

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata
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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 August 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 1st of September 2019 – Ecc 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

Pastors Desk by John Hammond

Today in our modern society of iPhones, emails, the internet, etc, a lot of celebrities claim to have millions of followers and friends. It is very easy to be an electronic follower or friend. Following Jesus is not as easy as this. He invites us to be his friend and follower with the words, *"if you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me"*. At times this is not an easy path to follow. Following Jesus asks of us more than just pressing a button. We all claim to be followers of Jesus; for the most part we are faithful church goers who every Sunday eat and drink in his company. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that this isn't enough!

In the gospel, Jesus presents us with two images that tell us that if we decide to follow him, it is going to require some effort on our part. We will have to squeeze through the 'narrow gate' and face the 'locked door.' The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day.

Each day, in often seemingly small ways we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real not only in our lives but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it online!

The narrow gate is an interesting image. Only the essentials would get in and out. In the times a camel with all its load wouldn't fit.

Jesus is reminding us of how little we really need. Being with him, we can live in some simplicity. Baggage can burden us — Imagine going to the airport with little baggage and you get through the 'gate' quickly, but go with extra baggage, in my case a bike, it makes it more difficult and stressful to pass through the 'gate' with all the other hoops you need to jump through.

The little ways we build ourselves up to be important! St Ignatius lists three things that block us from God and from living the really alive life – obsessions with wealth, honour and pride.

Wealth – could it be the burden of debts, for money we really didn't need? Wanting to have the best.

Honour – demanding others look up to us. Always feeling we have to be first and best, even how we dress and look.

Pride – that we are in charge of our lives. Then we have less room for God.

We can even have too much religious baggage. Too many rituals and prayers and not enough love and compassion. We can stuff ourselves with rituals and rightness and forget compassion.

But is it really narrow? The gospel and the first reading – when we live simply, there is room for everyone. It's not really narrow – for all are invited to get through.

Jesus invites us to meet him at this narrow gate and be less cluttered. Then we walk with him and will need no more.

Safeguarding Education Sessions

The Catholic Church in NZ is committed to the safeguarding of those in its care and creating safe places for Church life and ministry. As part of this commitment, the Catholic Bishops and congregational leaders released, in 2017, a set of guidelines. **The guidelines include the need for training on safeguarding practices for who those involved in ministry with children, young people, and adults who are vulnerable.**

All those whom need to attend include the following:

Those who lead children's liturgy, catechism/sacramental preparation classes, homework clubs, youth groups, parish visitors, St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.... etc. The key is that all who are working with children, young people and vulnerable people are given the opportunity and encouragement to attend.

OLOL – 96 Shamrock St PN. 5 September 2019 7pm-9pm

COMING EVENTS

Māori Catholic Education Collection – Today Sunday 25th August This annual collection has growing support. A contribution to something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes Grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

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

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

Vinnies 252 Rangitikei St, PN has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Anything from beds, drawers, lounge suites, tables, chairs etc. Please, no dirty, ripped or 'so old it has grey hairs' on it. Need is high this winter. Please help. Thank you

Citywide Marriage Preparation Course – commencing 29th August 2019 - If you are preparing for marriage & are requiring the Marriage Preparation Course between September 2019 through to August 2020, please register with Steph at the Cathedral Parish s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz or phone 06-3572891. **NB** the next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in September 2020.

LOLO Ladies Guild September Meeting. Wednesday, September 4th. 1:30pm. Usual flower comps. Craft Comp. "Savoury Muffin" Housie. Raffle. Anne Odogwu to provide.

On 9th September 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 maeastham23@gmail.com or 06 323 8684

Would whomever contacted Mary Eastham on her landline 2 weeks ago to go to Temple Sinai in Wellington please contact Mary again on 021903984? Mary was unable to copy down your contact details because her voice mail broke down. We now have a second car and we would love for you to join us.

We Pray for the Sick and those who care for them:

Michael James McAvinue, 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

NOTICES

Fr Joe is on Annual Leave until 8 September. Fr John Dykes is now 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@midcentraldnhb.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 ololpn@xtra.co.nz and Foxton rcfoxton@xtra.co.nz

Abortion Law Reform in NZ: "Have your Say by 19th September" A message from the NZ Catholic Bishops to Parishioners. Information sheet available in the gathering area for you to pick up and take home.

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

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. See the poster in the foyer or contact office@rmdm.org.nz for more information. You can read about our projects and make your gift-choice from the brochure.

The Diocese of PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation & Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies & Church organisations. We are looking for applications that support families & social services in the areas of early years, literacy, youth development, budgeting, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, & community service & development. Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, 354 1780 x 833, wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or download from <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications by 30 Sept 2019. Allocations made 30 Oct 2019.

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

ROSTERS: August 26— September 1

Church Cleaning: (Aug 26th) Kathy McKenzie & Maree O'Donoghue.

Counter: (Aug 27th) Selwyn Brown

Flowers: (31st/1st) Diane Baukce.

Greeters: 5:30pm Denise Bailey & Kathy Morton
9:30am Ans Haakman.

Children's Liturgy (Sep 1st) TBA

Readers: 5:30pm Roylene Grocero, Kathy Gardiner, Kath Rooney
9:30am Celia Kueh, Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Lesley Wright, Denis Jones, Judith Wall, Hannah Brown, Denise Bailey. **9:30am** Stephen Guy, Eileen O'Connor, Sherin Thomas, Jeanette Wright, Martin Boyle

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna Wilson, Samuel Torok

Hospitality: 9:30am Passionist Family Leaders

Linen: (September) Catherine Kearins

Lawns: (September) TBA

Religious Goods Cabinet: Rita Auta.

SVDP Basket: (Aug/Sep 1st) Barrie Angland