

# 24 MARCH 2019

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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In a Catholic funeral liturgy we often pray "life is changed, not ended." In Aotearoa New Zealand our lives have been changed with an act of terrorism bringing trauma, grief and pain to our city, our country and our world.

The response of the Muslim community has been faith-filled and generous. As they prepare to bury their dead, they express confident hope in God's eternal welcome for their loved ones. Muslim leaders have been generous in receiving the support and love of the people of the land they know to be their new home.

Christianity and Islam are two of the three (with Judaism) great monotheistic (one God) faiths. Together we are the descendants of Abraham who was the first to speak of *one* loving God in an environment heavy with cult rituals to please and appease temperamental gods. The belief in *one* God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the greatest unifying conviction in human history.

As Bishop Paul Martin reflected in his homily less than twenty-four hours after the tragedy "*we know that our loving God has not caused this pain, but the freedom God gives us as a mark of his great love has been tragically misused and abused.*"

Our basic human thirst is for God. God shows his love for us by giving us adult freedom, a freedom that we can use for good or for evil. When we live in harmony with God's desire for us we are living on holy ground. On this sacred soil strangers become friends and we are awakened to the fact that those we had feared as foreigners are, in the light of divine love, our sisters and brothers.

**An Invitation:** Take time each day this week to pray the Prayer of St. Francis for peace. You might like to save it to your phone or print it to carry in your pocket. Pray especially with your children and grandchildren so teaching them that prayer is the best immediate response to suffering and evil.

Fr. John O'Connor [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)



Psalm Response: (24 March)

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 31 March 2019

First Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12; Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21; Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



**Miha Māori** is an opportunity for our Cathedral Parish to celebrate the Mass in Te Reo Māori. It is for us to start to implement the uniqueness of our Māori culture the pōwhiri/karanga a call of acknowledgement and honour at the beginning of miha. The word karanga means to weave, **ka** is the verb **ranga** (raranga) to weave. During this process the spiritual essence of the words that are shared, greet and weave together the people who are present. Again during the elevation of the Holy Eucharist, the karanga binds us together with Jesus Christ and helps us clear our spiritual pathway before receiving His body and blood. Miha Māori is being celebrated today at 9.30am in the Cathedral. All welcome.

At the **Rite of Election** last week Bishop Charles welcomed the catechumens gathered from around the Diocese – they were named as the Elect to celebrate the sacraments of Initiation after they had completed the celebration of the “Scrutinies” in their local parishes with the support and encouragement of their communities.



The Scrutinies are formal prayers, that spring from the cycle of readings in year A. These prayers seek to bring healing and strengthening to the Elect, which in turn will deepen their knowing and faith in Christ. They are like a spiritual ‘exfoliation’ loosening and freeing any areas of our Elect’s life that need healing. The Scrutinies also seek to strengthen and encourage those areas of the Elect’s life that are sound and good, enabling grace to make them even more vigorous! This is why Lent is known as a time of ‘Enlightenment and Purification’. Locally the Scrutinies are being celebrated at different times through the next three weeks at OLOL/Rongotea and the Cathedral Parishes – when we will hear from John’s Gospel; The Woman at the Well, The Blind Man at the pool of Siloam and The Raising of Lazarus. Please continue to hold our Elect in your Lenten prayers.



## 2019 Holy Week Timetables

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

<b>Rite II (Citywide)</b>	Thursday 4 April	7.00pm St Brigid’s, Feilding
	Thursday 11 April	7pm Cathedral
<b>Rite I (Cathedral)</b>	Saturday 13 April	9.30 am to 10am
	Sunday 14 April	7.15 pm to 8 pm
	Monday 15 April	11.30 am to 12 noon
	Wednesday 16 April	11.30 am to 12 noon, 7.30 pm to 8 pm

### Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary’s Foxton

Palm Sunday 14 April	5.30pm	Vigil Mass, 9.30am Mass
	9.00am	Masses Rongotea and Shannon
Monday 15 April	10.00am	Liturgy of Word
Wednesday 17 April	10.00am	Mass
Holy Thursday 18 April	9.00am	Prayer of the Church
	4-5.00pm	Reconciliation Rite I
Good Friday 19 April	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
	9.30pm	Night Prayer of the Church
	9.00am	Morning Prayer, 10.00am Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 20 April	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy St Mary’s, Foxton
	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Easter Sunday 21 April	8:30pm	Easter Vigil
	9.30am	Mass OLOL
	9.00am	Masses Rongotea
	9.00am	Mass Shannon
	10.30am	Mass St Mary’s, Foxton



### St Brigid’s Parish Mass and Service Times

Sunday 14 April	9.00am Mass (Palm Sunday)
	Please be in good time for the procession (8.45am)
Holy Thursday 18 April	7:00 pm Mass the Lord’s Supper (No 9am Mass)
Good Friday 19 April	3.00pm The Lord’s Passion (no Morning Adoration/Mass)
Holy Saturday 20 April	7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 21 April	9:00am Mass

## St Mary's Parish Mass and Service Times

(please note the language of the various ceremonies)

Palm Sunday 14 April	10.30am	Mass (Gather on the school netball courts at 10.15)
Monday 15 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer followed by 9.00am Mass
Tuesday 16 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer followed by 12.00pm Mass
Wednesday 17 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer followed by 9.00am Mass
Holy Thursday 18 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Mass - <b>English</b>
	8.00pm	Mass - <b>Malayalam</b> , Syro-Malabar
	10.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	10.30pm	Night Prayer
Good Friday 19 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer and <b>English</b> Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	The Lord's Passion <b>English</b> and <b>Malayalam</b> Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 20 April	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Vigil Mass - <b>English</b>
	9.00pm	Vigil Mass - <b>Malayalam</b> , Syro-Malabar
Easter Sunday 21 April	9.00am	Mass at St Columba's, Ashhurst
	10.30am	Mass at St Mary's
	11.00am	<b>Latin</b> Mass at St Columba's, Ashhurst
2nd Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Mass
28 April	3pm	Holy Hour (Divine Mercy)



## Cathedral Parish Mass and Service Times

Palm Sunday 14 April	7.30 am, 9.30 am, and 6 pm Mass
Monday 15 April	7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
	12.05 Mass
Tuesday 16 April	7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church,
	7.00pm Mass of the Oils (no 12.05 pm Mass)
Wednesday 17 April	7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
	12.05 Mass
Holy Thursday 18 April	7.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (no 12.05 pm Mass)
	10.00pm Night Prayer of the Church
Good Friday 19 April	9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
	11am Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Faith (starts at Cathedral)
	3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 20 April	9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
	8.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 21 April	7.30 am, 9.30 am (no 6.00pm Mass)

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## Notices

(Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

### General Notices

**St Peter's College Walk of Faith Friday 12 April.** We will meet at 8.15am at OLOL then walk to the Cathedral arriving at approx. 9.30am - morning tea in gathering area. St James – approx. 10.30am followed by St Marys – approx. 11.30am. We aim to be back to the College for Liturgy of the Cross at 12 noon. All primary schools and parishioners are invited to accompany us on all or parts of the journey.

**Junior Youth Group** – Friday 29 March from 5.30 to 7pm for years 6-9. (Diocesan Centre) Theme: Creative night, fun and snacks provided! Bring a friend 😊

**KPF Mission Ministries** - Annual Lenten Retreat will be held on **30 March**, 9am-5pm at the Diocesan Room. Everyone welcome. See noticeboard for details and sign up on registration form on table in foyer. Alicia 021 115 16329.


**Senior Youth Group** called the Manawatu Mokos is on Friday 5 April from 7 to 9pm for years 9-13 Kai, Korero and Karakia. (Diocesan Centre) Bring a mate!

**Refugee Resettlement March Training** 26 March 9.30am (Tues/Thurs for 3 weeks) or Thursday 28 March 6pm and Saturday 30 March and 6 April. Contact Red Cross for more information. – 0800 RED CROSS or 356 8152, manawatu@redcross.org.nz

**ACROSS - Te Kotahitanga O Te Wairua**

Special General Meeting, 294A Church Street on Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7pm



<b>Euthanasia in Canada – A Cautionary Tale: An honest discussion of the impact on palliative care.</b> New Zealand currently faces the prospect of euthanasia becoming legal with the proposed End of Life Choice Bill being considered by Parliament. This is a huge issue that could change the face of health care and end of life care in our country. Join us to hear Dr Leonie Herx, a Canadian Palliative Care Physician, share her experience of working in a health care system where euthanasia is legal and practiced regularly. Dr. Herx is the Head of the Division of Palliative Medicine and Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Queen’s University, and holds the W. Ford Connell Chair in Palliative Medicine. She will be speaking directly to her experience of what has happened in Canada since medical aid in dying became legal in 2016. <b>WHEN: 7 – 8:30pm Wednesday 27 March; WHERE: Rutherford Room LT1, Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus; COST: koha</b>		
<b>SVDP Meeting:</b> 26 March 2019 Cathedral Lounge 5.15pm.	<b>Blokes Morning Tea</b> – Cathedral Parish Lounge (Tuesday 26 March at 10.30am) All retired men of the PN Catholic community are invited to join us.	
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>		
<b>Lenten discussion group:</b> Church foyer, Tuesdays during Lent. 2:15pm-3:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Patricia Daws 021 023 83006, for further information.	<b>LOLO Readers Workshop</b> 31 March at 3:00pm at LOLO Church with Lynette Roberts King. All readers are requested to be there.	
<b>First Sacraments:</b> Next meeting for parents and children is Sunday, 24 March after the 9:30am Mass in the Church. First Reconciliation celebrated 10 April, 5 pm, Baptism at Easter Vigil, April 20, Easter Sunday April 21, or one of the Sundays of Easter. First Holy Communion, June 9 Pentecost Sunday.	<b>Leaders for Children’s Liturgy – Opportunity to help at the 9.30am Mass.</b> We need new leaders to step up and support this Sunday ministry to younger parishioners. You’ll work alongside other leaders. It is open to all parishioners and we’d like high school students to help too, as well as mums and dads and grandparents to consider this. Please contact the parish office.	
<b>Prayer-shop – praying in chant.</b> 3 prayer-shops on singing chant for liturgy and prayer. The prayer-shops will be an opportunity to sing and explore your voice as the primary instrument of worship and prayer. This is for those who like to sing and want to learn and experience their own voice. It is not a professional singing lesson or an audition for a choir! Where: LOLO Church, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesday’s 27 March, 3 & 10 April. Facilitator: Joe Grayland	<b>Greeters</b> please collect your new roster from the gathering area today. Thank you	
	<b>Anointing Mass</b> and morning tea at LOLO is Wednesday 3 April, 10.00am. <b>Anointing Mass</b> will also be held at St Mary’s Foxton, Thursday 4 April, 10.30am	
<b>St Mary’s Foxton / St Joseph’s Shannon</b>		
31 March: <b>Combined Family Mass</b> at St. Mary’s Foxton at 10:30am presided by Bishop Charles followed by a light lunch after mass.	<b>Anointing Mass</b> 4 April at 10.30am. Please bring a plate.	
<b>There will be NO MASS at St. Joseph’s Shannon this Sunday</b>		
<b>St Brigid’s</b>		
<b>Dates for your diaries:</b> Friday 29 March: Stations of the Cross, 6pm Saturday 30 March: Parish pilgrimage to Home of Compassion Sunday 31 March: First Reconciliation Preparation after 9am Mass Thursday 4 April: First Reconciliation, Rite II, 7pm Thursday 11 April: Anointing Mass 10.30 am followed by light lunch	<b>Invitation to musicians:</b> 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.  <b>Holy Week Ministries:</b> To help us with planning the Holy Week liturgies, please indicate your availability on the forms in front of the office. Your help is very much appreciated.	
<b>St Mary’s</b>		
<b>Stations of The Cross</b> - During Lent every Friday at 5pm at St Marys and 7pm at St Columba’s in Ashhurst.	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - During Lent, until Holy Week, from Monday to Saturday, the Rosminian community will pray morning prayer of the Church in common in St Mary’s foyer at 8.30am. All are welcome to join them.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation</b> will be held on <b>3 April at 6.30pm. All welcome.</b>  <b>Anointing Mass</b> <b>Tuesday 2 April at 12pm</b>
<b>ANOINTING MASS - 2 April at 12 noon followed by a light luncheon.</b> We will be needing lots of helpers on the day, to pick up folk, set up the hall, assist with serving of food and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Susan in the office if you can assist. Ph. 358 5614. Thank you	<b>The World Community for Christian Meditation – Ashhurst</b> A Christian Meditation Group started last Wednesday at 5pm at St Columba’s Church in Ashhurst. They meditate together in silence for half an hour each week. All are welcome. Enquiries to Jill Stewart 027 482 9918.	
<b>Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme</b> Tuesday 26 March, 1.30pm in the church foyer and 5.15pm - hall’s meeting room		
<b>Cathedral Parish</b>		
<b>Rite of Election</b> - last Sunday at the 9.30am we celebrated the Rite of Election. Thank you, June and your amazing team, for all your work assisting Bishop Charles and Monsignor Brian, for hosting and providing hospitality to all our visitors. A beautiful day enjoyed by all.		<b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 9am on Monday and Wednesdays and Saturday at 8.30am.  <b>Exposition</b> 11am and <b>Reconciliation</b> 11.30am each Friday followed by <b>Mass</b> at 12.05. Light hospitality in the Cathedral Lounge after Mass. All welcome  <b>Shining Stars Pre-school Group</b> – next session in the Cathedral Lounge is on Thursday 28 March. All welcome.
<b>Farewell – Teresa Edwards.</b> Please join Teresa and the St James School community on Sunday 31 March here at the Cathedral 9.30am Mass to celebrate Teresa’s time at St James followed by hospitality in the Diocesan Centre.		