



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

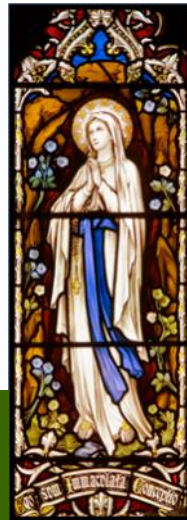
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LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am

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

RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: You are my refuge, O Lord, and the joy of my salvation.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

Today we celebrate our patronal feast day and we pray that all members of our parish community may enjoy the blessings of Mary of Lourdes.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th.
Masses with distribution of ashes at

LOL: 10:00am and 7:00pm
St Mary's Foxton: 5:00pm
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit: 7:30am and 12:05pm
St Mary's PN: 9:00am and 12:00 noon
Massey University: 12:05pm
St Brigid's Feilding: 9:00am

Ecumenical Services

PN: St Peter's Anglican: 7:00pm
Feilding: St Brigid's: 7:00pm

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, lolpn@xtra.co.nz

Liturgy Committee meeting—Tuesday
February 13th at 5.15pm.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP As we start a new year the Bereavement Group for Our Lady of Lourdes would like to take this opportunity to say a very big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who answered our call for support with Funeral Masses/ Services held at our church and elsewhere during the last 12 months. Without your generous response to our asking, the funeral Masses/ Services would be the poorer. Being a greeter at a funeral frees the family to grieve and receive support from those attending; it is also the parish family's opportunity to give support in a real and meaningful way. The Ministers of the Eucharist also provide essential support to the family by freeing them and allowing them to focus on their saying farewell to the deceased person and on celebrating a life that was. *It is in giving that we receive.* The funeral directors speak highly of the way we are organized and supportive of those who are bereaved. So THANK YOU once again and we look forward to receiving your ongoing support. If you wish to know anything further please contact Eric & Jeanette, ph 357 8364.

LIVING LENT; LIVING COMMUNITY
Four Lenten reflections with Fr. Joe Grayland
Time: 7:00pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Lent is a time of special reflection and preparation for the great festival of Easter-Pentecost. The four reflection topics are all independent of each other. Each reflection is one and a half hours long with input and prayer time. The purpose is reflection and prayer. Please feel free to invite others who might like to attend – the door is open!

Reflections on:

Dies Domini; Gather the Assembly
Wednesday 21st February
A new creation and an adult faith
Wednesday 28th February
Eta missa est; Called to be mission
Wednesday 7th March
The spirituality of the Triduum
Wednesday 21st March

Reflection format:

7:00pm Opening prayer
7:00-7:30pm Input
7.30-7.45pm Private prayer time
7.45-8:00pm Questions, reflections, sharing
8:00-8.20pm Discussion and input
8.20-8.30pm Closing Prayer

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

MARIAN EUCARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

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

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY

St Patrick's Branch 400 Fourth Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Mon 19th Feb 2018, Cathedral on Broadway. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, (06) 3577844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

Fr Marcus Francis has a blog
"My Weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today"
<http://marcusfrancis.blogspot.co.nz>
Look for Scripture for Today.

2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

Sunday 25th February
Parish/School Grounds

The picnic will begin with 10:00am Mass at LOL, followed by games for all ages, organised by the School. The pool will be open so bring your togs. The Parish will provide cooked sausages, bread, sauce, plates and forks. Please bring a salad to share and your own drinks—water will be available.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, cook the BBQ and serve food.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Please Note:

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



END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL NZ Bishops have issued a letter re the Seymour Bill. Some copies are available in the foyer if you wish to take one home. Information is also available to assist you to write a submission. Go to notoassistedsuicide.nz.

Submissions must be received before February 20th

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD At St Mary's Church, Friday 2nd March from 9:00am to Saturday 3rd March at 9:00am. We are asking groups to become involved. Please phone Fr Robin if interested. Ph 358 5614.

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 and Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently

Paul Hughes, Jean Roberts, Theo van Tuel

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Sisters and Brothers,

Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Patronal feast day. In today's Gospel both the leper's statement, 'If you want to you can cure me' and Jesus' response, 'Of course I want to! Be cured' sum up the experience of Lourdes.

Lourdes is a place where the sick and the handicapped are honoured. Those in hospital beds and in wheelchairs are the centre of Lourdes' spirit and apostolate. It is a place where you'll see hundreds of able bodied people giving their time to assist and care for the sick. Trains, planes and buses travel regularly from all parts of Europe to Lourdes bringing pilgrims and those who assist them.

In our modern era, Lourdes is a profoundly important place, because illness and incapacity is not hidden, but honoured with a reverence of care and compassion. Lourdes is also a place of healing and empowerment. Sometimes the healing is physical or psychological, empowering those with heavy crosses to bear them with the help of Jesus, the divine physician.

We are proud bearers of the name and spirit of Lourdes in our apostolic works of mercy, school teaching, social care and hospitality. Our pastoral communities of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, St Mary's Foxton, St Joseph's Shannon and our two school communities of Lourdes and St Mary's are all places of witness; places of hope and empowerment; places of healing and hospitality.

Healing and empowerment to serve are two important elements in Mark's Gospel. Mark's community had experienced persecution from the outside and internal division, so Mark wrote his Gospel to both encourage his community and to challenge them to reflect on their own lives in the light of the tradition of Christ's life, ministry and death.

The leper's approach to Jesus was illegal and shameful; a normal response would have been to condemn the leper, and Jesus should have

ignored the leper, but the Jesus of the Gospels is not a timid, rule-bound person; Jesus is a healer and teacher. In the conversation with the leper, and in the leper's healing, Jesus teaches the crowd through his actions. He reaches out to the leper; he breaks the rules and shows that his ministry is not for the timid! It's a consistent pattern; he breaks down the barriers between Jews and Gentiles when he heals the Gentile woman (7:24-30) and a man in a Gentile area (7:31-37).

Jesus' ministry to preach, to empower, to heal is extended to his disciples. Mark's Greek term for disciple is *mathetes* from the word *manthanein* to learn for which the Latin word is *discipulus*, or in English, *student*. The disciples are learners or apprentices of a Master craftsman who adopt the pattern and style of their master's life. These learners are sent out (*apostellein*) with the authority of Jesus to do as he does.

The disciples are important because their mission is parallel to Jesus'. They are recipients of Jesus private instruction and privileged witnesses to the deeds of Jesus. They assist Jesus at the feeding of the multitudes, and are with him for the final meal. These are ordinary people engaged in ordinary life. Two essential elements of discipleship are *being with Jesus* and *doing the works of Jesus*.

As learners in the ways of the Lord we too are called to *be with Jesus* and *to do the works of Jesus*. It's important to remember that we're called to this. We didn't choose to be disciples God. No, God has chosen us to be disciples. God has taken the initiative, so the call is larger than us and it ultimately belongs to God.

We are called to serve in the world, the playground of God's grace. The world isn't a fearful place for us. On the contrary, the world is in the words of Gerard Manley Hopkins, "shot through with the grandeur of God" and so it is not scary, sinful, evil or threatening. Our world is a place of grace and hope and healing, except where humans misuse the gifts of God and create hells-on-earth for other people to live in, through their acceptance of violence and hatred.

The world with its variety of people, languages and ways of life is where God is at home amongst God's people. This is the place we're called to be. Our presence in the real world needs to be such that everything we do is an invitation to others to come closer to God in Jesus. This is an apostolic presence.

Joe

Consultation Process:

On the Sundays of 18th and 25th February we will begin the consultation.

You will receive a questionnaire with information concerning the consultation and you will be asked to return the forms once you have completed them. You will also be able to complete the questionnaire online.

Return of the questionnaire and completion of the online questionnaire is **5:00pm on Sunday 25th February**.

The parish leaders groups (Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, School Principal, Rongotea Leadership Group) will meet on **Thursday 1st March** to discuss the consultation responses and frame the recommendation.

Wednesday 14th March at 7:00pm we will begin the feedback to the pastoral communities through a parish meeting and we will feedback the recommendation. This will be an opportunity to hear the recommendation and discuss it.

Thereafter the leadership group will discuss the matters raised and where necessary address these in the recommendation to Bishop Charles. We will present the recommendation to the Bishop on **16th March**.

Once the recommendation is accepted we will publish the new times on **Sunday 25th March**.

The new Mass times will come into effect on Easter Sunday, 1st April 2018.

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St Peter's College

Acting Principal: Mr James Rose
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NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings Feb 18th: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.

ROSTERS: February

Church Cleaning: (Feb 5th) Colleen McHardy and Maureen Searle.

Counting: (Feb 13th) Marion Carey.

Flowers: (4th Feb) Diane Baucke

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Kathy Morton and Lesley Wright

8:00am Jim Murphy and Pat Burton **10:00am** Dianne Jordan.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Rob Towers and Judith Wall **8:00am** Maree

O'Donoghue and Maurice McDonald **10:00am** Janey Bishop and Diane Baucke.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Lorraine and Dave Marriott **8:00am** Judy Nixon, Kieran McCormack, Raymond Jones **10:00am** Maria Amey, Colette O'Connor, Sharon van der Plas, Jenny Joseph, Mary Murrow.

Altar Servers: 10:00am: TBA

Children's Liturgy: (Feb 11th and 18th) Lorraine Wilson

Hospitality: 10:00am Theo van Duin.

Religious Goods/Library: (Feb 18th) Martin Boyle.

Linen: (Feb) Judith Wall.

Lawns: (Feb 17th) Raymond Jones.

