



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

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—24th February 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

The Catholic Counter Reformation and the Font

The Council of Trent produced three key books: The Roman Missal (1570), the Roman Pontifical (1596) and the Roman Missal (1614). However, these were not used in every diocese until the end of the nineteenth century. These books presented various forms of baptism for infants and insisted that infants be baptised as soon after birth as possible. The question of baptism for infants had become a key issue of the Reformation. The Anabaptist tradition, with its stronghold in Münster, Germany, argued that only adults could be baptised, because they could affirm their personal belief in God.

The Roman Missal of 1614 required infant baptism as soon as possible after birth and the godparents held the child's head over the font (the mother would have still been in the delivery room). The ritual was an abbreviated form of the adult rite and permitted baptism by submersion, immersion and affusion (sprinkling water), with water blessed during the Easter Vigil. This practice encouraged the development of fonts in every parish church, chapel and oratory. It proscribed that the font was to be of solid construction, surrounded by a fence or railing, covered and locked, and decorated with images of Christ's baptism. This ritual and architecture dominated the next 300 years.

From Trent to Vatican II the placement and shape of the font was heavily influenced by Cardinal Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan (1564 to 1584). Together with St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Philip Neri, Borromeo was a leading figure of the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In 1576 Borromeo led the Fourth Reform Synod of Milan and addressed the issue of baptism and the font. In Milan there were two rites, the Ambrosian Rite which used immersion and the Roman Rite that used affusion and the Synod's Instruction of 1577 tried to address both rites.

The Instruction stated that the baptistry was to be in a separate place in the church, beside the church or outside the church. In the baptistry there was to be a font. The font should be accessed by three steps down from the main floor level, to remind the candidate of death into Christ. The baptismal area should be large enough for a family to gather and the font (container of water) should allow for the preservation of the blessed water for the

entire year. The font was to be placed on the southern side of the church, on the left-hand side of the entrance. The presumption was that one entered the church through the West door with the altar in the eastern end of the church. The northern (left) side of the church faced the darkness and the southern (right side) the light. This was based on a Northern hemisphere perspective that was never universally used, where the orientation to the east to the rising sun, the north the place of evil, south the side of light and heat and the west side had the main door. In parish churches an alternative option was the use of a side chapel.

However, the left side of the church is significant for another reason. In the old ritual the Gospel was read at the left side of the altar. The font at the rear of the church, mirrored the place of the Gospel. Baptism and Gospel were united through the architecture.

These directives were used extensively throughout the Church and accepted by many as the Church's rule for the placement of the baptistry and the font. This position at the entrance to the church, on the left-hand side, spawned the practice of people blessing themselves as they entered and left the church.

From the beginning of the Middle Ages to the dawn of Vatican II there was a movement away from submersion and immersion to affusion and along with it a movement away from Gregory the Great's sixth century requirement of a triple immersion in water! By the fifteenth century immersion had all but died out.

In the nineteenth century, in England and in New Zealand, the movement towards neo-gothic and neo-classical architecture revived several of aspects of Borromeo's architectural concerns. The 1917 Code of Canon Law does not concern itself with the placement of the font, but insists that every parish church is to have 'a font as the place of baptism (ccc773,774) in the northwest corner of the church, with three steps down to it'.

Fr Joe

Font donations

We have received financial donations totalling \$6,200.00 and the offer of an old pew from the church for the new font. I wish to acknowledge these gifts and thank the donors on behalf of the parish.

First Sacraments

This year we will combine all the sacrament preparation into the Lent/Easter Season and prepare everyone together. **This Sunday, February 24th, after the 9:30am Mass we have our first parents/children's meeting.** We'll outline the process and answer all questions.

Preparation meetings will be after Masses, twice a month. This links the preparation to the Sunday mass and community.

Key Dates to keep free:

- First Reconciliation April 10th at 5:00pm in the Lourdes Church.
- Baptism, Easter Vigil (20th April) beginning at 8.30pm or Easter Sunday (21st April) Morning Mass, 9:30am
- First Holy Communion, Pentecost Sunday, 9th June, 9:30am.
- Children's ministry Mass, June 23rd.

Please sign up in the gathering area or contact the parish office.

Ash Wednesday Masses—6th March

Our Lady of Lourdes 10:00am and 7:00pm

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 7:30am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm

St Mary's 9:00am and 12:00pm



This year's Lenten theme *Living our Lives with Love* highlights the call to let love permeate all that we do.

As Mother Teresa once said:

"Not all of us can do great things.

But we can do small things with great love."

Make time to join a small discussion group this Lent.

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.

Leaders of Liturgies of Word with Communion.

When: Sunday March 10th 2019

Where: OLOL Church, 96 Shamrock Street, Palmerston North

Time: 4pm to 6pm ending with a simple shared pot-luck meal to follow – bring a (full) plate!

Who: This workshop is for Leaders of liturgies of the Word and Communion in the parishes of Manawatu and Tararua. 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.

Content: The workshop has two parts: First, the theology of the baptised and their role in ministry within the Assembly; and second, the practical issues of leading the Assembly through modelling a liturgy itself.

This workshop is part one-of-a-two-part process. The second workshop is a follow-up to discuss the logistics and practicalities.

ROSTERS: Feb 25th—March 3rd

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

Counters: Feb 26th Marion Carey. **Flowers:** (Mar 2/3) June Lynch

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm June and John Lynch 9:30am Ans Haakman.

Children's Liturgy: (24th) Lorraine Wilson 3rd Children's Mass

Readers: 5:30pm Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouland 9:30am Holly Pedley.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Lesley Wright, Hannah Brown, Denis Jones, Judith Wall, Denise Bailey 9:30am Paul Darbyshire, Martin Boyle, Stephen Guy, Wendy Derksen, Kyra Tikitiki.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna Wilson and Teresa Alexander.

Hospitality: 9:30am Rose and Wally Semmens.

Linen: (March) Maureen Murphy **Lawns:** (Mar 2nd) Kevin Long.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Martin Boyle.

SVDP Basket: (February) Paul Darbyshire.

Whanau/Families and Caregivers, you are

invited to our Parish/School Mass and

picnic Sunday 3rd March. It would be

wonderful if you could join us as it is a

lovely opportunity to welcome our new families. We are starting with

the 9:30am Mass in the Church followed by a BYO



picnic lunch in the school grounds.

Remember your togs as the pool will

be open! Come along and enjoy

being part of our fantastic community. See you there!

Next Society St Vincent De Paul Meeting Tuesday 26th February 5.15pm in Cathedral of Holy Spirit Lounge. Prospective new members and visitors will be welcome at all meetings.

Men's Breakfast Friday 1st March 6:45am-8:00am in OLOL meeting room—Come and be fed. The perfect way to start your day.

Cereal, toast etc supplied. All welcome.

For more info contact John Hammond 027 688 7750.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Next meeting 6th March at 1:30pm Speaker Fr Joe Grayland on his trip to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Usual flower comps. Craft a small posy bowl.

All welcome - afternoon tea served!

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

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

See poster in the gathering area.

Heading off to university in a new town? Check out this link with all the welcome events for each New Zealand university!

www.pndiocese.org.nz/tertiary2019. There are tertiary chaplains who are there to welcome you & support you in this new chapter of your life!! If you need any help, or have any further questions, please contact the PN Catholic Tertiary Chaplain at nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021822814.

St Mary's Annual Gorge Walk - 2nd March. Meet at 10:00am in the car park at the Ashhurst end of the Gorge. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the Ashhurst Domain after the walk. Appropriate footwear necessary. If anyone needs a ride, please ring Susan in the office 358 5614.

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.**

OLOL has launched a new Facebook page!!!!

Check it out and..... Like us on Facebook

Readings 3rd March

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

We Pray for the Sick: Ryan Marsden, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Fr Peter Carde sm, Sheila Evans, 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
Fred Winter

