

12 MAY 2019

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. At the time of Jesus, shepherds were a part of daily life for many people. When Jesus uses the image and symbol of the shepherd, the people to whom he was speaking would have understood what he was talking about immediately. But what does the image of Jesus the shepherd mean for us today? While sheep all look the same to us, a shepherd knows each of them individually. When a shepherd calls a sheep, the sheep recognises the voice and responds. Just as the shepherd knows the sheep, the sheep knows and trusts the shepherd. The shepherd guides and protects the sheep. The sheep go where the shepherd leads them.

We are not sheep! But the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. He loves each of us personally and intimately. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this when he writes, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.' If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus love and care for each of us?

Jesus does not force us to listen to his voice when he calls us. He invites us to follow him freely. The choice, whether or not to respond is ours. We take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us by our name; he will wait until we do respond.

Jesus does not call and ask us to follow him just for the sake of it. He offers us not only the fullness of life; he offers us the fullness of his life. Jesus came so that each of us may have life and have it to the full. This fullness of life is offered to us here and now, not some time in the future.

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realise how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith, gratitude and gratefulness. May we follow where he leads us.

Michael Moore, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Psalm Response: 12 May 2019

We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

19 May - 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14.21b-27, 2nd Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a, Gospel: John 13.1,31-33a, 34-35

SEMINARY APPEAL – 19 May 2019

Please support our Seminarians with prayer and financial support

Our Seminarians



Vui Hoang



Trung Nguyen

Good News - We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Those of you who know Vui and Trung from the parishes in which they have stayed and worked speak very highly of them. And rightly so! Let's continue to pray and work for more candidates. We welcome Dung who is currently at language school and hopefully will commence studies at the Seminary next year.

Challenge: As we all know tertiary education in New Zealand is not cheap. Holy Cross Seminary fees and Good Shepherd College fees, average out at about **\$70,000 a student per year**. So, we have a challenge! It is of course a "happy burden" but one which calls us all to make a contribution, no matter how small, to the formation of our students. Please note that the seminarians themselves have sought summer holiday jobs in order to make a contribution too.

Our Seminary account no longer covers the costs involved. Those on planned giving have over time greatly supported this account but this year we need everyone to help. Each parish will arrange Seminary Appeal envelopes so that those not on planned giving can help too. I appeal especially to families on double incomes to make a contribution, even if modest.

Vocations: Thank you in advance for your help no matter how small, and please keep Vui (who God-willing will be ordained a Priest later this year) and Trung in your prayers. We will be having a retreat weekend in August for those thinking of a vocation to the priesthood or Religious Life. Happy Easter season.

+ Chelles

A few things happening in our Young Church

Young Professionals is a group for those who are post undergrad age to meet up and share life and faith! Follow us on Facebook - PN Catholic Young Professionals to be updated on events!

Junior Youth Group called '**Friends of Frankie**' (Friends of Pope Francis or F.O.F as they like to be called) begins next Friday 17 May at the Diocesan Centre, 5:30pm-7pm.

6pm Mass on Sundays is the Mass that most of the **tertiary students** across the city attend! Following that Mass, Sunday 12/5 is Pub Night & farewell drinks for Khuong at Brew Union located 41 Broadway Ave. Bishop Charles will be there too! Looking forward to seeing everyone & bring a friend! Do you know your vibrant young adult community? Are you part of it? Come along and be part of the action! Meet after the 6pm in the foyer of the Church! If you are a regular, make sure you bring a friend! Sunday 19/5 is Praise & Worship at Te Ahi Kaa from 4-5.30pm. All Welcome!

Massey Mass is happening every Wednesday in the Reflection Room at the Centre, across from the bus stop on Massey Campus. Mass starts @12:05 and you are invited to a shared hot lunch after! Bring a friend! Follow us on Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students

Senior Youth Group called The Manawatu **Mokos** begins Friday 24 May at the Diocesan Centre, 7pm-9pm

Passionist Youth And Young Adults Camps 2019 Registrations are open for this year's Passionist Camps! Youth: July 8 – 11, Camp Rangi Woods, Palmerston North. Ages 15+ Young adults: July 12 – 14, Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Ages 18 – 30 Register online at www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats or pick up a registration form from the Gathering Area. For more info contact Penelope 027 485-3269 (youth) or Nick 021 822 814 (young adult)

Jesus4Real - have you registered for the Junior Camp for years 8-10 in October? This enormously popular camp programme comprises a balance of outdoor activity/sports, skill-based "workshops", lively Christian praise, energetic games, and spiritual teaching sessions, within a zany, competitive, and, at times noisy, environment. The camps begin on Wednesday with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Cabin Devotion each morning and evening, a personal "Quiet Time" for Bible study, prayer, and reflection each morning, and Mass each afternoon. Cabins are named after young "heroes" from the Bible, and the Cabin Leaders, who are trained by the Jesus4 Real team, engender a spirit of friendly rivalry between cabins. See <http://www.jesus4real.org.nz> to register your spot TODAY!

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, it will equip you to be an authentic young Catholic leader in your school, whether in either a Catholic or state school! Check out <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/young-catholic-leader-2018/> - we'd love to see you there!

Thanks to ALL who joined us last Sunday at Te Ahi Kaa to pray for Sri Lanka. Special thanks to John & Pauline Julian for leading our Community's first Taize prayer service.

DYC Staff in Palmy! <https://pndiocese.org.nz/young-catholics/contact/>
We'd love to hear from you! Check out what's happening at <https://pndiocese.org.nz>

General Notices

Miha Maori, 19 May: A vibrant sign of the bicultural nature of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand is the growing practice of celebrating Mass in Maori – Miha Māori – from time to time in our main churches. You are warmly invited to gather together on Sunday, 19 May, at the 9:30am Mass. Such an experience reminds us of the universality of the Church.

Te Hakarameta o te Whakapumautanga-Confirmation Programme: Below is a link where candidates can register. Please share it around to potential candidates and those who may be interested
<http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/manawatu-confirmation>



A **workshop on interfaith dialogue** will be held on 18 May at the Diocesan Centre, from 10am to 1pm to launch the resource "Promoting Interfaith Dialogue in Aotearoa NZ". This workshop is for Catholics who want to gain greater insight, training and expertise in interfaith relations. RSVP for catering purposes by 3 May to Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com, or Julie Randall, music@pncathedral.org.nz by 3 May.

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400 First Quarterly Meeting followed by AGM: 4.00pm, Monday 20 May 2019 in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, Tel (06) 3577844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

St Vincent de Paul Shop (Rangitikei St) are in need of Queen size bed bases and jewellery.

If you have any items you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Up From the Waters. A one-day retreat for men. Led by Fr Joe Grayland and Fr Robin Kurian. Covering: Baptismal Spirituality & Calling, Adult Faith, and Discernment of Spirits. Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St, Palmerston North. Saturday 27th July 8am to 6.30 pm. Koha on the day to cover costs. Hosted by Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship PN. Registrations and or enquires to John Hammond jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes

Survey The leadership groups for our four Pastoral Communities is meeting on Sunday May 19th to discern the work of leadership over the next few years. The survey is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQFBSLC>. There is a paper one for those who wish to respond that way. **Please have your responses completed by Sunday 12 May.**

First Eucharist session for children and parents on May 19 and June 2 after 9:30am Mass. First Communion will be celebrated on 9 June, Pentecost Sunday at 9:30am Mass.

HELP PLEASE - The friendly Hospitality team has sadly dwindled and we are in urgent need of more volunteers to serve tea and coffee after Sunday Mass each week. If you have a spare 45 minutes and would like to join us please contact Dianne Jordan 356 9333 or the Parish Office 358 3667.

A member of our parish is discerning the call to Religious Life. Please keep this person and their discernment in your prayers over the next three months.

ROSTERS: 13 – 19 May

Church Cleaning: (May 13) Judy Walker and Eileen Walsh; **Counters:** (May 14) Gabrielle Barnes and Jane Charlton; **Flowers:** (May 18/19) Mary Dorn; **Greeters:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Suneal and Beverly Singh, **9:30am** Josie Conlon; **Children's Liturgy:** (19) Narelle O'Connor and Sonya Mildenhall; **Readers:** **5:30pm** Judith Wall, Rob Towers, Dot Bowe, **9:30am** Maricar Dongon, Celia Kueh, Rhea Villocido; **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** **5:30pm** John Werder, Julie Lees, Cecily Finucane, Jeanette Currie, Colin Keegan **9:30am** Denis and Margaret Beckett, Maria Amey, Mary Murrow, Sherin Thomas; **Altar Servers:** **9:30am** Brianna Wilson and Kaitlyn Amey; **Hospitality:** **9:30am** Kapatiran Group; **Linen:** (May) Dorothy Crombie **Lawns:** (May 11) Alan Marlow; **Religious Goods Cabinet:** Mary O'Connor; **SVDP Basket:** (May) Barney O'Connor.

St Mary's Foxton / St Joseph's Shannon

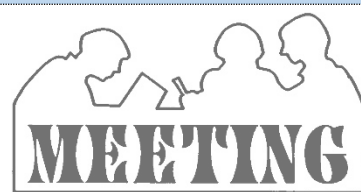
Congratulations to Wayne, Dalson and Alexa who have recently been baptised and received First Eucharist.

REMINDER: SVDP meeting will be held after the 10.30 Mass at St Mary's Hall this Sunday.

St Brigid's

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 13 May, 6.00 pm:	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Wednesday 15 May, 9.00 am:	St Joseph's Room 5 attending Mass
Wednesday 15 May, 7.00 pm:	St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday 16 May, 7.00 pm:	Choir Practice
Sunday 19 May after 9.00 am Mass:	First Communion Preparation



Invitation to Musicians - We extend an invitation to any musicians in the area who may like to help out at our 9am Sunday Masses in Feilding on a regular or occasional basis. Please contact Alistair Baird on 021 482 937 if you would like further information. Thank you

Feilding Interchurch Women's Breakfast Saturday 18 May - At KR's café, 7.45 am for coffee and fellowship, 8.00 am sharp for breakfast. Guest: Sande Ramage, Spiritual Care Coordinator, Palmerston North Hospital. Please pay \$13 by 12 May to Bev Signall.

Ministries: 19 May: Welcomer: Hurley family; Coordinator: Caroline Gilligan; Readers: Darrell Lindop & Margaret Shortall; Gifts: Jobin Jose; Collectors: Marty Apthorp, Gerard Harrigan; Overhead: Scott Harrigan; Sound: Jef Wakelin; Altar Server: Lochlan Emerson; Minister of Host: Margaret McLeod; Ministers of Cup: Steve Morton, Mary Morton, Jackie Harrigan, Jeff Grant; Sacristan: Catherine Wakelin; Bell Ringer: Darrell Lindop; Morning Tea: Harrigan family; Church Closing: Therese Petersen; Church Cleaning: Petersen Family; Counters 21 May: Max & Vicki Messenger

St Mary's

First Holy Communion preparation for the children will begin today Sunday 12 May followed by the three consecutive Sundays. The First Communion celebration will take place on 23 June at 10.30am Mass.

On Tuesday **Fr Manoj** returned to India for his annual holiday. He will be back in Palmerston on 14 June

Holy Rosary - Every Saturday Holy Rosary begins at 8.40am. All are invited to participate in these devotional practices of our parish.

Eucharistic Adoration - 11am every Tuesday followed by Mass at 12 noon. All invited.

Cathedral Parish

First Holy Communion Celebration. We commence our 1st Communion training on **19 May with Mass at 9.30am**, a quick cup of tea, followed by our introductory session, in the Diocesan Centre. Each session begins with Mass and is followed by a combined session for parents/ caregivers and children with the catechists. The community celebration is integral to sacramental preparation.

- 19 May - We gather to celebrate
- 26 May - We listen to God's Word
- 02 June - (Queen's Birthday no session)
- 09 June - One Bread, One Cup, One Body
- 16 June - Belonging and Serving

23 June Sunday 9.30am - 1st Holy Communion Celebration

Mark your diary – Blokes Morning Tea for all retired men from the Palmerston North Catholic community will be held on Tuesday 28 May in the Cathedral Lounge at 10.30am.

Lost Property – a number of items which have been left in the Cathedral over the last few months will be on display in the Cathedral Gathering Area after the Sunday masses. Please check to see if you have left anything behind and retrieve.

The 2018-2019 Tax Receipts are available to be collected from the Gathering Area. If you are on our Planned Giving programme, please uplift your receipt.



St James' Catholic School

Whakaruru Hau

A Sheltering Place

— Te Kura Katorika o Hāto Heemi —

Open Day at St James'

Monday 20 May, 10-10.50 & 11-12.30

This is an opportunity for all our school whanau and parish community to visit and see what it is like in the day of a St James' student. All welcome.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers

Everything Mum

*How did you find the energy, Mum? To do all the things you did. To be the teacher,
nurse and counsellor to me, when I was a kid. How did you do it all Mum?
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend. Yet find time to be a playmate, I just can't comprehend!
I see now it was love, Mum.
That made you come whenever I would call. Your inexhaustible love, Mum
And I thank you for it all.*

Joanna Fuchs



Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name, Amen!

We pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our prayers are also with those who are unwell and for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

From the DYC Team Leaders Desk

What is Pope Francis saying to Young Church today? His inspiring, recently released Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation '*Christus vivit!* – (Christ is alive!) can be read here - https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html For a brief summation, see page 14 of the new edition of Wel-Com!

Are you a young person at Church who wants to be engaged in ministry? Well, you should be! We are all called by our baptism to share our Christian life and share in our community. Are you unsure? afraid? or nervous to put yourself forward? St. Paul's letter to Timothy, says ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12)

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world! There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." Excerpt from 'Our Deepest Fear' by Marianne Williamson from A Return To Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles

So time to step up and get amongst it – I know you can! **Nick Wilson, Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader**