not only for your families but your church family as well.

We have kept in touch with a comprehensive and informative newsletter and we have been very privileged to have our beloved priests preside at Mass each Sunday via live streaming. We are truly blessed!



So, as we head towards level 2, continue to show kindness and care to you and yours. Keep doing what you have all been doing so well:

-  check on older relatives or vulnerable people over the phone, to make sure they have everything they need
-  talk to friends, whānau and neighbours over the phone to see how they are and if they need support

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🛒 drop off essential supplies, like food or medications, to those at home. You can leave them at the door.

These kinds of connections and offers of help will go a long way to getting others through COVID-19.

Your emotional and mental wellbeing is important - <https://covid19.govt.nz/.../looking-after-your-mental-wellbe.../>

Reflection

5th Sunday of Easter

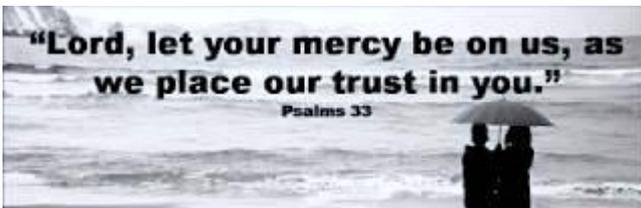
1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel Reading: John 14.1-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.



...is today's response to the Psalm. I believe the word "Trust" ties together all our Scripture readings today, trust in God!

Our present crisis and lockdown has highlighted the needs of many people in our community, there is a greater call on various agencies to support those who have little or no income under the present lockdown, those whose wages have been reduced, even severed completely. The needs of vulnerable and aged, those with mental health issues to name a few. Just like the early Christian communities, we have developed a greater awareness of the needs of others in our community. So how are we responding? Will they be reassured and trust us?



In their need, it is not just enough to preach the Word of God, we need to put it into action by deeds if we are to be seen as offering God's kindness and life. The disciples are not only to preach the good news but to have within their community those who offer practical support to people. In the Acts of the Apostles, at that time, they choose deacons to carry out this task. Today we have organisations like the St. Vincent de Paul Society. But do not leave it to them and say, 'I don't have to worry.' No, it is something we can all respond to and reach out to others.

Ultimately Christianity is about service in the name of Jesus rather than knowledge in the name of Jesus. Therefore we have faith (trust) in Jesus as we have faith (trust) in God.

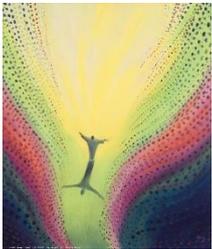
THE GOSPEL: As a parent or teacher, you have probably been asked a myriad of questions of one kind or another. Some of those questions the children ask, you would expect that they should already know the answers. In the gospel today, two questions are asked by the apostles: one by Thomas about "the way", and Philip, "show us the Father". Both requests indicate that the disciples still do not understand that Jesus is the Way. Nor do they grasp that to see him is to see the Father. Thomas is asking for a road map, even though we often know the way we still refer to GPS or a road map. Jesus uses these questions to deepen their understanding.



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Jesus says, “I am the way the truth and the life”. It is a summary of who he is for his disciples: the one who heard the words and all those who would come after. Jesus is the “way”, not simply as an example, but much more because he dwells in his disciples as source of life and truth, it is a relationship. Elsewhere he describes that indwelling as akin to a vine and its branches (Jn. 15: 1- 10) What meaning does Jesus’ identification as “the way the truth and the life” have for you? Are you prepared to trust his words?

1 Peter 2: 4 – 9, The Second Reading: Have you heard the question, “Where’s heaven? How do you answer it? You cannot! It is not a place but better described as a relationship, our relationship with God. Peter is saying to the new church, you are not called as individuals but a community. They are a “chosen race”, a “royal priesthood”, a “holy nation”, a “people set apart”. Why? To spread the Word of God. This is only possible through the one who is the source of light and life, the one who told his followers, “I am the way, the truth and the life”. How do these words help you to appreciate yourself as a member of the Body of Christ?



During this time of lockdown, our parish churches have become less relevant. It is a chance to reflect that the buildings are not that which animate and draw us together, but the Holy Spirit of God working in and uniting each one of us. Only by clinging to and trusting in Jesus and the abundant life he offers can we hope to be “living stones” in God’s Church.

Liturgical Outreach

Livestreaming and TV Masses

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am – Cathedral’s Presbytery [link to be placed here](#)

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.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy

Issy McCafferty’s ‘United in Prayer’ resource:

www.pndiocese.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.



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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

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



This week receipts have been 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.

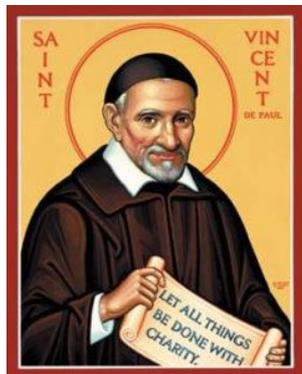
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Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy

Catholic Hospital Chaplain, Kathleen Field.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society



At present the Op Shop and food deliveries are on hold as the age of most members mean we are confined to our homes.

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. PN City & Rongotea contacts are Mike Keenan (021 1858 969) and Roger Clark (021 678 141).

Donations of money are welcome. Please donate online at Westpac A/c No. 03 0718 0047377 000. As St Vincent de Paul is a registered charity, receipts for tax purposes will be issued later.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.

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 3rd Free Online Edition:
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/1d34fad4-d929-4c6c-aaab-b84fdaeb7459>

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

<https://archive.mg1.mlgnserv.com/?u=f315c44d4d45fb28406388ff49c09e33&id=2de0e248&e=8989e2ef>

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

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

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

Fr. 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

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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

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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