



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 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE A MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th August 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1



Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

LOL GUILD next meeting Wednesday, September 6th 1:30pm. Usual flower competition. Home craft. "make a pickle". Housie afternoon. All welcome.

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tues 9:00am-11:30am, church foyer. Ph Megan 355 1877.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

SVDP SOCIETY requests the assistance of Parishioners with good quality summer clothing and saleable furniture for our Rangitikei St shop. Sales have improved considerably in recent months and we are now in need of new stock. Clothing can be dropped off at the shop (opposite Countdown). Shop hours are Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Furniture can be collected in our St Vinnies truck—ph 3576779 to arrange a pickup time. Thanks to all those who have donated clothing, furniture and food in the past. **Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, long-life milk, spreads and rice.**

ARE YOU A TERTIARY STUDENT in the Manawatu? Our Facebook page is **Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students** Were you a tertiary student in the Manawatu recently? Our Facebook page is **PN Catholic Young Professionals** Are you interested in what is happening in Young Church across the diocese? Our Facebook page is **Diocesan Young Catholics** We have a vibrant young church community in the Manawatu that we invite you to be part of. We have big events throughout the year that we hope you will get involved with! Make yourself known to Nick Wilson, Tertiary & Young Adult Chaplain, Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822814. **Tertiary Students Retreat** Kopua Monastery 25th-27th August 2017. Contact Nick Wilson nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz, 021822814.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE 2017 REGISTER NOW! Fill in your registration form at <http://ccrnz.org/register2017> Fri 22nd to Sun 24th Sept, 2017 at the Distinction Hotel, and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN.

PN INTERFAITH GROUP *Interfaith Women Resist the Climate of Hatred and Fear* Thurs Aug 24th 7:00pm—9:00pm Events Central, PN City Library. Contacts: Mary Eastham—maeastham23@gmail.com Bob Skipp—bob_skipp@xtra.co.nz

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION....Care for our common home, mother earth is a centre stage global challenge. Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* has become an authoritative reference point in this quest. NZ's export-based economy has started to show its environmental limits, with increased greenhouse gas emissions, diffuse freshwater pollution and threats to biodiversity. Are we, as a nation, really pulling our weight on climate change when we plan to meet our commitments in this regard by simply buying carbon credits from other countries?

CHALLENGE YOUR CANDIDATES Convention Centre, PN, September 6th, 5:00-7:00pm Candidates from 5 political parties will be present to talk with voters. No formal speeches – an opportunity to question candidates from Green, Labour, Maori, National and NZ First parties about their values and their party's policies. **Take advantage of this opportunity if you are in Palmerston North, Rangitikei or Te Tai Hauāuru electorates.**

THE PN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN JPD (Justice, Peace and Development) invites you to attend a Social Justice Week Public Meeting with a General Election focus.

'Overcoming a disconnected society and rebuilding our communities'.

Saturday 9th September 10:00am – 1:00pm Diocesan Centre—Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury St. Please bring a plate for shared lunch at 12 noon and a gold coin koha. There will be 4 community speakers and then 4 politicians for the PN electorate will respond (see poster on noticeboard)

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY St Patrick's Branch 400 Second Quarterly Meeting: **4:00pm, Mon 21st Aug**, Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Ave. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. **(Please note the meeting start time is now 4:00pm)** Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, 357 7844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

MARIST CLUB ANNUAL MASS The Club Mass will be celebrated 9:30am Sun 27th Aug, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. All friends and family welcomed.

CALLING ON ALL YOUNG NEW ZEALANERS TO SHARE THEIR VOICE WITH THE VATICAN Closing date is midnight Sun, 27th Aug 2017. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ> and/or the NZ Catholic Bishops' website: <http://www.catholic.org.nz/>.

MĀORI EDUCATION SPECIAL COLLECTION

This annual collection has growing support. Thank you. An investment in something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori are good for all New Zealanders.

All of our Catholic schools serve Māori students well. In our Diocese we are also blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools: Hāto Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. They achieve outstanding results with the students they nurture, teach and form.

There is a desire which resonates deep within all New Zealanders to foster educational achievement among all families of our nation. All of us – as a community of believers, as iwi whakapono – can contribute to this vision and make it real. For this reason the annual special collection for education of our young Māori is something that I hope will appeal to everyone.

Your donation, no matter the amount, is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. May I also take the opportunity to thank those who support families of other ethnic groups including of course Pākehā struggling to pay school attendance dues. Thank you.

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A DAY OF RETREAT is being held at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, 10:00am-4:00pm Tuesday 12th September. Two experienced retreat givers, Rev Brian Pierce OP & Sister Mary Ellen Green OP will conduct the retreat in the Dominican tradition of contemplation & reflection on the Word, in an environment of silence & prayer. Please byo lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided. Cost Koha.

We Pray for the Sick: Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feiera-bend, Thelma Basile, Vinnie Carroll, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, 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 & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Catherine & Patrick Holland; Cheryl & Megan Hunter; Patricia McCormack.

Requiescant in Pace

On the Feast of the Assumption

Pope Francis 15 August 2017—[Zenit](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Gospel presents to us the young woman of Nazareth that, having received the Angel's announcement, left in haste to be close to Elizabeth, in the last months of her miraculous pregnancy. Arriving at her home, Mary receives from her mouth the words that came to form the "Hail Mary" prayer: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Luke 1:42). In fact, the greatest gift that Mary brings to Elizabeth – and to the whole world – is Jesus, who now lives in her; and lives not only by faith and expectation, as in so many women of the Old Testament: Jesus took human flesh from the Virgin for His mission of salvation.

In Elizabeth's home, and that of her husband Zachariah, where sadness reigned before because of the lack of children, now there is the joy of a baby about to arrive: a baby that will become the great John the Baptist, Precursor of the Messiah. And when Mary arrives, joy overflows and bursts from hearts, because Jesus' invisible but real presence fills everything with meaning: life, the family, the salvation of the people . . . everything! This full joy is expressed with Mary's voice in the stupendous prayer that Luke's Gospel has transmitted to us and that is called Magnificat, from the first Latin word. It is a song of praise to God who does great things through humble persons, unknown to the world, as Mary herself was and her husband Joseph, and as Nazareth, the place where they lived was also. The great things that God has wrought with humble persons, the great things the Lord does in the world with the humble, because humility is like an emptiness that gives place to God. The humble is powerful because he is humble, not because he is strong. And this is the grandeur of the humble and of humility. I would like to ask you – and also myself – but don't answer in a loud voice: each one answer in his heart: "how is my humility doing?"

The Magnificat sings to the merciful and faithful God, Who fulfils His plan of salvation with the little ones and the poor, with those that have faith in Him, that trust His Word, as Mary did. See Elizabeth's exclamation: "Blessed is she who believed" (Luke 1:45). In that home, Jesus' coming through Mary not only created an atmosphere of joy and fraternal communion, but also an atmosphere of faith that leads to hope, to prayer to praise.

We would like all this to happen on our homes today. Celebrating Mary Most Holy Assumed into Heaven, we would like Her, once again, to bring to us, to our families, to our communities, that immense gift, that unique grace, that we must always ask for first of all and above all other graces, which we also have at heart: the grace that is Jesus Christ!

By bringing Jesus, Our Lady brings to us also a new joy, full of meaning. She brings to us a new capacity to go through painful and difficult moments with faith; She brings us the capacity of mercy, to forgive one another, to understand each other, to support one another.

Mary is model of virtue and faith. In contemplating Her today assumed into Heaven, in the final fulfilment of Her earthly itinerary, we thank Her because she always goes before us in our pilgrimage of life and of faith – She is the first disciple. And we ask Her to protect and support us, that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that She help us to be saints, to meet with Her one day in Paradise.



Evening With Our Bishop

Bishop Charles will give a presentation on his work in India followed by dessert/ coffee/tea at Our Lady of Lourdes.



Thursday 31st August, 7:30pm

Everyone across the city is invited to join in this social evening with our Bishop.

Please bring a small dessert to share

Pause 2017 is a vocations retreat for those discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister.

**Friday evening to Sunday afternoon
1st– 3rd September**

Magnificat Retreat Centre in the Wairapa - Transport provided

God is calling me – yeah right?

What will my friends and family say?

It's so confusing: diocesan Priests, Orders, Religious, charisms, Brothers, enclosed, apostolic, contemplative Sisters, consecration, habits and not?

Where on earth do I begin?

Do I have to be 100% sure?

What if I find out it's not me?

Join me, Sr Clare O'Connor and others for a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer karakia, and korero.

Find us on facebook events:

www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan

To secure a place email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz. All welcome. Also see brochure in the church foyer.

Bishop Charles.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Aug 27th: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20.

ROSTERS: August

Church Cleaning: Pat Curran and Prue Smith.

Counting: (Aug 22nd) Marion Carey.

Flowers: Mary O'Connor.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Jeanette Currie and Fiona O'Leary

8am Barrie Angland and Olympia Green **10am** Jenny King.

Readers: **Vigil 5:30pm** Rob Towers and Patria Kerr

8am Clare Cole and Pat Burton **10am** Erika Ramirez and Celia Kueh.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Vigil 5:30pm** Judith and Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Lorraine and Dave Marriott **8am** Colin Keegan, Clare Cole, John Lynch **10am** Jeanette and Eric Wright, Julia Sissons, Sharon can der Plas, Joseph Joseph.

Altar Servers: **10am** John Garroville and Agnes Joseph.

Children's Liturgy: Colleen and Madeline McHardy.

Hospitality: **10am** Tokelauan Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara.

Linen: Maureen Murphy (August).

Lawns: (Aug 19th) Alan Marlow.