



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTEĀ MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
of the month



Third Sunday (Gaudete) of Advent

17th December 2017; Year B / Weekdays Year 2



Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

THANK YOU to Mary Dorn, Linda Darbyshire and their team of helper who organised and catered the annual LOL Seniors Christmas Luncheon. A lovely day was had by all.



FAREWELL AND COLLECTION FOR FR VAUGHAN

The weekend 13/14th January 2018 will be the last Masses Fr Vaughan will be celebrating at Our Lady of Lourdes as Administrator; hence, at the conclusion of all Masses that weekend (5:30pm, 8am and 10am) you are invited to stay for a cupper to say goodbye (please bring a plate). A farewell collection is currently being taken up to present to Father for his 2-years of service in our parish, pastoral area and schools. Donations (and personal cards) can be made by placing them in the Sunday collection baskets at Masses up until 14th January, in envelopes marked: Fr Vaughan's Farewell.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATH ROONEY

At the end of year LOL School Mass, Mrs Kath Rooney (School Secretary) was presented with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis in acknowledgment of 40-years service to the School and Parish Community of LOL. Well done :-)

RITE II RECONCILIATION—Citywide

Cathedral, Tuesday 19th December, 7:00pm.
St Brigid's Feilding, Wednesday 20th December, 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS PREP sign-up sheets, for various Christmas liturgy roles, are now available in the foyer. Please take a look and consider putting your name down for one of the many ministry roles available. Thank you.

GUILD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Congratulations to Barney O'Conner, winner of the gift hamper. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, helping support Guild's Pacific Missions Stations.

CHRISTMAS BAKING donations of Christmas cakes and shortbread are needed for the hospitality which follows our Christmas Liturgies. Donations of baking may be brought along to either weekday or Sunday Mass and left in the box provided in the foyer. All donations will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the masses after the Masses!

CAROLS IN THE PARK at Memorial Park, Main Street, Terrace End, Palmerston North on Wednesday 20th December 6-7pm. Bring a chair or a cushion and a picnic meal if you wish and join in singing your favourite Christmas Carols to engage in the true spirit of Christmas. Wet weather venue St David's Church opposite Memorial Park.

SVDP This year instead of Christmas presents we would appreciate donations of groceries with a Christmas theme to help those in need. That could include small boxes of Christmas biscuits, Christmas pies, tins of salmon, spreads, peanut butter, marmalade, nuts, dried fruit etc., Thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year making a difference in our Community.



MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor
329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;
2018 Columban Calendar \$12;
SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5.
Last week that the Religious goods cabinets will be available after 10:00am Mass for 2017.

RCIA meeting at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 7:30pm-9:00pm
Wednesday December 20th 2017



EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE UPDATE

At the time of writing this, David Seymour's 'End of Life Choice' bill is about to have its first reading and vote in parliament (Wednesday 13 December). The bill seeks to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand for those over 18 years with a terminal illness or an irremediable condition. At the time this notice is in your parish newsletter, the result will be known.

If the majority of MPs voted 'no', the bill will have been defeated and will not progress any further. If the majority of MPs voted 'yes', then the bill will go to Select Committee where the public can submit their views on it. This Select Committee process will be specifically about Seymour's bill.

The Health Select Committee conducted an inquiry last year about the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide, releasing their report in August 2017. With over 21,000 unique submissions, 80% of those were opposed to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Legalising euthanasia or assisted suicide would endanger the lives and wellbeing of people who are vulnerable, including those suffering from mental health issues, our elders, and the disabled.

Regardless of the outcome of Wednesday's vote, this issue is important and will continue to be a topic of public debate.

More information and resources on this issue will be provided in January. You can also check out: www.nathaniel.org.nz

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

www.holycross.org.nz



We Pray for the Sick: Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson, Paul Hughes and Siobhan Thomson.

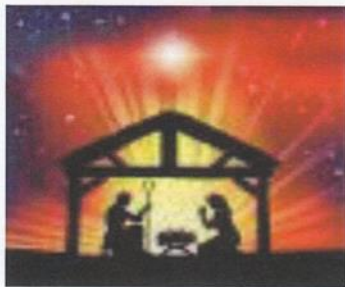
Died Recently

Kerrin McManus

Anniversaries

Ian Matson

Requiescant in Pace



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Mass and Reconciliation Timetable Advent and Christmas 2017

Reconciliation - Rite II – for the City Cathedral Tuesday 19th December, 7:00pm

Rite I – in the confessional

Saturdays in Advent 10:30am – 11:00am

Sunday 24th Dec 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday Masses – 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd Dec 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 24th Dec 8:00am & 10:00am

Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th Dec 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Carols at 6:00pm - Children's focus

9:00pm Vigil Mass

Carols at 8:30pm

Monday 25th Dec 9:00am Mass

9:30am Mass – Sacred Heart, Rongotea

Monday 1st Jan 10:00am Mass

New Year's Day – Mary Mother of God

January 2018 Timetable

Sunday Masses Saturday 5:30pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday 10:00am
No Thursday 7:00pm Mass at Rongotea during January

Reconciliation Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Dec 24th: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.

ROSTERS: December

Church Cleaning: (Dec 18th) Mary Dorn and Marie O'Brien.

Counting: (19th) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.

Flowers: Advent season—no flowers

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland

8am Pat and Maurice McDonald 10am Jenny King.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Patria Kerr and Kerry Hocquard 8am Clare Cole and Maurice McDonald 10am Iveta and David Griffin.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Martin and Judith Wall, John Werder, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown

8am Kieran McCormack, Judy Nixon, Colin Keegan 10am Jeanette and Eric Wright, Brendon O'Connor, Martin Boyle, Julia Sissons.

Altar Servers: 10am Not rostered

Children's Liturgy: Not rostered

Hospitality: 10am Tokelauan Group

Religious Goods/Library: Wally Semmens.

Linen: (Dec) Catherine Kearins. **Brass** (Advent) Maureen Watts

Lawns: (Dec 23rd) Kieran McCormack.