



## Priest Ministers

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## OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9:30am Sunday

Mon & Thurs Liturgy of Word & Communion

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00am

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

### From the Pastors Desk

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the week of blessings and hope. It is full of symbolism and drama. The sacred drama at the heart of the week is the way God solves the problem of human sin, through taking on the violence of the human sin and liberating it through self-giving love.

Human violence is everywhere, from trolley rage in the supermarket to acts or terrorism on our streets. Our violence is confronted by God in the event of the Cross. God's response to human violence is exceptional: God confronts violence and hatred with a self-giving love that can NEVER be defeated. This is not a romantic love or an erotic love, it is the love of Agape, that is, a self-giving love that is deeply transformative.

Agape is at the heart of the Eucharist. Agape is often seen in the love of a parent for their child, when the parent gives up their own needs to serve the need of their child. Agape is seen where a person gives their food to another, and goes hungry his or her self.

This week we will celebrate the love of the Father for the Son, the love of the Son for the Father, and the love of the Spirit, who is the bond of love between them both. It is the love of the Trinity for each other that makes the event of the Cross fruitful in the Resurrection of Christ. The Resurrection is also an event of the Trinity. It is God's way of showing that life is larger than human living; that life is longer than human years; that life is ultimately lived in the presence of God.

We are all bystanders at these divine events. We are the recipients of this liturgy, or service, of God towards humanity. We enjoy the fruits of this all, through our participation in the life of God through baptism.

At the end of this week we will begin the Easter Season and baptism will be our theme! This newness of life is given to the world around us. Baptism calls us to service in the community of the Church in various ministries, and it calls us to ministry in the world, through various works for the good of the community. The call to baptism is a call to be another Christ. The vocation to Christianity is a complex one, because it calls us to live and operate as Christ did.

On Palm Sunday, after Mass, we will prepare the church for the Holy Week and Easter. The seats will be in Choir format (as we did last year) until the Second Sunday of Easter. The Choir format lifts the season out of the ordinary and expresses the deep communal nature of Easter; we are a community of sisters and brothers before God and gathered around the Lectern and the Altar.

On Good Friday, the service of Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion will be led by three members of the parish, assisted by others. I won't be there, because I will be in Foxton leading their Good Friday Service. Lay presiders have been prepared for this ministry and I know that everyone will give them support and thanks for their leadership.

At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday we will welcome new members to the Church and into the parish family. Each one of them is a huge blessing for us and we need to greet them with joy and love, so please come and be part of the experience. Don't run away to other churches! This is our time to show the depth of our welcome! The Vigil on Holy Saturday is 8.30pm and the Easter Sunday Mass begins at 9.30am.

Fr. Joe

### Jacinta Cousins Farewell

On Friday, 12 April 2019 Jacinta Cousins completed 21 years as principal of our parish school. This is a huge achievement and one that we parish honour and give thanks for.

Our Lady of Lourdes School has an excellent reputation. This is due, in large part over the years, to Jacinta's leadership.

To thank the leader is also to acknowledge the staff with whom Jacinta has worked over the years and the support of the Board and parents.

Jacinta, the parish wishes you a wonderful retirement and a future, full of joy, with long walks on the beach. May the Lord bless you and Ian, your family and friends, with happiness, joy and peace.

Fr. Joe and the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Reconciliation Rite 1—OLOL—Holy Thursday 18th April 4:00pm—5:00pm

### Easter Timetable

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:00am Liturgy of Word OLOL
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7:00pm Mass of the Oils, Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:00am Mass OLOL
<b>Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am Prayer of the Church 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:30pm Night Prayer of the Church
<b>Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy OLOL 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy Foxton
<b>Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am Morning Prayer 8:30pm Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	9:30am Mass OLOL 9:00am Masses Rongotea and Shannon 10:30am Mass St Mary's Foxton

**Shared Supper and Shared Morning Tea** Hospitality after the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Morning Mass is important so would everyone please bring a plate and drink to share after the Vigil or after the Easter Sunday Mass. Thank you.

**Palm Sunday evening prayer service of peace and remembrance on 14th April, 7:00pm at OLOL Church for the Christchurch slain.**

**Easter Liturgies** – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday - **Sign-up sheets for each of the liturgies** are in the gathering area. Please consider volunteering for one of the ministries.

**Caritas Collection for the 4 Sundays of Lent—\$1400.40.**

**The Mass of the Oils is to be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Parishioners who would like to join the choir at the Chrism Mass are invited to contact Julie Randall on [music@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:music@pncathedral.org.nz)**

**PROLIFE FACTS** A petition was launched by the Care Alliance (Family First, The Salvation Army, Hospice, Euthanasia-Free NZ and 7 others). It's important that everyone who has concerns about the assisted suicide Bill signs the paper or online version, and also contact their local MPs, by 29 April. **(For more information go to [n2as.nz](http://n2as.nz) and then 'petition' or call 0800 42 76 42).**

**Pastoral Coordinator, St Mary's Parish Foxton  
incorporating St Joseph's Shannon.**

Expressions of Interest and applications are invited for the role of Pastoral Coordinator. The Pastoral Coordinator is the leader of the pastoral team and works in collaboration with the Priest Moderator, the Parish Council, the Finance and Liturgy Committees and the School Principal to identify and deliver key pastoral outcomes and manages the day to day running of the parish office. This is a leadership role, designed to grow our faith communities and bring focus to our pastoral outreach, through organising and enthusing parishioners and school families to become involved in the life of the parish.

Expressions of interest are invited for this role. Applications are welcome after April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. Interviews will begin after this date and will be ongoing until the position is filled. Hours are negotiable, with a minimum of 15 hrs per week. For further information, expressions of interest and applications please contact Fr. Joe Grayland, OLOL Parish, [ololpastor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ololpastor@xtra.co.nz)

**Good Friday Pilgrimage 19th April 11am—1pm** Remember the suffering and death of our Saviour by walking the six "stations of the cross" - six themes creatively presented by six churches. Gather 11am Wesley Broadway Methodist Church, 264 Broadway Ave., Then walk to Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, The Salvation Army Church, All Saints, St Luke's, Central Baptist. End with afternoon tea 1pm. All welcome.

**Young Adults—Sunday 14 April - Pub Night Celtic Inn after 6pm Mass.** Come eat, drink, chat and unwind with your Young Adults Community in a casual setting. Pub is located on Broadway, short walk from the Cathedral. Gather in Cathedral foyer after Mass or see you at the Celtic from 7.15 pm.  
**Important Note: No Sunday events during the break.**

**A workshop on interfaith dialogue** will be held at the Diocesan Centre 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 1pm to launch the resource, Promoting Interfaith Dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand. This workshop is for Catholics who want to gain greater insight, training and expertise in interfaith relations. RSVP for catering purposes to Mary Eastham, [maeastham23@gmail.com](mailto:maeastham23@gmail.com), or Julie Randall, [music@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:music@pncathedral.org.nz) by 3 May.

**Due to the Easter statutory holidays and ANZAC holiday, end of year tax receipts will be available on Sunday 5 May.**

**ROSTERS: April 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** (April 15<sup>th</sup>) Julie and Gavin Lees.

**Counters:** (April 16<sup>th</sup>) Gabrielle Barnes and Jane Charlton.

**Greeters: Vigil 8:30pm and 9:30am Volunteers**

**Children's Liturgy:** (14<sup>th</sup>) School Holidays—no Children's Liturgy

**Readers: 8:30pm and 9:30am** All readers have been notified

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**8:30pm and 9:30am Volunteers**

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Madison and Tyler Gilberd.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Kapatiran Group

**Linen:** (April) Margaret Swinbourne. **Lawns:** (Apr 13<sup>th</sup>) Fr Joe

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Diane Baucke.

**SVPD Basket:** (April) John Lynch

**Please Support the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Collections**

The drama of Holy Week, captured in today's Gospel account of the Passion, is played out in people's lives today too. Hope hovers behind oppression, compassion shames corruption, goodness triumphs in so many acts of sacrifice.

A particularly troubled people are the ancient but fragile Christian communities in the **Middle East and the Holy Land**. They often face repression and harassment yet they remain courageous in their charity, hope and their appreciation of our sacred liturgies.

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** on the Friday itself or in the usual Sunday collection basket. Among the projects you will support are school fees for Iraqi and Syrian children, aid to families in refugee camps in Jordan, University scholarships for Palestinians & others, health clinics in Eritrea & Ethiopia. Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated. See: [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).

**Easter Sunday Collection**

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.

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**Little White Books for the Easter Season \$4.00 each.**

**OBBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY.** Tickets to the Passion play have been purchased and as we have obtained a couple of extra tickets there are vacancies for a few people to join my tour to the play and parts of Southern Germany, Hungary, and Northern Italy commencing June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. The cost is approximately \$10,000.00, slightly more for single travel. Inquiries to [mondbell@gmail.com](mailto:mondbell@gmail.com) or 021 257 6771

**BELONGING AS FAMILY** You're invited to join city-wide Passionist Family Groups (PFG) on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at OLOL, Shamrock St 9.30am-3.30pm. Join in the special 9.30am 'Balloon Mass' with Passionist priest Fr Brian Traynor, followed by morning tea; and two wonderful sessions on belonging (11.00am-1.00pm), lunch and being a team (1.30pm-3.30pm).

**Who can come?** - Anyone curious about PFG, members of PF groups, people wanting to go from strangers to friends at church... PFGs are a family for all – young and old; singles, couples, families; recent immigrants to long-term NZ residents.

**What to bring?** Food to share for lunch, and a smile!

**Any questions?** Contact Jenny on 027 4187 906 or email:

[doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz)

**NB:** Children will be cared for by the PFG young adult team (during the sessions on belonging and being a team). Photos and videos may be taken at the Mass and gathering to update the PFG website.

<https://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/>

**Readings 21st April**

**Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12**

**Mass has been offered for recently deceased**

**Glennis Diggins**

**We Pray for the Sick:** Marie Edwards, Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Gary Meyer, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.