



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata



## Priest Ministers

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## LOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)  
9:30am Sunday  
Mon Liturgy of Word & Communion  
Tues—Sat 10:00am

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## 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> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am  
and on request

## EUCARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 5th Sunday of Easter, 29th April 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

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

**FIRST EUCHARIST preparation for Sacred Heart and LOL children is each Saturday May 5th, 12th, 19th at 4.15pm before the 5:30pm Mass.**

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated at LOL Church on Pentecost Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am Mass.

**LOL Ladies Guild** will meet Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Birthday Lunch. Get-together at 'Rendezvous' Restaurant, Summerhill Shopping Centre, Aokautere, 12-30pm for 1:00pm lunch. *(please note change of time)*

**Memorial Mass for Br Gabriel** We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Br Gabriel Power fms RIP former teacher at Marist and St Peters at **Lourdes Church 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 10:00am.** Mass will be followed by morning tea, please bring a plate. Thank you.

**TRANSPORT** is needed for a parishioner from Olive Tree Village who would like to attend 10:00am Mass on Saturdays. If you can help please phone the Parish Office 06 358 3667.

**Planned Giving Tax Receipts** for the year ended 31st March 2018 are now available in the gathering area. Many thanks for your generosity—it is much appreciated.

**Raffle tickets \$2:00 each**, for a trailer load of wood, available at the parish office. Proceeds to help a young Catholic student in the PN.

**LOL PRAYER CHAIN:** Ph Clare Cole 354 9701 or the Parish Office.

## MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

## SVDP Call Out—Baby Parcel for a young

expectant mother who needs knitting for the baby—any offers of infant clothing, knitting accepted at the Vinnies Shop and to any one with Ball Gown. Donations to the

Vinnies shop or please phone the shop manager, Toni Bidios, (06) 357 6779 during shop hours.

## Three seminars on the history and structure of the Eucharistic Prayers:

Thursdays: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sessions: 7:00pm to 8:00 pm at LOL Church followed by night prayer at 8:00pm to 8:15pm.

The seminars cover the history, development, structure and purpose of the Eucharistic Prayers.

The seminars are for anyone who wishes to know more about these central prayers from their Jewish origins, through their various changes, up to their use today.

**Lawns Roster** for Church and Presbytery—additional people are needed, please phone the Office if you're able to help.

**Church Cleaners Wanted** Due to several people unable to now clean our church, we would like volunteers to help with church cleaning. The roster is set up so that together, 2 people clean the church no more than 3 times a year. Please call Eileen 329 1801 or Kate 3583667.

## PFG FORMATION DAY

**Come and be inspired to live out your faith in practical ways!**

Sessions about building community; coping with grief and bereavement, PN Diocese Centre, Amesbury St. **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am—4:30pm.** For all PFG members and parishioners interested in PFGs. Please bring finger food lunch to share; gold coin koha.

**RSVP:** Please contact Jenny 0274187906 or [doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz) by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

## Passionist Youth & Young Adult retreats:

Youth Retreat: 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> July, Camp Rangi Woods, Pohangina and Young Adult retreat 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> July at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Register: at-

[www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/)

Passionist retreats have proven to be life changing for many youth and young adults. They're fun, provide an accepting, inclusive environment, serve great food, are practical and offer precious time to share and explore the bigger questions in one's life.

**Seminary Collection** will be taken up today.

**Refugee Support Volunteers Wanted** The next training course starts on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Please contact NZ Red Cross: 356-8152 Email: [manawatu@redcross.org.nz](mailto:manawatu@redcross.org.nz)

**Marist College, Mt Albert, Auckland 90th JUBILEE SATURDAY 12-13TH May - register on line at:** <http://www.maristcollege.ibdn.nz>

**Two TCI Courses Coming up:** SC502 Understanding the Old Testament: July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> PN Diocesan Centre. Contact Kathleen Field today 021 509 436, [kfield@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:kfield@pndiocese.org.nz); for an enrolment form.

## CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

[www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz);  
[www.catholicenquiry.nz](http://www.catholicenquiry.nz)

**Interfaith notices contact — see notice board.**

**Mother's Day High Tea Fundraiser - Sunday 13th May 1:30pm-3pm** at St Peter's Church Hall, 229 Ruahine St, PN. Fundraising to build Willard Home's community garden. \$25 per person. We are able to cater for dietary needs - please let us know in advance. For tickets, contact Willard Home - 06 357 6959 or [willard@psc.org.nz](mailto:willard@psc.org.nz)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 13<sup>TH</sup>—20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018.**

**We Pray for the Sick:** Bridget Dorn, Barbara Younger, Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Vanessa Farrelly, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guisepina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Siobhan Thomson.

## Died Recently

**Br Gabriel Power fms**

*Requiescant in Pace*



From the Pastor's Desk.

May is the month when we honour Mary of Nazareth, Mother of God. There are many titles given to honour her, such as Our Lady of Lourdes, the Immaculate Conception and St Mary. Each title honours or recognises an attribute of our faith in God and the place that Mary has in the tradition of the Church. Of all the titles given to her the most ancient is *Theotokos* (Gk) God-bearer (Mother of God). This title is first and foremost an outcome of the ancient christological debates concerning the nature of Christ; how Jesus is both divine and human. To describe Mary of Nazareth as Mother of God is only possible once the relationship between Jesus and God had been decided.

We can only call Mary *Theotokos* once we have decided that Jesus is God. In this sense, *Theotokos* is a christological response. The Church's understanding of Mary's role in salvation is always linked, first, to our understanding of Christ, and subsequent to it. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus stated that "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the *"Theotokos"* (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema." Here the nature of Christ is stated first and consequent on that, the role of Mary.

Ephesus' insistence on the use of the title reflected an effort to preserve the teaching of the Church that Jesus was both divine and human and that the two natures were united in his one person. Nestorius, the Bishop Constantinople, on the other side,

insisted on calling Mary the Mother of the Christ, only. The Council's insistence on *Theotokos*, Mother of God, or God-bearer reaffirmed the central truth of what occurred in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

The solemnity of **Mary, Holy Mother of God** on 1 January in the octave of Christmas, is the main liturgical festival for Mary, *Theotokos*. In the incarnation Mary said "yes" to God. Mary's yes is her participation in the conception of Jesus through the power of the Spirit and her yes to her participation in all that followed. For example, at the marriage feast at Cana (Jn 2: 1-12) Mary asks Jesus to refill the wine barrels and he responds "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." This brief and curt response draws a line between Mary and Jesus. There is a world that they do not share as Redeemer and redeemed. In the face of this rebuke Mary, Mother of her Son, replies: "Do whatever he tells you." Mary's response is one of unconditional trust in the relationship between Jesus and the Father. She trusts in his word. She is the first person in this narrative to show that trust and she shows it at the level of action. Mary's response is critical because it initiates the miracle that follows – the new wine of the kingdom. Mary is the first to show the quality of true faith that will become the hallmark of her place and role in the Church. Mary's faith, her trust in the Word of her Son, will become the baseline for all believers. For this reason, many theologians would describe her as the first and most perfect disciple, because her yes is not withdrawn at any stage. Mary's place in the mission of Jesus, and

in the life of the early church, is why we hold her in the highest honour.

On the Monday following Pentecost we will now celebrate the new Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church to recognise and honour Mary's place in the resurrection community. This new memoria and its liturgical texts 'illuminate the mystery of Spiritual Motherhood'. It is specifically linked to Pentecost to show the relationship between the early church and Our Lady.

In honouring Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church we receive the gift of Mary's yes to God in multiple ways. As mother we can relate to her acceptance to bear Jesus for the world as she did. It is an opportunity to mediate on the deeper implications of the treasure that is found in the life, example and message of the young Virgin of Nazareth.

This wonderful title, Mary, the Mother of God, "*Theotokos*", reveals a profound truth not only about Mary, but about each one of us. It invites us into the very relationship that she has with her Son and it allows us to become "God-bearers".

The new memoria, Mother of the Church invites us to participate more deeply in our lived tradition of faith, hope and love, and see ourselves as both the recipients of faith and as those who must hand it on to future generations.

Joe Grayland

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06 354 4198  
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#### NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings May 6th: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

#### ROSTERS: May 6th

**Church Cleaning:** Lorraine Marriott and Kathy Gardiner.

**Counting:** (Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May) Selwyn Brown.

**Greeters:** Vigil 5:30pm Catherine and Tom Edwards 9:30am Jenny King.

**Readers:** 5:30pm Rob Towers, Dot Bowe, Fina Ta'ala  
9:30am Griffin Family.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** 5:30pm Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Judith Wall, Denis Jones, Denise Bailey 9:30am Paul Darbyshire, Stephen Guy, Martin Boyle, Mary Murrow, Brendon O'Connor.

**Flowers:** Ann O'Hara and Judy Walker.

**Altar Servers:** 9:30am Kiwa and Kahu Pomare.

**Children's Liturgy:** TBA

**Hospitality:** 9:30am Theo van Duin.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Diane Baucke.

**Lawns:** (April 28<sup>th</sup>) Alan Marlow.

**Linen:** (May) Maria Lukkassen.