

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata
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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: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 3rd 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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 August 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 18th of August 2019 - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Pastors Desk: by Kerry Hocquard

How do we prepare for change in our lives, those moments that fill us with happy anticipation, the prospect of a new chapter, or the uncertainty and unexpected life challenges that we are called to face?

Is the message about being in readiness for Christ's return, only about the end of time, or is Jesus knocking at my door on a daily basis? Am I being challenged to recognise him in the guise of a stranger, a person who is ill or who needs an encouraging word or a gentle touch? In today's world, our eyes, ears and emotions are assaulted daily through TV, radio and news reports of violence, injustice, prejudice, intolerance and destruction of this place we call home. Now more than ever, in the call to be ready, we are called to be beacons of light, and show the face of mercy and compassion to our family, our friends, and in our community.

I was reminded of this recently while visiting John, a friend in hospital. In the four-bed room opposite my friend, an elderly man sat in the chair next to his bed, eyes focused on the open door, clearly waiting for someone with a sense of anticipation. My friend told me that Jim didn't get many visitors and was hoping that his son was finally going to be able to visit. Jim had been preparing himself for the visit all morning, tidying his bed, brushing his hair, making himself presentable for his son to arrive. Around the other beds, excited and interested chatter filled the room, as patients reconnected with family and friends. Time slowly ticked by, and while other visitors came and went, Jim slowly moved from his chair onto his bed, took off his slippers, lay down and turned his face to the wall in resigned disappointment. Moved with compassion John and I looked at each other and went to Jim's bedside. For a while we listened to the stories Jim shared about his family, memories full of love and pride, and strong belief in the goodness of his family. While we had given Jim the gift of time, Jim had given us so much more in this sacred heart space of love and forgiveness, connecting with Christ in each other, reminding us both of what and who is precious in our lives; about the values of compassion, loyalty and integrity

that he had tried to live by. As a family man, Jim always wanted to help create a world that was better for the children of the future.

Luke's Gospel today has reminded us that everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children growing up? How can we be people of faith and Christianity in action? How can we make a positive difference where we live, work, play and pray? What need does our precious planet have of us? In living a life of readiness, in answering the knock of Jesus at our door, as well as the challenge of being people of mercy and compassion, we are called too to be protectors of God's gifts and kaitiaki or guardians of our environment. Are we ready and willing? Are we prepared?

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." St Teresa of Avila

Fr Joe is on Annual Leave until 8 September, visiting family overseas. Fr Phil Sullivan of Auckland Diocese and Fr John Dykes will be caring for the 4 communities along with Fr. Kevin Neal. During this time if you need assistance either call the parish office or the Cathedral.

If a family member or friend is in hospital please contact Kathleen Field (Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz or 021 509 436) the Hospital Chaplain. Any arrangements for anointing or communion at home or in a rest home please contact the parish office at Lourdes lolpn@xtra.co.nz and Foxton rcfoxton@xtra.co.nz

Coming Events & NOTICES

Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times - 15th of August

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit – 7:00am

St Mary's PN – 9:00am

St Brigid's Feilding – 9:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes – 10:00am

St Mary's Foxton – 10:30am

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit – Noon

St Mary's PN – 5:30pm

LOLO Prayer Line phone Eileen (06) 329 1801 or (021) 671 755 or the Parish Office.

The 2nd **Lay Presider Workshop** will be on the 25th of August and our last one is the 29th of September: **LOLO Church** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

St VINNIES, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Anything from beds, drawers, lounge suites, tables, chairs etc. They cannot however take dirty, ripped or so old it has grey hairs on it. Need is high this winter. Please help. Thank you

August SVDP Meetings Tuesday 5.15pm 13th and 27th August in Cathedral of Holy Spirit Lounge. Prospective new members and visitors will be welcome at all meetings.

Citywide Marriage Preparation Course – commencing

29 August 2019 - If you are preparing for marriage and are requiring the Marriage Preparation Course between September 2019 through to August 2020, please register with Steph at the Cathedral Parish on s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz or phone 06-3572891. Please Note: the next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in September 2020.

ORDINARY ACTIONS - EXTRA ORDINARY IMPACT - Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Annual Appeal - Help support the Mission Sisters make a difference in the lives of children and women. We are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Our three projects this year in North East India, South India and Myanmar, enable you to give a gift that truly brings Christ's love to those in need. See the poster in the foyer or contact office@ndm.org.nz for more information. You can read about our projects and make your gift-choice from the brochure. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers Needed!! Do you have skills you would like to pass on to others? Want to make a difference in your community?

SuperGrans Manawatu needs more volunteers to share their life skills to people in our community! Our dedicated volunteers share skills like cooking, gardening, sewing, knitting, parenting and other things to people in our community who want to learn to live their best lives. If you think you would like to share some of your life skills please get in touch, we'd be happy to hear from you! In particular we currently need more cooking mentors but if you have other skills to share – we also want to hear from you!

Contact us on (06) 354 3804 or one2one@sgmanawatu.org.nz

MMC Celebration of Ethnic Songs and Praises at St Mary's Church on Sunday 18 August at 2pm.

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400

4.00pm, Monday 19 August 2019 in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Ph. Kevin Frost, Secretary, Tel (06) 3577844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

On 9 September 4 members of the **Interface group** will be going to **Temple Sinai Synagogue in Wellington**. 11am to 3pm, but leaving Palmerston North at 9am to return around 5pm. If more people are interested in participating in this special event, please contact Mary Eastham at maeastham23@gmail.com or call me at 06 323 8684

For our Diocesan Young Catholics:

Are you **Year 13** and heading to a new city? We have Catholic chaplaincies all around the country to help support you as you transition out of home! Line, our **Catholic Tertiary Chaplain** at Massey will be visiting the Year 13 students in our Catholic colleges in September! For more info, contact Nick 021 822814 or Line Vailua, lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz 021 811 148

Life Teen Summer Camp is happening TWICE in 2020! Demand for this epic Young Catholic event for 13-17-year olds is unprecedented! This is happening in 14-18th Jan and 20-24th Jan 2020! Snooze and you lose! Start fundraising now for your parish-based group! Contact Thom 021 246 1074

Me Tū -Vocational Discernment Retreat with +Charles. 30 August-1 September @ Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. For more information, please contact Sophia bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz

Emeritus Bishop Peter has written a **letter to young people!** Check it out here! <https://pndiocese.org.nz/projects/bishop-peter-cullinane-writings/>

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7

ROSTERS: August 12th— August 18th

Church Cleaning: (Aug 5th) Rosalie McCann & Imelda Benton.

Counter: (Aug 13th) Marion Carey

Flowers: (17th/18th, 24th/25th) June Lynch.

Greeters: 5:30pm Jeanette Currie, Lesley Wright
9:30am Josie Conlon.

Children's Liturgy (Aug 18th) Sonja Mildenhall & Donna Brown.

Readers: 5:30pm Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouwland
9:30am Rhea Villocido, Clare Cole, Ebele Ezepeue.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Jeanette Currie, Miller Johns, Judith & Martin Wall, John Lynch, **9:30am** Stephen Guy, Cyril Xavier, Shilmy Tom, Mary Dorn, Mary O'Connor

Altar Servers: 9:30am Teresa Alexander & Isla Hyde

Hospitality: 9:30am KPF Group

Linen: (August) Mary Dorn, **Lawns:** (August 17th) Alan Marlow

Religious Goods Cabinet: Anne O'Hara.

SVDP Basket: (August) Barrie Angland

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