

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata

<http://www.lourdesparish.nz/>



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LOLO 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—LOLO

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOLO

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm —9:00pm

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th of August 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

From the Pastor's desk

Grow rich in what matters to God! Everything else is hot air and vanity, says the Preacher!

Often people search the scriptures to find their values and test their thinking against biblical thinking. This is a good thing to do because it sets your own thoughts and concepts in a wider context. It allows your thinking to challenge the biblical thoughts and context, and it enables biblical thinking to challenge your thoughts and your way of seeing the world.

When we look to the Gospels, we see what is of value to Jesus; we pause, think, pray and discern where Jesus' values lie; what forms his values and how can we make these values our own. Sadly, many people use the Jesus' example as the justification for their own values. When we do this, we make ourselves the source of value, and Jesus the justification for them.

What is of value to Jesus? Love of the other before all else; and love of the Father before all else. In this single, conjoined command is the strength of the Law, the Prophets and the Wisdom writings.

Jesus values forgiveness and reconciliation and does not glory in the subjugation of another person. He does not play the condemnation game! He ignores the men who brought the woman caught in adultery and sends her away without even a pep-talk, or a list of penances. The game of naming and shaming treats truth as a commodity to be used, bought and sold. It treats reality as one-dimensional.

Jesus values mercy before sacrifice. He values the human attempt to forgive and to be reconciled before he values sacrificial offerings at whatever altar you worship at. Not every altar is equal in value: the altars of false witness, of self-centredness, of ambition and of wealth, all require a human sacrifice who pays the price. The problem with sacrifice is, that for me to be free, someone else must be sacrificed. My need is purchased at the expense of another person. Consequently, too many people live at the expense of someone else. This, Jesus says, is not to happen amongst his followers. No, the one who serves is greater than the one who is served.

At the heart of Paul's thought and teaching is the decisive opposition between the "old world" and the "new world", between the "old nature" and the "new nature". The coming of Christ marks the transition point between the old and the new. Christ's death and resurrection makes the transition possible and the availability of salvation to all people absolute. In Jesus, God becomes human so that all humans might become divine (St Irenaeus). In this process, the old order of shame, hatred and sacrifice is ended and the new world of life in God, with charity, or *agape*, as its cornerstone, is initiated.

We participate in this new world through baptism and faith in the resurrected one! Baptism celebrates this and makes it real. The waters of the font are blessed and empowered through the Spirit, who is invoked over the water and gives it divine life. Into the spirit-filled-waters the person is immersed and bathed in the mercy of God. From this place of death to the old order the newly baptised arises to new life in Christ. The old is gone, the new is here. The newly baptised is then chrismated as Priest, Prophet and King to worship, to speak and to lead both inside the church and, as a member of the Body of Christ, to witness to God, to speak God's truth and to lead the world in the ways of Faith, Hope and Love.

May our baptism always embolden us to live the values of Jesus and to make his values our own.

Fr Joe

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 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.

The **new font at Our Lady of Lourdes** will be blessed this weekend. I am very grateful to those who have planned, built, plumbed-in and paid for the font.

There has been a high level of generosity throughout the community at Our Lady of Lourdes to support and see this work through. To those who donated additional funds, thank you for your gifts. To John Hammond, Vince Basile and Rob Towers who have built, painted and plumbed-in the font we all owe a huge thank you!

Lastly, allow me to thank the working group of Dianne Jordan, Rose Semmens, Leigh and Vince Basile, John Lynch, John Werder and John Hammond who gave generously of their time to this project. As part of this project, the parish has installed in the kitchen, with the School Board's support, a new infinity water heating system which will be of value to the whole parish and the hot water source for the font when needed.

Baptismal fonts in parishes were an innovation of the 6th century and have become a singular sign of our call to be Priest, Prophet and King. As we arise out of the Spirit-filled waters we arise out of death to be another Christ, made new through the waters of baptism. Blessings to us all! Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS & NOTICES

Confirmation Mass Today at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at 6pm. Please come along and support our young people who will receive this important Sacrament, all welcome to join!

Thank you: Bishop Owen Dolan, Fr. Peter Fahy & Monsignor David Bell, we thank all those who made the journey down to our Jubilee Mass and celebrations last weekend. We thank you and other parishioners for your prayers, cards and messages that went towards making it a wonderful occasion. Bless you all!
Mons David Bell

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Our August meeting will be on **7th August 1.30 p.m.** Diane Baucke will share photos and experiences of her trip to Russia. Usual flower competitions. We will take some time to reflect on Sheila Evan's time with the Guild-so bring your memories as we remember a faithful member who gave so much.

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

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

MMC Celebration of Ethnic Songs and Praises at St Mary's Church on Sunday 18 August at 2pm. For more information, please contact Anne 356 2476 or see noticeboard and Facebook.

Junior Youth Group called FOF is on Friday 9th August 5:30pm-7pm, years 6-9. Venue TBC bring a friend!

We have just concluded the **PASSIONIST YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS CAMPS 2019** A huge shout out to Linda and Paul Darbyshire and their team for their relentless efforts in making these opportunities to spend some quality time with Jesus possible! The Youth and Young Adult Retreats happen in July every year! All welcome!

Jesus4Real - Junior Camp for years 8-10 in October. See <http://www.jesus4real.org.nz> to register your spot TODAY! Or our Facebook page.

Are you Year 12 and returning to school in 2020 for Year 13? If so, The **Young Catholic Leader Programme** is for you. Running in early December 2019. Check out <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/young-catholic-leader-2018/> - Nick 021 822814

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 or Line at the Youth Office!

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is happening 3-12 January 2020 for 18-35 year olds in Marton. Mark your diary NOW and get your annual leave sorted so you can be at this event! Contact Thom 021 246 1074.

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.

Check out these recent words of **Pope Francis in *Christus Vivit***; "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you; he is with you and he never abandons you. (n.1,2) – Have you read this epic document to young people in the Church? Get inspired by the words of the Holy Father! http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

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

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400

Second Quarterly Meeting: 4.00pm, Monday 19 August 2019 in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North. Enquiries to 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 -3pm, 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

ROSTERS: August 5th— August 11th

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

Counter: (Aug 6th) Gabrielle Barnes & Jane Charlton

Flowers: (3rd/4th) Ann O'Hara & Judy Walker.

Greeters: 5:30pm Catherine & Tom Edwards & **9:30am** Jenny King.

Children's Liturgy (Aug 11th) Narelle O'Connor & Lorraine Wilson.

Readers: 5:30pm Judith Wall, Rob Towers, Kevin Shore

9:30am Janey Bishop, Malia Mavaega, Maricar Dongon.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Pat Curran, John Werder, Denise Bailey, Hannah Brown, Lesley Wright. **9:30am** Eileen O'Connor, Mary Murrow, Eric & Jeanette Wright, Sherin Thomas

Altar Servers: 9:30am Jacob & John Stevens

Hospitality: 9:30am Diane & Paul Baucke.

Linen: (August) Mary Dorn. **Lawns:** (August 3rd) Phillip Connors.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Diane Baucke.

SVDP Basket: (August) Barrie Angland

Readings 11th of August 2019

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

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.

Mass has been offered for:
Shelia Evans RIP, Fr. Bob Lee sm RIP,
Fr. John Mori sm RIP

Erin Rooney-Scotson's Anniversary
Bill Singleton's Anniversary,
Sean Gallagher's Anniversary

& Betty Donaldson – for recovery from illness