



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

**Rev Fr Vaughan Leslie**  
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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

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

**RONGOTEĀ MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
of the month



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31<sup>st</sup> December 2017; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response:** Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

### FAREWELL AND COLLECTION FOR FR VAUGHAN

The weekend 13/14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> January, in envelopes marked: Fr Vaughan's Farewell.

### PARISH PRIEST INSTALLATION MASS

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at the 10am Mass Bishop Charles Drennan will formally install Fr Joe Grayland as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please come along and welcome our new Parish Priest.

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

**HAVE YOU SEEN BISHOP CHARLES' FACE-BOOK PAGE?** For some great reflections and photos of his time in India and Laos check out his facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)

**TE AHI KAA – THE HEARTH-PLACE** If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is a perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For more Information contact Georgia 022 670 4422; [georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com](mailto:georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com)

**ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;**  
2018 Columban Calendar \$12;

### MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

**ACCOMMODATION NEEDED** Catholic mum in her final year of doctoral study and her two daughters, students aged 21 and 16, are in need of clean and affordable rental accommodation in Palmerston North from early-to-mid January. They have two small non-shedding hypoallergenic therapy dogs. Phone or text Sharon 027 577 5223 if you can assist.

### HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)



**PROLIFE FACTS** Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz). See notice board.

## Pope Francis Makes Christmas Visit to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

*Continuing Annual  
Tradition, Pontiffs  
Pray and Speak  
Privately*  
27 Dec [ZENIT](http://www.zenit.org)

Pope Francis visited Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Thursday afternoon to personally give his Christmas greetings to the Pontiff Emeritus at his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Vatican City, reported the Holy See Press Office.

As has become their tradition, they prayed together briefly and then spent some time having pleasant conversation. The visit lasted about 30 minutes. On various occasions, Pope Francis likened Benedict XVI's presence in the Vatican to having a "wise grandfather living at home."



## 2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

*advanced notice*  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

The Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to write this date in your diaries and mark your calendars. The picnic was a great success last year and so will follow a similar format but will occur on site in the school/parish grounds.



The picnic will begin with 10:00am Mass at LOL, followed with traditional picnic games for all ages and a BBQ lunch. More information on the picnic coming mid January.

**Please Note:** There will be a 5:30pm Vigil Mass at LOL that weekend, but no 8:00am Sunday Mass.

**We Pray for the Sick:** Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, 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

### Anniversaries

*Requiescant in Pace*

# ANGELUS

## ADDRESS: On the Feast of St. Stephen

'May these be, for you and your family, days where you can enjoy the beauty of being together, knowing and feeling Jesus is in the midst of us'

26 December 2017, [ZENIT](#)

Here is a ZENIT working translation of Pope Francis' address before and after the recitation of the Angelus prayer to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 26, 2017, on the Feast of St. Stephen:

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### BEFORE THE ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After celebrating the birth of Jesus on earth, today we celebrate the birth of Saint Stephen, the first martyr, in heaven. Even if at first glance, it might seem that there is no link between the two events, there is, and it is very strong.

Yesterday, in the liturgy of Christmas, we heard proclaim: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Saint Stephen put the leaders of his people in crisis, because, "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6: 5), he firmly believed and professed the new presence of God among men; he knew that the true temple of God is now Jesus, the Eternal Word Who came to dwell among us, Who was made like us, except in sin. But Stephen is accused of preaching the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. The accusation against him is to say that "Jesus, this Nazorean, will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us" (Acts 6:14).

In fact, Jesus' message is uncomfortable and makes us uncomfortable, because it challenges worldly religious power and provokes consciences. After His coming, it is necessary to convert, to change mentality, to give up thinking as before. Stephen remained an-

chored to the message of Jesus until His death. His last prayers: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" and "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:59-60) are the faithful echo of those pronounced by Jesus on the Cross: "Father, in Your hands, I deliver my spirit" (Lk 23:46) and "Father, forgive them because they do not know what they are doing" (v. 34). Those words of Stephen were possible only because the Son of God came to earth and died and rose for us; before these events, were humanly unthinkable expressions.

Stephen begs Jesus to welcome His spirit. Indeed, the Risen Christ is the Lord, and He is the only mediator between God and men, not only in the hour of our death, but also in every moment of life: without Him, we can do nothing (cf. Jn 15, 5). Therefore, we too, before the Child Jesus in the crib, can pray to Him like this: "Lord Jesus, we entrust our spirit to you, welcome Him," so that our existence may indeed be a good life in accordance with the Gospel.

Jesus is our mediator and reconciles us not only with the Father, but also among ourselves. He is the source of love, which opens us to communion with our brothers, removing all conflict and resentment. Let us ask Jesus, born for us, to help us to take on this dual attitude of trust in the Father and love of neighbor; it is an attitude that transforms life and makes it more beautiful and fruitful.

To Mary, Mother of the Redeemer and Queen of the martyrs, we lift up our prayer with confidence, that she may help us accept Jesus as Lord of our life and be-

come His courageous witnesses ready to pay, through our person, the price of fidelity to the Gospel.

[Original text: Italian] [Translation by Deborah Castellano Lubov]

### AFTER THE ANGELUS:

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the atmosphere of Christian joy that springs from the Christmas of Jesus, I greet you and thank you for your presence.

To all of you, who have come from Italy and from different countries, I renew my wish for peace and sereni-



ty: may these be, for you and your family, days where you can enjoy the beauty of being together, knowing and feeling Jesus is in the midst of us.

A special greeting to the faithful of the national Ukrainian Pilgrimage: I bless all of you and your country.

In these weeks, I have received many Christmas greetings. Since I have not been able to respond to each one, I express my heartfelt thanks to everyone today, especially for the gift of prayer. Thank you from the heart! May the Lord reward you with His generosity!

Happy feast day! Please, do not forget to pray for me. Have a good lunch and goodbye.

### PARISH OFFICE

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Secretary: Mrs Catherine McNamara

### Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Mrs Leigh Basile



### Our Lady of Lourdes School

Principal: Mrs Jacinta Cousins  
06 358 9727  
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### St Peter's College

Acting Principal: Mr James Rose  
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### NEXT WEEK

Readings Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

### ROSTERS: January

**Church Cleaning:** TBA

**Counting:** (Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.

**Flowers:** Mary Dorn (coordinator)

**Greeters:** Vigil 5:30pm Dave and Lorraine Marriot

8am Pat and Colin Keegan 10am Dianne Jordan.

**Readers:** Vigil 5:30pm Dot Bowe and Judith Wall 8am Clare Cole and Kath Rooney 10am Ebele Ezepue and Sharon Crooks.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Commissioned Parish Ministers to volunteer.

**Altar Servers:** 10am: Holidays.

**Children's Liturgy:** Holidays.

**Hospitality:** 10am Dianne Jordan and Susan Ingram.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Closed over the holiday period.

**Linen:** TBA

**Lawns:** (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) Tino Pakome