



Priest Ministers

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OLOL 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 Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm —9:00pm

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10th February 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

PASTORS DESK: BAPTISM PART TWO

WATER IS ESSENTIAL FOR BAPTISM! The use of water in Christian initiation reflects much older religious practices and rites of purification. Water is one of the commonest archetypal images associated with the womb, birth, purification and life and rebirth.

The Christian understanding of salvation through water begins with the story of the Exodus, when Israel passes through the waters of the Red Sea (Reed Sea) on their way from slavery to freedom. God's victory over the sea, and the movement of the people through the water, create the theological mythology of Christian baptism. Later, in the Gospels, water is linked to mission and ministry of Christ, beginning with his baptism (Matt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-22). Later, Jesus will be spoken of as 'living water' (Matt. 14:22ff and Jn. 4:10ff; 7:38). The concepts of washing, purification, freedom, journey, ministry and mission all find a place in the theology and practice of baptism.

BAPTISM

The English word 'baptism' is derived from two Greek verbs, *baptō* and *baptizō*: *baptō*, to dip and to draw water, and *baptizō* with the added intensity, 'to drown', 'dip' or 'perish'. The nouns, *baptismos* (dipping, washing) and *baptisma* (baptism) are more common terms, like, "wash", "rinse" and "sprinkle".

Submersion in water (when the head and body go under the water level) expresses most fully the tension between life and death. Submersion is the most provocative because it expresses the potentiality of death when the person is pushed under the water and rises, gasping for air. This symbolises God's power to bring life out of the potential of death.

Immersion is when a person has large volumes of water poured over them, as they kneel in water. This does not have the same intensity of submersion but symbolises more the washing or bathing in the love of God. Historically, both types of baptism have been used in the Church, depending on the availability of water and local culture.

Both submersion and immersion respond to the intensity of adult conversion and symbolise the transition from a former life into the life of Christ (Matt. 3:11; Jn. 13:1-20, Acts 2:38; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5). Once the rituals of initiation (water-baptism, clothing,

anointing, imposition of hands, sign of peace) are completed the adult is brought to the *Mensa Domini*, the Lord's Table for the Eucharist, which is the point of baptismal and anointing rites. Thus, baptism can be seen as the sacrament of entry into the Church, and the Eucharist the sacrament of participation in the Church.

THE WOMB OF THE CHURCH

The scriptural and patristic evidence understand baptism as rebirth, or coming to birth, in Christ. Therefore, the application of the metaphor of womb is very powerful and primary when it is applied to the church. The font becomes the birthing font and the community and minister, the midwives.

THE PRIMARY SYMBOLS

In order to understand baptism as a sacrament and the Christian initiation as a function of the theology of the Church we use symbol and metaphor. The primary biblical and patristic symbols of Christian initiation are:

- profession of faith
- community of faith
- immersion/submersion in water
- anointing with oil
- presentation to the community
- the presence of the community
- rituals of undressing and re-clothing
- reborn in Christ
- death with Christ and resurrection hoped for
- the invocation of the Spirit; and
- participation in the eucharistic meal.

These symbols have rightly formed our understanding and ritual practices of Christian initiation and they should in some form or other find their expression in the contemporary, architectural place for Christian initiation.

These metaphors should all find a place in the design and functioning of the baptismal space and in the design and decoration of the font.

Fr Joe

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE invites parishioners interested in contributing to our liturgical life to join the committee. We have need of specific skills so if you're interested please email the parish office and leave your name and contact details and a brief outline of how you'd like to contribute, ololpn@xtra.co.nz

OLOL Liturgy Meeting Tuesday 12th February 5:15pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Next meeting 13th February (please note 2nd Wednesday). Lunch at the Cafe in the Esplanade at 1.30pm. All welcome.
RSVP to June 354 7686 or Rose 357 5429 by 11th Feb.

OLOL Prayer Chain: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755.



Next Society St Vincent De Paul Meeting Tuesday 12th February 5.15pm in Cathedral of Holy Spirit Lounge. Prospective new members and visitors will be welcome at all meetings.

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400
Fourth Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Monday 18th February 2019 in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Ave, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, (06) 3577844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz



We give thanks for the ministry and work of Georgia Collins who is finishing at Te Ahi Kaa and pursuing her Masters studies through Victoria University this academic year! Noho ora mai ra Georgia – thank you for your substantial contribution to the life of the Catholic Young Adult community in Palmerston North!
Ngā whakapaingia ki a koe! *Nick Wilson*

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Statue in Paraparaumu 2pm Sunday 10th February 2019 to honour Mary and give thanks for God's providence. You are all very welcome despite the lateness of the invitation for which we apologise. There will be refreshments available but it might be a good idea to bring your water bottles because of the hot weather we've been experiencing lately.

St Mary's Church, PN—24 Hours for the Lord Friday 8th March: Theme for 2019 is "Day of prayer and penance for victims of abuse and violence". **Reconciliation Rite I—9:30am to 11:00am Friday.**

- **End of Life Care—The NZ Care Alliance have issued a series of videos on healthy dying that are well worth watching www.carealliance.org.nz**
- **For more information on the complex issues surrounding Euthanasia see The Nathaniel Centre website www.nathaniel.org.nz**

The SVDP Shop, Vinnies, at 248 Rangitikei St., urgently requests donations of ball dresses and short "after five" for the Massey University students First Year Ball. We are the only Op Shop invited to the Massey Market Days on 19th—22nd, due to the work we put in last year. Please support Vinnies and help out the students as well.

We Pray for the Sick: Ryan Marsden, Bridget Dorn, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Fred Winter, Vinnie Carroll, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Colin Quirk, Gary Meyer, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.

Kia ora tātou

A couple of Sundays ago I was celebrating a 'usual' Sunday Mass. What was different, was that I was among a crowd of 750,000 (the large majority in their 20s).

World Youth Day, in Panama City, Central America was the venue, and the presider was our Pope, Papa Francesco.

This was the first WYD I have been to. Before leaving my expectations had been neutral, but I returned from our two weeks in Panama (about 25 Kiwis contribution to the 750,000!) invigorated and in deep awe of the gift of our universal Church and faith. Papa Francesco was in great form and the welcome of the Panamanian people was infectious.

Please follow my Facebook www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan blog and photos of Panama WYD, or read more on our diocesan website site www.pndiocese.org.nz/. My reflections are heartfelt and I thank the Holy Spirit for ensuring the Church keeps dynamic in all we seek to be for Christ.

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Our Lady of Lourdes School is now accepting enrolments for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. New Entrants to Year 6.

We offer quality education for children in a caring and supportive environment. Phone 358 9727 for further information. Principal—Jacinta Cousins.

Caritas Lenten Programme Preparation Day Saturday 23 February 2019
Theme: Living our lives with love



For those who hold social justice close to their heart, you are invited to participate in Caritas Lenten Training day at the PN Diocesan Centre from 9:30 am - 3:00pm. This will enable you to lead the Lenten Reflection programme in your parish during Lent, or simply to get involved as a participant. **Ph Mary Nash, 027 333 6080, or egmnash@gmail.com to confirm booking for the day.**

Valentine's Day Dinner: 5 course meal, cultural performance and auction. Showcasing the culture and cuisine of our resettled refugee communities in the Manawatu. 6:00pm -9:00pm Saturday 16th February All Saints Community Centre, 338 Church St., PN. Tickets \$40 email manawaturfft@gmail.com or via www.facebook.com/ManawatuRRFT

Readings 17th Feb: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26.

ROSTERS: Feb 11th—17th

Church Cleaning: (Feb 4th) Colleen McHardy and Maureen Searle.

Counters: Feb 12th Selwyn Brown.

Flowers: (Feb 16th & 23rd) Diane Baucke.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Denise Bailey and Kathy Morton
9:30am Josie Conlon.

Readers: 5:30pm Judith Wall, Rob Towers, Dot Bowe
9:30am Maricar Dongon, Celia Kueh, Rhea Villocido.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Denis Jones, Denise Bailey, Raymond Jones, Pat Curran, Hannah Brown
9:30am Brendon O'Connor, Stephen Guy, Jacinta Cousins, Eric and Jeanette Wright.

Altar Servers: 9:30am TBA

Hospitality: 9:30am Rose and Wally Semmens.

Linen: (Feb) Catherine Kearins **Lawns:** (Feb 16th) Raymond Jones

Religious Goods Cabinet: Anne O'Hara.

SVDP Basket: (February) Paul Darbyshire.