



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata



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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: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—26th August 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

Passionist Family Groups in Aotearoa – 30 year celebration Future, current and past PFG members are invited to celebrate 30 years of PFG on **Saturday 13th October, 2018**. Starting with **Mass @ 5.30pm**, followed by **shared pot luck dinner** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall (Shamrock St, PN)**. RSVP and questions to Jenny & Stuart Doidge, PFG Regional Coordinators 0274187906; doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz



Catholic Young Adult event this week:

Discussion Night & Prayer 7:00pm Te Ahi Kaa, 25A Amesbury St, following 6:00pm Mass at the Cathedral. Dinner will be provided. If you would like to be added to the contact list for Young Adult Events, please contact **Georgia 021 811 148**.

Aglow monthly meeting - Thursday 30th August Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts, PN 9:30am morning tea; 10am programme.

Poster on notice board.

Men's breakfast. After the successful launch of the men's breakfast this will continue on the first Friday of the month. **Next breakfast Friday 7th September, 6:45am to 8:00am, OLOL meeting room.** Cereal, toast etc supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750

DOVE KAPITI – Meeting 11th September 2018
Guest Speaker Mary Ebvarimpa

Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference: 5th-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or 09 629 4361.

LIFEEST 2018: Thursday 4th October 9:00am-9:00pm Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: **cheap accommodation** available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd & 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954, 04 2378343 or Michael 021 825 955.

St Brigid's Parish has pleasure in letting you know of Fr Chris Skinner's upcoming concert at St Brigid's Church Feilding, **Saturday 3 November 7.30pm**. See notice board for details.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7, GREETERS please collect your new roster.
MEDIA PRAYER DAY 2018 9th September.

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic or interested in knowing more?
Has your child expressed an interest in being baptised?

We have an opportunity planned for you to learn more about this and to explore your faith call. We will have regular meetings after 9.30am Mass to discuss belief in Jesus, the life of the church, how the sacraments work and why they are signs of God's great love for us. This process takes place over several months, so that you can become familiar with the ways of the Church and so that you and/or the children have the opportunity to think deeply about this step.

Come along to our information meeting after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd September.

If you're interested, in this wonderful Sacrament please get in touch with either the School or the Parish office.

Coming up in the Parish:

LOL Parish/School Mass

9th September 9:30am

Sacraments of Initiation information

23rd September 9:30am

Anointing Mass and morning tea

Wednesday 26th September 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministry preparation

LOL Church 7:00pm Thursday 27th September

Passionist Family Groups 30th birthday

Celebrations—weekend 13th/14th October.



SVDP and our recipients wish to thank Manawatu Parishioners for their generous donations, be it of food, clothing, furniture & other household items, they are always much appreciated. There are a number of PN residents trying to keep warm—if you have firewood to donate or would like info on becoming a member of SVDP please call Mike Keenan 358 6318/021 1858 969. **The Society is carrying out a recruitment drive around the city and will be providing information to parishioners here at OLOL at both Masses next weekend.**

MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Tuesday 11th Sept 9:30am-3:30pm
Limited spaces
Diocesan Centre PN—see notice board.

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 2 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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While Fr Joe is away in Germany the Cathedral priests will be looking after our 4 communities for Masses & pastoral care. Please contact the parish office or the Cathedral office for help.

Social Justice Week 2018 9th-15th September

We Pray for the Sick: Philippa Frost, Mark Richards, Sheila Evans, Tony Keenan, Gary Meyer, Bridget Dorn, Barbara and Graeme Younger, Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Marie Hubbard, Vanessa Farrelly, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Trevor Wilson Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, and Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently
James Kett, Vanessa Farrelly

Requiescant in Pace

From the Pastor's desk

Joshua's decision to worship the LORD is a hugely significant moment in the history of Israel. Not only does this reading preserve the remnants of an ancient liturgical rite for the renewal of the covenant held at Shechem and not in Jerusalem, it also parallels the decision the apostles must make concerning their decision to remain with Jesus, or not.

The challenge to "Choose this day whom you will serve" mirrors the question, "will you go away" or will you stay? Peter's words, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life" should not to be taken as a simple or set-piece response. These words are, and remain, a testament of faith in Jesus whom they, the early Church, had come to know and believe in, and in some instances for whom they had offered their lives. It is also another instance of the prevalence of the Petrine Church.

The Gospel concludes the discourse at Capernaum on the bread of heaven and it moves from speaking of what we will call the sacrament of the eucharist to the importance of the decision to follow Christ and allow his Spirit to shape our own life.

In the bread discourse we are told that we must eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood to be saved. These eucharistic elements are then contrasted with the flesh that cannot save, which is "the natural principle in man (*sic*) which cannot give eternal life" (R.B. Brown). None of us are, ultimately, saved through the humanity of another human being, because our humanity, no matter how perfected it is through suffering, worship and love of others, is always imperfect. But our humanity is not incapable of being redeemed. Indeed, in our humanity we are capable of cooperating with the divine will of God and of participating in the salvation of others and of ourselves.

Our humanity is the vehicle of God's salvation, without it we cannot be saved. Our human-being-ness is the gracious gift of God and the reality through which God saves us and the world, insofar as we cooperate with the will of God. We are saved through the human-divine reality of Christ. The humanity of Christ, the divine person is the key to redemption. His story saves, his flesh is food, his blood is drink, faith in him is the faith that gives life. When we live in Christ we live in this Spirit (JN 3:6), the life-giving Spirit of the

Son of Man that is given after the ascension.

Therefore, this Gospel passage is not speaking of what we will come to call the sacrament of Eucharist. Rather, it concerns the reception of the revelation of God made manifest in the person of Jesus, the Christ or Messiah, of Nazareth, the Bread of Heaven. Consequently, this section refers to JN 6:35-50 and not to JN 6:51c-59.

It is Jesus' claim to be the revelation of God (JN 6:35-50) that many disciples react negatively to. This is the saying that is hard to hear, to believe, to accept. The eucharistic element is easier to accept, because it is a meal of *anamnesis* or *zikaron* memory. The meal and the memory make sense because they celebrate the revelation of the God of the ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joshua, but this teaching that Jesus himself is the revelation of God is different and it is the twelve themselves, his closest followers, who have the biggest problem!

Throughout John's Gospel the reception, or rejection, of the Spirit is key to everything that follows: with the Spirit Jesus is known and worshipped and where the Spirit is rejected, the Son of Man is a *confusion* and a problem that will ultimately be rejected.

The acceptance of Jesus as the food and drink of salvation is only possible after one has accepted Jesus as revelation of God! Acceptance of this revelation is only possible when one has accepted the Spirit of Jesus and when one lives in the Spirit of Jesus. This might read like a charismatic manifesto, but it is nonetheless the driving theological understanding of John's Gospel.

This Gospel is, of course, reflecting events in the Johannine community. The disciples who abandon Jesus and Judas Iscariot who betrays him, represent the Gnostic Docetists in the Johannine Community.

Finally, the Jesus of the Gospels does not back off from challenging his disciples, nor us, and demanding of them, and us, a greater commitment to faith. This passage is a stunning reminder that the life of faith, and participation in the Eucharistic liturgy, is always a radical choice.

Fr Joe

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NEXT WEEK: 2nd September 2018

Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

ROSTERS: August

Church Cleaning: (August 20th) Kathy McKenzie and Maree O'Donoghue.

Counting: (Tues 28th) Jane Charlton.

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

Readers: 5:30pm Rob Towers, Kathy Gardiner, Dot Bowe.
9:30am Meg de Joux, David Griffin, Iveta Griffin.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Denis Jones, Pat Curran.

9:30am Jeanette and Eric Wright, Martin Boyle, Brendon O'Connor, Stephen Guy.

Flowers: Mary Dorn.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Leah Meehan and Gabriel Josafat.

Children's Liturgy: Narelle O'Connor.

Hospitality: 9:30am Dianne Jordan and Susan Ingram.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara.

Lawns: (Sept 1st) Kevin Long.

Linen: (August) Mary Dorn.