



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

Rev Fr Joseph Grayland
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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



1st Sunday of Lent

18th February 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

Sunday 25th February
Parish/School Grounds

The picnic will begin with 10:00am Mass at OLOL, 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 OLOL that weekend, but no 8:00am Sunday Mass.

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

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

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

SVDP The Vinnies Shop is looking for Volunteers three hours morning or afternoon, one day a week. We are also in need of donations of furnituredouble and queen beds, tables and chairs, etc. in good condition. If you can help in the shop or you have furniture to be collected please call

Toni Bidois, Shop Manager,
06 357 6779 or 021 025 52619.



END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL Information is available to assist you to write a submission. Go to notoassistedsuicide.nz. **Submissions must be received before February 20th**

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

RAFFLE: For a trailer load of firewood, tickets \$2.00 at the Parish Office. See notice board.

Consultation

please click here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z2XXYXK> to complete the questionnaire.

A paper questionnaire is also available with information in the foyer.

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!

Wednesday 21st February

Dies Domini; Gather the Assembly

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday night during Lent at 7:00pm.

LENTEN GIVING PACKS have been distributed today at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

FOOD FOR FAITH In advent many of us took advantage of Fr John O'Connor's wonderful retreat in daily life, to lead us to Christmas. He is now offering a way to Easter, through Lent. Join the hikoi to Easter online @<http://foodforfaith.org.nz/>. There is a daily reflection and reminder, and everyone, young and old will find real benefit.

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Nau mai haere mai hoki mai ra! Welcome!

Are you new or know someone who will be new to our faith community here in the Manawatu?

We would like to meet you and welcome you personally! The Youth and Young Adult Office is situated at 33 Amesbury Street, behind the Cathedral on Broadway! Join us on our Facebook pages Diocesan Young Catholics and PN Catholic Young Professionals or Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students. We have a Youth House called Te Ahi Kaa and we run regular events there.

Your contact for Manawatu Catholic Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplaincy is Nick Wilson nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021822814.

Bishop speak:

Check out Bishop Charles' facebook page www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan

to see his letter to all Yr 13 students about Euthanasia and Assisted suicide.

Also, see the latest **WelCom** for Bishop Charles' push for our provincial towns and city centres, and the **dio website** <https://pndiocese.org.nz/> for a homily he gave in Melbourne last weekend.

JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP will meet Tuesday 20th February, 7:00pm St Mary's church foyer. Mass celebrated with Fr Robin followed with prayer, praise, worship, fellowship, supper. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.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, 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

Anniversaries
Teresa Matson (15/2)

Requiescant in Pace

From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers Lent is with us! It is a time to engage with the wonderful truth of the Easter-Christmas mystery; that this child born for us in humble origins and of David's house, is born for our salvation upon the tree of Calvary. The gifts of the Magi: gold for a king, frankincense (incense) for a deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) for the dead, now reveal their own meaning. Kingship, divinity and death come together in a powerful symbolic unity in the event of the Cross. Here is God amongst us, not as baby, but this time as a man sacrificed in a sacred violence. What is wondrous, is how the victim of human violence and death saves the perpetrators of violence, and through that death, destroys death itself.

Lent invites us to look at the ways we participate in violence and at the way we make our violence "holy". We war against each other in the name of "god", we create right and wrong, we create goodness and evil, the profane and the holy, without always knowing the difference between a weed and wheat.

When we name our violence holy, just and right we tend to create a world of sacred violence; a world that includes the few and excludes the many. Then we call God to make our violence holy and to justify our actions, we ask God to participate in our violence. We have done this with racism, for example. It is a sacred violence because it anoints one group of people as holy, rightful, legitimate, acceptable, and another group as illegitimate, impure, unsocial and evil.

Violence-made-sacred is used as a tool of oppression. It is used to create the OTHER, the one with whom I cannot be seen, the one with whom I cannot eat, the one with whom I cannot share my humanity, because they are not equal in their humanity to me. The other is less than me, the other is non-human. The other is objectified and ceases to be human-with-me, as God is human-with-me. The other is now an object; a thing with whom I have no relationship because we do not share a common humanity.

The other is no longer sister or brother but THING existing in my world over which I have rights. Ultimately, because the other is no longer human, the other is no longer capable of being saved.

God, in the person of Jesus the Christ, enters into this *human-violence-made-holy* and redeems it through sharing our humanity, as a divine person. Christ, the holiest, takes on our humanity and raises our humanity to the divinity of God. In Christ, God breaks the bonds of death by entering into death itself, and having suffered death and not dying, God returns Christ to life in the wonder of the resurrection.

In the event of the Cross the Trinity saves us! The Father, Son and Spirit are all equally part of the mystery of Easter-Christmas. The child conceived of the Spirit and born of the Virgin and is both divine of the Father and human of Mary, Son and child. The purpose of God's work (liturgy) to bring all people to the salvation is revealed in the Christmas-Easter mystery. The Church participates in God's work of salvation and we in our worship remember and give thanks for God's saving action in the world, and in human history.

For this reason, God became human in Jesus Christ so that '*we might know God's love* (Catechism 458) and become '*partakers of the divine nature*' (2 Peter 1:4). St Irenaeus of Lyon writes: "For this is why the Word became human, and the Son of God became the Son of humanity: so that humanity, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine adoption, might become children of God" (*Adv. Haeres* 3,19,1) and St Athanasius is even more straightforward: "For the Son of God became human so that we might become God." (*De inc.*54,3).

If the fulfilment of life is to share eternity with God then the times in the wilderness will both test and console us. The wilderness is a place of revelation and a place of promise. The wilderness cannot be experienced without hope of future glory.

Lent provides a time to reflect on our eternal relationship with God. Lent challenges us to consider what it means to be members of a common humanity, called to a common life of divinity, through cooperation with God's grace and reconciliation with God.

Joe

Consultation Process: This weekend and next (18th and 25th February) we will participate in the consultation process for Mass times.

Consultation website, please click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z2XXYXK> to complete the questionnaire

A paper questionnaire is also available with information in the foyer.

Please complete the online questionnaire OR the paper questionnaire by **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
06 354 4198
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NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings Feb 25th: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10.

ROSTERS: February

NB: No 8:00am Mass Sunday 25th February—Parish Picnic

Church Cleaning: (Feb 19th) Mary Murrow and Margo Andrew-Pomare.

Counting: (Feb 20th) Jane Charlton and Lorraine Marriott.

Flowers: No flowers in the Church during Lent.

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

10:00am Ans Haakman

Readers: **Vigil 5:30pm** Dot Bowe and Annette Brown

10:00am O'Connor Family and Trish Daws

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Hannah Brown, Dennis Jones, Cecily Finucane, Denise Bailey, Pat Curran.

10:00am Denis & Margaret Beckett, Eileen O'Connor, Tino Pakome, Mary Dorn.

Altar Servers: 10:00am: TBA

Children's Liturgy: TBA

Hospitality: 10:00am Parish Picnic

Religious Goods/Library: (Feb 25th) Diane Baucke.

Linen: (Feb) Judith Wall.

Lawns: (Feb 17th) Raymond Jones.

