



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 & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—17th February 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

Fr. Peter Carde SM

Many parishioners have asked "where's Fr. Peter?". Fr. Peter has moved into the Duart Home in Havelock North.

Fr Peter visited his community in Taradale for Christmas and became ill and he was admitted to hospital in Hastings for a time, before returning to his community. Subsequently, the decision was taken that he needed more regular care and so he moved on this past week to Duart Home.

Fr. Peter is a much loved figure in our parish, presiding and assisting at Masses and being an-all-round-gentleman.

We wish Fr. Peter well in this new living environment and ask God's continued blessings on him. The parish will send a small gift and message to him. There is a card in the foyer for everyone to sign.

Working Bee

A huge thank you to all of you who helped with the working bee on Saturday February 9th. To those who worked on the font, the gates, the clean-up and those who provided morning tea and lunch we say thanks and ask God's blessings on you and your families. I am very grateful for the way we did this together. There is real value in working together and strength in our shared work for the parish and in the building we reverence and love. There will be another opportunity to contribute to a pre-Easter working bee to clean the church and sort through stuff.

Baptismal Font

The design process for the new font is moving forward and will hopefully meet our target of Easter (April 20/21st) this year. The working group met on Sunday 10th February. The working group is looking at an above ground font for adults and children and second font, beside it, that will be higher and will used for infants and as a holy water stoop. As the design evolves we will let you know, then everyone can see and comment.

Font donations

We have received three financial donations for the new font and the offer of an old pew from the church, for decoration. This is fantastic! The parish gratefully accepts these donations and asks God's blessing on the donors and their families. These donations will enable us to install a worthy font for the celebration of baptism.

First Sacraments—Sign up this Sunday!

This year we have several children for Baptism and First Communion. Our process this year is to build a large community of children for these sacraments. The process runs in favour of the children being baptised. During Lent we will prepare all the children in the parish who are seeking First Holy Communion and Baptism for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Those children who are already baptised will celebrate this sacrament on April 10th at 5:00pm at Lourdes Church and those children preparing for Baptism will celebrate this sacrament after they have been baptised and received Holy Communion. (Penance is a post-initiation sacrament that should come only after Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist have been received.)

All the children preparing for Baptism will be baptised at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, but this needs to be decided with the families, so watch this space!

On Pentecost, June 9th all the children, together, will receive First Holy Communion. They will prepare together for this during May and early June. Two weeks later, on June 23rd we will celebrate the Children's Ministry Mass, at which all the children who have received the sacraments (Penance, Baptism, Eucharist) will minister to the parish, as a sign that they're fully participating members of the community!

We're splitting the initiation rite and process of Baptism/Eucharist so that we include all the parish children in the process, avoid the school holidays and take the Easter Season to prepare. The preparation will be on two Sundays each month. This links it to Sunday, the Mass and to the gathered community.

Meeting Sunday 24th February after 9:30am Mass in the Church. Sign up sheets available today.

Masses Rongotea and Shannon.

Bishop Owen will be presiding at Masses at Rongotea on the first and third Sundays of each month and I will be at Shannon on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. On the alternative Sundays in the month, 2nd, 4th and 5th there will be liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion. This plan will run until Easter this year and be reviewed in early May.

Old Palms

Ash Wednesday is on the horizon and the Liturgy Committee is asking for old blessed palms to prepare this year's ashes. Please hand them into the Parish Office or leave in the foyer. Thanks, Dianne

INITIATORY ARCHITECTURE:

Our earliest non-biblical sources (100-300 BCE) for the place and practice of baptism are the *Didache*, the *First Apology* of Justin Martyr, the writings of Tertullian and the *Apostolic Tradition* of Hippolytus. These indicate that neither the place of baptism, nor the architectural form of its containment, were fixed or “architectural”. People used what was there and because the Church was a domestic organisation they used domestic settings.



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The earliest baptismal fonts were modelled on both domestic and public bathing practices. As early as the second century BCE people were being baptised in pools, wells, the baths of private houses and probably also in privately owned bath houses. The mid-third century house-church of Dura-Europos (photo left, font under the arch) in modern-day Syria is the clearest example of the baptismal practices of house churches. The baptistery has a small rectangular font (1m long, 9.5m deep). People knelt in the font and had large volumes of water poured over them. This is where immersion comes from

THE SYMBOLS OF DEATH

Another key influence was the notion of baptism as “death into Christ” and so burial practices and burial places began to influence baptismal design. This led to the introduction of the font in the ground as the place one descended into and from which one was raised up.

The Cross was used as a key symbol and shape of the font as the place of death. In other places the circle, the image of the womb and the fish, the sign of the Christian were used. The photo to the right is a font from the 3rd century.



KEY ESCHATOLOGICAL SHAPES

Throughout the first six centuries of the Church geometric shapes had important theological meanings that produced our sacred geometry of proportion, space and symbolism. Each shape has an eschatological (end times) meaning, because baptism was viewed as entering a new life, whose final purpose (eschaton) was to give eternal glory to God. In many instances the shapes were combined as in the photos below with crosses and circles. Each shape has its special meaning. The photos below show the combination of the outer circular shape, the inner square and the cross. (Photos Left Turkey and right Spain)





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The circular, round and oval fonts (left) were the most primitive form. They represented the resurrection and suggested the font as womb of birth and re-birth. Rectangular fonts were the commonest form, taken from the sarcophagi, tombs and public pools. Octagonal fonts were the most popular form for both the font and the baptistery, because the eight-sided shape represented resurrection. Six-sided hexagonal fonts represented Good Friday, the day of Christ's death. Square fonts were relatively few in number outside of Syria where the four sides represented the four evangelists, the four elements and the four corners of the earth. Cruciform fonts represent baptism as paschal-death. All of these fonts were for adult immersion or submersion baptism.



From the sixth century onwards six critical developments changed the shape, form, placement and use of the font and baptistery. These were the:

- (1) the disappearance of adult initiation as the norm for initiation,
- (2) the rise of infant baptism,
- (3) the adaptation of in-ground adult fonts for infant baptism,
- (4) the development of fonts in parish churches, not just cathedrals,
- (5) the development of the pedestal or bird-bath like font, and
- (6) the blessing and retaining of Easter water all year and the need for a lockable lid.

As the font moved from being a pool it became a big tub (left) and then a shallow container of water, more like a bird-bath. References to flowing, living stream also disappeared. Now water was contained in the font and blessed only once a year at the Easter Vigil, which meant that it had to

then be both retained, and kept clean, throughout the year, so the lid became necessary and the amount of water was reduced to small cup full or a sprinkling.

With the rise of infant baptism came the theology of no salvation without baptism and the pastoral solution of Limbo. Baptism became a cultural marker of social inclusion or exclusion and everyone was Christian. To die without baptism was immediate damnation, so the practice of having newly born infants taken from their mothers to be baptised immediately grew. For those many children lost in child-birth the anguish of parents was allayed with the concept of Limbo, a theological nonsense, but a pastoral response.

During the Renaissance period baptisteries gained a popularity and in some cities dominated the cityscape eg Florence, Parma and Pisa. They functioned within the cathedral complex as impressive reminders to already Christianised populations. While their sheer size indicated at least the residual importance of baptism, in reality they were rarely used as baptisteries, because of the growing parish baptismal practices and because they were simply too difficult to use.



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 egmanash@gmail.com to confirm booking for the day.**

Lenten Reflection Group Leaders if you are willing to host a group in your home please sign up on the sheet in the foyer today.



**First Sacraments Meeting with Parents
Sunday 24th February 10:30am
following 9:30am Mass.**

If your child is preparing for First Sacraments, this meeting is for you.

Leaders of Liturgies of Word with Communion.

When: Sunday March 10th 2019

Where: OLOL, 96 Shamrock St, PN

Time: 4pm to 6pm ending with light meal

Who: This workshop is for Leaders of liturgies of the Word and Communion. It is for those who already have experience leading worship and wish to hone these skills and offer their insights. It is also for those who are wanting to develop these skills or have been asked to be leaders of Liturgy.

Joshua Men's Group will meet Tuesday 19th February 7:00pm St Mary's Church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship, supper. All welcome. Contact John 027 688 7750 www.joshua.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.

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.**

Readings 24th February

1 Sam 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38.

ROSTERS: Feb 18th—24th

Church Cleaning: (Feb 18th) Mary Murrow and Margo Andrew-Pomare.

Counters: Feb 19th) Gabrielle Barnes and Jane Charlton.

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

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland
9:30am Dianne Jordan.

Children's Liturgy: (17th) Colleen & Madeline McHardy
(24th) Lorraine Wilson

Readers: **5:30pm** Roselle Gouwland, Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard
9:30am Meg de Joux, David Griffin, Iveta Griffin.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **5:30pm** John Werder, Julie Lees, Cecily Finucane, Jeanette Currie, Colin Keegan
9:30am Denis and Margaret Beckett, Maria Amey, Colette O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor.

Altar Servers: **9:30am** Kaitlyn Amey and Cooper McKillen

Hospitality: **9:30am** Tokelauan Group.

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

Religious Goods Cabinet: Wally Semmens.

SVDP Basket: (February) Paul Darbyshire.

Kia ora tātou

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.

+ Charles

The Diocese of PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations.

We are looking for applications that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development.

Application forms and criteria for funding are available from the parish office or the Diocesan Office, Private Bag 11012, PN – Attention:

Mrs Wendy Silver, 06 354 1780 x 833; wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz

or you can download a copy of the application form from the diocesan website <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>

Applications are to be sent to reach the Diocesan Office by 31 March 2019. Allocations will be made on 1 May 2019.

World Day of Prayer - 2 services in PN—Friday 1st March 2019

A service prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee, Slovenia.

- **10:00am at The Salvation Army church, 431 Church St**
Offerings will be used to support projects in Slovenia, South Sudan & NZ, as well as to contribute towards local & international World Day of Prayer.
- **7:00pm at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 250 Church St.**
Please bring plate of finger food to share for supper. Everyone welcome.

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

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

- **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



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.

We Pray for the Sick: Ryan Marsden, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Fr Peter Carde 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.

Please remember in your prayers parishioners who have recently died

**Mass has been offered for
Teresa Matson**