



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

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



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

**Psalm Response:** Father, I put my life in your hands.

**Prayers of the Faithful Response:** Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

**EASTER VIGIL** we will enjoy supper together at the conclusion of the Vigil ceremonies—contributions would be appreciated.

**LOL SCHOOL HOLY THURSDAY SHARED LUNCH:** Parishioners are most welcome to join the staff and students us for our Last Supper liturgy and shared meal to be held on Holy Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> April) in the hall starting at 1.30pm. No need to bring a plate. The school will provide the food for the shared meal.

**LENTEN GROUP** Tuesday 2:00pm.

**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!

### DIVORCE RATES FRIGHTENING!

Between 1 third and 1 half of all marriages don't last the distance, and yet if you had asked these couples when they got married if they thought they would have ever believed their marriage might fail they would have answered "Not Ours!" So why is this happening to so many people? Well we don't have the answer BUT we do have something that is proven to greatly reduce the risk of your marriage becoming one of these statistics. A worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is specifically designed to equip couples with the tools to enhance their relationship and make it even better than it was back on their wedding day. Your marriage is too important to risk. Join us on the next weekend.

**Weekend Date: 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May.** To be held at Masters Hall SH2 Pahiatua. Ph. 0800 362 686 for more information and to book a place on the weekend.

**ROSMINIAN HERITAGE** The Rosminian community at Palmerston North would like to invite you for an introductory programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 5:30pm in St Mary's Parish. All are welcome. More information call 358 5614.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Rightly, we are moved by the stories and images we see on TV and YouTube of teachers, and nurses and doctors who, notwithstanding great danger, set out daily to work in Aleppo and Mosul and other war zones. Similarly when the Ebola Virus was rampant in Liberia and Sierra Leone, I often thought the local medics, wrapped from head to foot in protective gowns, were surely the unsung heroes going about their daily duty away from the safe media zones.

For some people in our world, going to Mass is also dangerous. For a complexity of reasons, Churches and our schools and clinics can become targets of violence in parts of Iraq, Iran, Syrian, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Yemen as well as the Holy land itself.

The ancient but fragile Christian communities in the Middle East and the Holy Land (where Br Ben Shore OFM Cap, from our Diocese, is currently serving as part of his formation with the Capuchin Friars) face oppression and harassment yet they remain courageous in their charity and their appreciation of Mass.

It is to them that our annual Good Friday collection is destined. You can support this appeal by placing a donation in an envelope marked Good Friday Collection [if on planned giving] on the Friday itself or in the usual Sunday collection basket.

Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated.

### Easter Sunday Collection [Easter Dues]

This collection is a "thank you" for our priests. It is divided equally among them and used for holiday costs, books and periodicals, and the priests' own charitable donations. We are blessed with the service of our priests whose workload is far from light. This is one way to show your appreciation. Thanks everyone. Kia ora tātou.

+ Charles

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

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** We urgently need new flower ladies. We only have 3 at the moment. We will teach new people or put you on with someone else, even if you are able to water the flowers a couple of times a week would be very helpful. Please phone Mary 3296816.

**LOL GUILD** will be celebrating their **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.** Please contact former members, and give them the opportunity to join us for lunch to celebrate this milestone. For further information phone Sheila Evans 357 0172 or June Lynch 354 7686.

**ROSMINIAN** Please see notice board for dates and times of Annual Retreat, Way of the Cross and Confession in Malayalam.

### Want to receive the Diocesan newsletter?

Sign up at [www.pndiocese.org.nz](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz)  
Follow [www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz](https://www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz)  
for updates, news and photos of what is happening around the Diocese.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS** for my brother Phillip Gleeson who has been sick for some time. Prayers were answered, as he returned to the faith before the Lord called him home eternally. Thanks again, Dot Bowe.

**PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH** Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Theme: "Were you there?". Timetable on noticeboard.

**SYG: GAME NIGHT** Senior Youth Group for year 11-13 is hosting a games night to finish the school term in celebration. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Diocesan Centre in Palmerston North. Contact Lucy Ingle on 021 509 439 or at [lingie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingie@pndiocese.org.nz) with any questions or for more information about youth events in the Diocese.

**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**  
Phillip Gleeson

**Anniversaries**

*Requiescant in Pace*

### NEW LOURDES PARISH WEBSITE

Have a look around our parish website:

[www.lourdesparish.nz](http://www.lourdesparish.nz)



# Pope Decries Slaughter in Syria, Terrorism in Russia

Following Slaughter in Iblid, Says 'We witness horrified the latest events in Syria,' He Condemns the Unacceptable Slaughter

April 5, 2017; Deborah Castellano Lubov—[Zenit](#)



At the end of the General Audience today, April 5, 2017, Pope Francis made two appeals. Bergoglio's thought went to St. Petersburg and to Iblid, in Syria, places struck by attacks in the course of the last hours.

Speaking of the dynamite attack in the metro of the Russian city, which caused several victims and "loss in the population," the Pope said he entrusted "to God's mercy all those who tragically died," and he expressed his "spiritual closeness to their families and to all those suffering due to this tragic event."

Francis then paused on the chemical attack near Iblid. "I firmly deplore the unacceptable carnage that took place yesterday in Idlib province, where scores of helpless people, including many children, were killed."

The Holy Father's prayer is "for the victims and their families," after which he made an appeal "to the conscience of all those who have political responsibility, at the local and international level, so that this tragedy ceases and relief is taken to that dear population too long exhausted by war. I also encourage the efforts of those who, despite the insecurity and hardship, make efforts to have help reach the inhabitants of that region."

Council for Promoting Christian Unity and member of the Foundation's Scientific Committee, as well as Father Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Foundation's President, Father Giuseppe Caruso, Director of the Augustinianum and Father Giuseppe Costa, Director of the Libreria Editrice Vaticana (LEV), one of the publishers of the work.

In the introduction, Father Lombardi stresses that the book "is an original way of bringing together an international group of known researchers, who have shared their points of view on Joseph Ratzinger's thought."

Among the essays' authors, from 11 different countries, are Catholic theologians, Anglican Bible specialist Richard Burridge, Greek Orthodox theologian Ioannis Kourempeles and Lebanese scholar Nabil el-Khoury, as well as French philosopher Remi Brague and theologian, Anne-Marie Pelletier.

Cardinal Koch will intervene on the theme: "A Symphony of Love and Truth in Complete Freedom. Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI, Grateful Witness of the Easter Faith."

## Ratzinger Foundation: A Book for the Pope Emeritus' 90 Years

March 31, 2017; Marina Droujinina—[Zenit](#)

On the occasion of the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's 90th birthday (April 16, 2017), the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation is publishing the book *Cooperatores Veritatis*, which brings together the essays of 13 researchers who received the Ratzinger Prize since 2011, stated a press release of the Foundation.

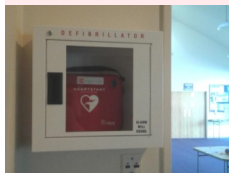
The presentation will take place on April 6 at the Augustinianum Patristic Institute in Rome, with the participation of Cardinal Kurt Koch, President of the Pontifical



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

This is printed in the City Parishes Newsletter this week and on line at [www.lourdesparish.nz](http://www.lourdesparish.nz)

### AED EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED



Watch the short video from St John below to learn how to operate an AED

[www.stjohn.org.nz/First-Aid/AED/AED---Operation-Guide/](http://www.stjohn.org.nz/First-Aid/AED/AED---Operation-Guide/)

**Parish First Aiders: AED training with St John, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7-8:30pm in the church foyer.**

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### NEXT WEEK

**Readings April 16<sup>th</sup>: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 20:1-9**

### ROSTERS: 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Church Cleaning:** (April 10<sup>th</sup>) Patria Kerr & Freda Reggers.

**Flowers:** Roster will start again after Easter, *more people are needed please!*

**Greeters:** Vigil 7pm, 8am & 10am Volunteers

**Readers:** Vigil 7pm: Paddy Clifford & Kerry Hocquard +; 8am: Maurice McDonald & Marie O'Donoghue; 10am: Jeanette Iwikau & Patria Kerr.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Vigil 7pm Cecily Finucane, Denis Jones, Judith Wall, Prue Smith & Pat Curran 8am: Colin Keegan, Clare Cole & Judy Nixon; 10am Jacinta Cousins, Brendon O'Connor, Dennis & Margaret Beckett & Augustin Pakome.

**Altar Servers:** 10am Kahu & Kiwa Pomare.

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

**Hospitality:** 10am Volunteers.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Anne O'Hara.

**Brass:** Colleen Hughes, Pat & Maurice McDonald (Lent) **Linen:** Catherine Kearins.

**Lawns:** Augustin Pakome & Son (15<sup>th</sup> April).

