



## 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



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—

21<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

Easter is the celebration of God's presence and action in the world, and in the lives of every person. It is the celebration of God's life and work amongst us, healing and forgiving human sin.

Easter's message is simple: "He is risen, he is not here". Don't look for the living among the dead! The God in whom we are called to believe is a living, reconciling God. The Preface of the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation says it thus:

'by your Spirit you move human hearts, that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands and peoples seek to meet together.  
By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect.'

God's presence is active in the world, it is generative and creative. God's presence in our lives call us to action for the good of others. The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs says it thus:

'Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire us with words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all peoples may be raised up to a new hope.'

The salvation brought about by God is for the whole world, the whole cosmos, the whole of the created order. God's grace works upon nature and brings healing to hurt and hope to need. It changes us and forms us in the image of Christ. We take on the nature of Christ the more we associate ourselves with his people and his Gospel.

The God in whom we believe is one who accompanies us throughout our lives and is present when we gather. The Third Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs says it thus:

'You are indeed holy and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race, and who always walk with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your Son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.'

In our gathering we remember our ministry to others. The ministry of the Church is be Christ in the world and we are an inclusive community of faith. The Third Eucharistic Prayer says it thus:

'Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.'

God makes us worthy to stand in his presence. Our understanding of reverence, and our sense of faith, is adult and it brings freedom. We stand in communion with the saints in heaven and our ministry is given by God. The Second Eucharistic Prayer says it beautifully:

*'Memores igitur mortis et resurrectionis eius, tibi, Domine, panem vitae, et calicem salutis offerimus, gratias agentes quia nos dignos habuisti astare coram te et tibi ministrare.'*

*Remembering, therefore, the death and resurrection of him, we offer you Lord, the bread of life and chalice of salvation, thankful for the dignity you give us, to stand in your presence and serve you.'*

Sisters and Brothers, Jesus calls us Friends, he washes our feet, he gives his life for our salvation and he invites us to trust in his Resurrection.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Joe Grayland



**With great joy we extend congratulations  
to all who have been  
Baptised, Confirmed and Received  
into the Church**

*Stephen Hodson, Alison Pain, Harry Newcombe  
Jackson Toorok, Addie Toorok, Samuel Toorok  
Nyta Noun, Sothut Noun, Danny Noun  
Keira Burkett, Miley Burkett  
Patience Howe, Antoniah Howe  
Cameron Stewart, Mia Haynes  
Maggie Trembath, Izaya Stevens.*

**We give thanks for their Sponsors, Godparents and  
the prayerful support of the parish.  
May the graces of the Easter Mysteries continue to  
bring new life and energy to us all.**

#### **Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy OLOL  
3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy Foxton

#### **Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
8:30pm Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

9:30am Mass OLOL  
9:00am Masses Rongotea and Shannon  
10:30am Mass St Mary's Foxton

Monday 22nd 10am Liturgy

Tuesday 23rd 10am Mass

Wednesday 24th 10am Mass

Thursday 25th Anzac Day Liturgy 10am

Mass 8am Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Friday 26th 10am Mass



**OBERAMMERGAU 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 [monsdbell@gmail.com](mailto:monsdbell@gmail.com) or 021 257 6771

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

**Many thanks to Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee  
and Parishioners for your attendance help and support for the  
liturgies of Holy Week. It has involved so much time in prepara-  
tion as well as celebration. May you all be truly blessed during  
this Holy Season. I wish you all true Easter Joy! He is risen!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Fr Joe**



#### **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.

+ Chelles

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

**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.

**Mass has been offered for recently deceased**

**Stephanie Brown**