



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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**LOL MASSES**  
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)  
8:00am & 10:00am  
Mon—Sat: 10:00am  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat: 10:30—11:00am or on request

**EUCHARIST ADORATION**  
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00—9:00pm

**RONGOTEA MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Thurs: 7:00pm



## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1



**Psalm Response:** Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response:** Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

### LOL GUILD 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Mass: LOL 10:00am  
Lunch: 12 noon at the Manawatu Golf Club, Centennial Drive. Lunch menu available or you can select from the food cabinet. Look forward to seeing you there. For further details contact June Lynch: 354 7686.

### REMINDER Dorn (PFG) family group activity.

*Anzac Civic Service followed by breakfast.*  
Meet outside the PN Public Library on the Square at 9.00am. Please bring something we can cook and share for breakfast.  
RSVP to Linda 027 3546171

**AED TRAINING** for parish first aiders: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the church foyer.

**LOL ANOINTING MASS** will take place Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 2:00pm.

**CONFIRMATION** Next session Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Service Afternoon, from 1:00pm-6:00pm followed by Mass in the Cathedral.  
Venue – Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street.  
This session is the **last chance** to join this year's Palmerston-North-wide programme. It will begin with a catch-up for those who've missed any of the first 3 sessions. Then from 3:00pm-6:00pm we'll have our Service Afternoon.

### Confirmation Sessions During May

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-6:00pm,  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-6:00pm  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-6:00pm Sponsor/Candidate Retreat. All at the Diocesan Centre and followed by Mass at the Cathedral.

**ANY WORK THAT NEEDS DOING?** Elderly parishioners wanting work done around the house or garden, please contact Lucy on 021 509 436. We will arrange a group to come and do the work on April 30<sup>th</sup> for our Confirmation Service Afternoon – so please get in touch with us ASAP.

**ON SALE** NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7.

**LOL PRAYER CHAIN:** Please call **Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755** or the Parish Office. No request is too big or too small.

**Room available to rent—see noticeboard.**

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE** is holding the CWL Diocesan Conference in Palmerston North, April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, at the Diocesan Centre (33 Amesbury St). The nearby Broadway Motel has been set aside for those attending. Kay Blackburn the National President and Susan Dickson, National Social Concerns will be there, as well as speakers from PARS and Bev Raine, talking on the environment. For further information contact Janice Goldsworthy 06 753 6923 or [janicegoldsworthy45@gmail.com](mailto:janicegoldsworthy45@gmail.com)

**PROLIFE FACTS** In early March, there was a flurry of online media commentary echoing the Abortion Law Reform Association of NZ's call for abortion on demand as a "health issue". The same call was made in Queensland's state parliament by Cairns MP Rob Pyne, with a private members Bill, but with a glaring difference. The NZ pro-abortionists deliberately fudged the gestational age, so as not to create a public backlash. But Rob Pyne had no such fears and his Bill called for legal abortion up to full gestation – that is up to birth. 55,000 Queenslanders signed petitions against the Bill and thousands marched outside Parliament. There were 2,800 submissions to the Parliamentary Enquiry with 80% opposed to the Bill. People prayed fervently. The clincher came when Rob Pyne checked the numbers in Parliament. He discovered he didn't have the political support and withdrew his Bill on February 17<sup>th</sup> – defeated. Two lessons for New Zealand: pro-abortionists really want abortion up to birth and Rob Pyne and his allies are now pushing for a Law Commission review, hoping the judges will support their agenda. For more pro-life info, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz) or phone 09 443 0995.

**FORMER REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS** need 8-10 people to assist them to complete funding applications to philanthropic trusts, government funders and local government. Four organisations have been registered as incorporated societies and some activities and services are already being delivered to their respective communities. However additional volunteer assistance is needed to assist with obtaining funds so more can be accomplished. If you have experience of preparing funding appli-

cations and knowledge of sources of funds, have some time and are willing to commit for a year at least, and are willing to assist please contact Gail Munro [gailmunro@governancestrategies.co.nz](mailto:gailmunro@governancestrategies.co.nz) or Ph 0273408186.



Our annual formation day is **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 9.30am – 3.30pm** at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, PN.

Come to be informed and inspired about: modern marriage, ageing, conscience and moral decision-making. Bring a gold coin donation and a plate for shared lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Please RSVP to Jenny 0274187906 or [doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz) by noon Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### KPF PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH

Our 2nd Quarter community Assembly on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April Saturday 1:00pm Mass. See noticeboard for full details.

**HOSPITAL REMINDER** If you know of any parishioner who enters hospital, moves into residential care or becomes housebound, please advise the Parish Office so that they can be cared for.

**SICK LIST UPDATE** Please remember to contact the Parish Office if you or your relatives no longer need to be included in the "sick list".

**We Pray for the Sick:** Kerrin McManus, Liu Mingquiong, Vanessa Farrelly, Vinnie Carroll, Joseph Ang, Joan Lambourne, Liam Stone, Graeme Younger, Marie Wenman, Aileen Ryan, Helen Taylor, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson & Peggy O'Donoghue.

**Died Recently**

**Anniversaries**

Fr John Summers

*Requiescant in Pace*

# Pope's Urbi et Orbi Blessing

*'With one voice, in every part of the world, we proclaim the great message: "The Lord is truly risen"'*

April 16, 2017 [ZENIT](#) Staff

Here is a Vatican translation of the Easter message with the Urbi et Orbi blessing that Pope Francis gave today, Easter Sunday, at noon:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Happy Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: "Jesus is risen!" – "He is truly risen, as he said!"

The ancient feast of Passover, the commemoration of the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery, here finds fulfilment. By his resurrection, Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death, and has opened before us the way to eternal life.

All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep. But God himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, he lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross. Today we can proclaim: "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia" (Roman Missal, IV Sunday of Easter, Communion antiphon).

In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion – the wounds of his merciful love – he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life. Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms.

The Risen Shepherd goes in search of all those lost in the labyrinths of loneliness and marginalization. He comes to meet them through our brothers and sisters who treat them with respect and kindness, and help them to hear his voice, an unforgettable voice, a voice calling them back to friendship with God.

He takes upon himself all those victimized by old and new forms of slavery, inhuman labour, illegal trafficking, exploitation and discrimination, and grave forms of addiction. He takes upon himself children and adolescents deprived of their care-free innocence and exploited, and those deeply hurt by acts of violence that take place within the walls of their own home.



The Risen Shepherd walks beside all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, famine and oppressive regimes. Everywhere he helps these forced migrants to encounter brothers and sisters, with whom they can share bread and hope on their journey.

In the complex and often dramatic situations of today's world, may the Risen Lord guide the steps of all those who work for justice and peace. May he grant the leaders of nations the courage they need to prevent the spread of conflicts and to put a halt to the arms trade.

Especially in these days, may he sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing

comfort and relief to the civil population in Syria, prey to a war that continues to sow horror and death. May he grant peace to the entire Middle East, beginning with the Holy Land, as well as in Iraq and Yemen.

May the Good Shepherd remain close to the people of South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, who endure continuing hostilities, aggravated by the grave famine affecting certain parts of Africa.

May the Risen Jesus sustain the efforts of all those who, especially in Latin America, are committed to ensuring the common good of societies marked at times by political and social tensions that in some cases have resulted in violence. May it be possible for bridges of dialogue to be built, by continuing to fight the scourge of corruption and to seek viable and peaceful solutions to disputes, for progress and the strengthening of democratic institutions in complete respect for the rule of law.

May the Good Shepherd come to the aid of Ukraine, still beset by conflict and bloodshed, to regain social harmony. May he accompany every effort to alleviate the tragic sufferings of those affected by the conflict.

The Risen Lord continues to shed his blessing upon the continent of Europe.

May he grant hope to those experiencing moments of crisis and difficulty, especially due to high unemployment, particularly among young people.

Dear brothers and sisters, this year Christians of every confession celebrate Easter together. With one voice, in every part of the world, we proclaim the great message: "The Lord is truly risen, as he said!" May Jesus, who vanquished the darkness of sin and death, grant peace to our days.

Happy Easter!

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## NEXT WEEK

Readings April 30<sup>th</sup>: Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## ROSTERS: 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Church Cleaning:** (April 24<sup>th</sup>) A volunteer and Kathy Morton.

**Counting:** Pat Curran & Prue Smith.

**Flowers:** Mary Dorn

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Kathy Morton & Lesley Wright

8am Jim Murphy & Pat Burton 10am Dianne Jordan.

**Readers: Vigil 5:30pm** Roselle Gouwland & Rosalie McCann

8am Moya Booth & Kath Rooney 10am Med de Joux & Erica Ramirez

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm** Martin & Judith Wall, Cecily Finucane, Denis Jones, Hannah Brown 8am Colin Keegan, Clare Cole, Judy Nixon 10am Jacinta Cousins, Paul Darbyshire, Eileen O'Connor, Denis & Margaret Beckett.

**Altar Servers: 10am** Alesha Alexander & Madison Gilberd.

**Children's Liturgy:** School Holidays—none this week

**Hospitality: 10am** Tokelauan Group.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Rita Auta.

**Linen:** Catherine Kearins

**Lawns:** Denise Mallon (22<sup>nd</sup> April)