



## 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

## 5th Sunday of Lent—7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

### From the Pastors Desk

The fifth Sunday of Lent directs our thinking towards keeping faith in the message of Jesus, in our belief in the resurrection and in our understanding of forgiveness. These are critical elements of the Christian faith. The example and words of Jesus shape our relationships and our point-of-view. His, is an example that challenges us; to act with compassion and humility and to speak words that build up and provide life, rather than words that tear down, condemn and destroy.

Across the world, there are numerous examples where violence is used to bring change. The change brought through violence will never last and it will never be valued, because it lacks a foundational justice. Change, rooted in a violence of words, gestures or attitudes is the anthesis of the Gospel.

Jesus challenged the people of his day, mostly the religious elite, and the religiously self-righteous, to see the needs of the poor, to hear the cry of the needy, and to welcome the marginalised. He challenged them, and challenges us, to see the person and to be merciful.

Often people and groups take up an ideological view of the world and, in their enthusiasm to push their ideological agenda, they forget that they are dealing with other human beings, who like themselves, are both graced and sinful. If we believe that a person is made in the image and likeness of God, then that person's value is ultimately based in the divinity of God, and God is incarnated in that person.

When we begin from this point, we must value the person above all else. Nevertheless, we can't accept all behaviours as equally good, or beneficial to society, so we must discern good and falsehood in behaviours, such as murder or adultery. But we must not judge the motives or the reasons too quickly, because not every action is taken in pure freedom.

It is often easier to see the sin in another person and virtue only in oneself. From the time of Jesus, the Church has been littered with flawed followers. It is very consoling really that Jesus came to call the needy, not the self-righteous!

In his gospel, Luke often concentrates on the inadequacy of the disciples, both in charism and in character. The disciples

are continually told that Jesus would suffer and die, and they don't get it! They are asked to "listen" to the beloved Son and instead they engage in a debate concerning their own prestige.

There is nothing sentimental in Jesus' responses to human failure. He speaks of the child as the image of salvation; of how one receives salvation from the position of being humble, unpretentious and powerless.

In the story of the woman caught in adultery, the powerful message is the way Jesus ignores the religious leaders, because they treat the woman as a pawn in their game of power. Jesus first addresses the woman as "you". She is no longer an **object** of a powerplay, now she has become a **subject** of Christ's compassion.

She addresses him as *Kyrie* (Lord). Based on this non-exploitative, person-to-person relationship, Jesus challenges her to sin no more. He does not condemn her, neither does he acknowledge the Mosaic Law. Jesus' response stands traditional religious values on their head where adherence to such values means that a person is used in a moralistic power struggle.

In the story of Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary, following the death of Lazarus, belief in the resurrection is to the fore. Our belief in the resurrection expresses our hope that life is eternal and that it is meaningful. Mary and Martha play different roles, and in these women we can see the need for both contemplation and action.

As Lent draws to a close and we prepare for the Holy Week, with its Triduum of feast days, we recall that it is a time for sinners to be reconciled within the Body of Christ. It calls us to build up and sustain the Body of Christ through words and action that are based in the mercy of God. Words and actions that unbind people and let them go free!

**Joe Grayland**

## First Sacraments

- ♦ Meeting, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April after 9:30am Mass
- ♦ First Reconciliation, 10<sup>th</sup> April 5:00pm
- ♦ Baptism, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday
- ♦ First Holy Communion, June 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday, 9:30am

**Lenten group in the Church foyer**, Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:15pm-3:00pm will be the last session. All parishioners, including pre-schoolers, are welcome. Cuppa included. Ph Patricia Daws 021 023 83006.  
**Caritas Collection for the 4 Sundays of Lent—\$1138.00.**

**Chant is the primal voice of prayer.** The last prayer-shop on singing chant for liturgy and prayer will be held in the Church **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm-8:00pm.** This is for those who like to sing and want to learn and experience their own voice. It is not a professional singing lesson or an audition for a choir! **Facilitator: Joe Grayland**

**Working Bee here at OLOL Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April after 10:00am Mass. A time to prepare the church for Easter!**

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

**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)**

**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 during this time.

**Care Alliance.org.nz:** iCare pins for sale after each Mass today. \$10.00 Each. i-Care is the Care Alliance's major information campaign featuring short videos of 20 New Zealanders who share their disability, palliative care, medical and legal perspectives highlighting the risks and fallacies of the End of Life Choice Bill.

#### **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)

**Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, 5:00pm St Mary's Ruahine St., 7:00pm St Columba's Ashhurst.**

#### **ROSTERS: April 8<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** (April 1<sup>st</sup>) Wendy Derksen and girls.

**Counters:** (April 9<sup>th</sup>) Selwyn Brown.

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland  
 9:30am Josie Conlon

**Children's Liturgy:** (14<sup>th</sup>) School Holidays—no Children's Liturgy  
**Readers: 5:30pm** Rosalie McCann, Kath Gardiner, Kerry Hocquard  
 9:30am Clare Cole, Ebele Ezepue, Maree O'Donoghue.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Jeanette Currie, Cecily Finucane, Colin Keegan, Lesley Wright, Denise Bailey  
**9:30am** Paul Darbyshire, Martin Boyle, Wendy Derksen, Stephen Guy, Kyra Tikitiki.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Kaitlyn Amey and Brianna Wilson.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Rose and Wally Semmens

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

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Martin Boyle.

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



**Citywide Reconciliation Rite 2  
 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit - 11<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm**

**OLOL Church Rite 1  
 OLOL Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
 4:00pm—5:00pm**

#### **Easter Timetable**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
 Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

8:00am St Peters College Walk of Faith  
 5:30pm Sat Vigil Mass OLOL. 9:30am OLOL  
 9:00am Liturgy, Rongotea and Shannon  
 10:30am Mass Foxton

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
 Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00am Liturgy of Word OLOL  
 7:00pm Mass of the Oils, Cathedral  
 10:00am Mass OLOL  
 9:00am Prayer of the Church  
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 9:30pm Night Prayer of the Church  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 10:00am Stations of the Cross  
 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy OLOL  
 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy Foxton

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



**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

#### **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.

+ Charles

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

**Readings 14<sup>th</sup> April  
 Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56**

**We Pray for the Sick:** 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, Colin Quirk, Gary Meyer, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.