



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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LOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Sat)

8:00am & 10:00am

Mon—Sat 10:00am

RONGOTEA 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



2nd Sunday of Lent

25th 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.**

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our Children's Mass will be held at
5.30pm on Saturday 3rd March.

We will be acknowledging the children as part of NZ Children Day which is held on Sunday 4th March. The children will be involved in different roles in the Mass.

We warmly invite you to celebrate with us.

Bring a plate of finger food for a shared tea after Mass.

Mass practice will be on

Sat 3rd March 3:00pm-4:30pm in the Church.

Please contact Lorraine Wilson 021 2227802 if your child would like to be involved.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Reconciliation Programme starts on Monday 5th March 5.30pm in the School Library. All children over the age of 7 are invited to join the programme. Application forms are available in the Gathering Area or at the School Office.

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

LOL LADIES GUILD Meeting Wednesday 7th March 1:30pm. Guest speakers will be two ladies from 'Soroptimist International' to tell us about their current projects. Soroptimist International is a worldwide Ladies service club whose primary aims are the betterment and improvement of conditions and the status of women and girls in various parts of the world.

Usual flower comps/crafts—make a corsage using fresh or dried flowers. Guild meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Should you find you have the time you are most welcome to join us. Regards, June.

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.

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

PROLIFE FACTS Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz. See notice board.

Consultation

The Parish Mass time consultation is open until 5pm today Sunday 25th Feb - please contribute, your voice is important. The consultation can be accessed online from the parish website

please click here:

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

A paper questionnaire is also available with information in the Gathering Area..

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: The deadline for submissions to be into the Select Committee on the End of Life Choice Bill has been extended to **6th March**, so there is still time to make your submission. Handouts and advice on how to make a submission are available at the parish office or from Kathleen 021 509 436. Please do not let this opportunity, to say no, be missed.

FOOD FOR FAITH Fr John O'Connor's Retreat in daily life. Join the hikoi to Easter online @<http://foodforfaith.org.nz/>.



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.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for a suitable food storage shed about the size of a single or preferably double garage with power. Ideally located near the inner city, accessible by members to prepare food parcels, no food will be issued direct to clients from the shed. We would even consider a small portion of land to erect a garage or a part of a premises accessible by members without interfering with the owner/ business. We are seeking a long term arrangement. If you can assist or for further information, please phone Mike Keenan [021 185 8969](tel:0211858969) or Roger Clark [021 678 141](tel:021678141).

LIVING LENT; LIVING COMMUNITY

Lenten reflections with Fr. Joe Grayland

Time: 7:00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Wednesday 28th February

A new creation and an adult faith

Please feel free to invite others who might like to attend – the door is open!

LENTEN GIVING PACKS are available in the Gathering Area today. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may 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.**

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 on the notice board in the Gathering Area.

POWHIRI to Welcome Kevin Shore, Principal St Peter's College 12 noon on Monday 5th March. You are welcome to attend.

ACCOMMODATION required for a young man From Dunedin—see notice board.

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, Guisepina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently
John Jnr Bos

Anniversaries

*Busta Jefferies, Howard and Mary Conlin,
Fr Sean McNamara, Sr Bridget McNamara
Charlie McCormack*

From the Pastor's Desk

The mountain is the place of God. It is a place of wonder, awe and mystery. The mountain is no place for mere mortals as Jesus' disciples know and feel. They have been called to witness something so great, so awesome, so terrifying, something they have no right to see. The fear of the disciples is fear of God, which is not being scared of God. Fear of God is to be awed in the presence of beauty. Fear of God leaves you speechless after the experience, and humble. To 'fear God is the first stage of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise'.

These disciples see the second display of God's acknowledgement of Christ as Son. The first is at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan when the voice comes from heaven, "this is my beloved Son, listen to him". The second is the transfiguration with Moses the great leader of the Exodus and Elijah the great prophet, who represent the tradition of the covenant, the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah). Again we hear from heaven a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him".

This heavenly voice will be silent at the event of the cross. At the cross we will hear the voice of Jesus "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" "My God, my God **WHY** have you abandoned me?" And on that Friday the disciples, rather than building tents, to honour Jesus, Moses and Elijah, will flee the scene and leave the vigil to the women.

The sacrifice of Jesus Son of God, and the sacrifice of Isaac son of Abraham, frame the law and the prophets. The Law and the Prophets can only be understood as expressions of the call, and faithfulness, of Abraham, however, in God's self-giving in Christ, we have something greater than Abraham. God the Father, like Abraham, does not refuse his own son, for the salvation of the world and Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with the

promise to make his 'descendants as many as the stars of heaven...' And 'all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants.'

Whereas Abraham's faithfulness was tested and Isaac was saved, God is not tested at Calvary. God, the Father of the Son, gives the Son over to death, in order that the promise to Abraham might also be true for all the nations represented by the Magi; for everyone of David's house and for those of other tribes.

Abraham is tested, but God is not. Calvary is not a test and God will not be saved by a ram caught in a bush. Calvary is the will of God not the folly of God. God-in-Trinity wills the salvation of all the nations of the earth and of all time. The Father gives over the Son in **love**; the Son's self-giving is given in freedom and in **love**; and the Spirit, who is the **love** between the Father and the Son, created of them, binds God in **LOVE**.

It is in this awesome love that God enters into death and the sinless one becomes sin, and death is overcome, and the souls of the dead are redeemed, and God is resurrected in time in Jesus Christ, and life eternal is given to those who believe.

Love can achieve this because love is another name for God. To be awed by this redemptive love is to experience the mountain top.

To experience love that transforms life is to be in the presence of God. Wonderfully, the God who seeks us is already come among us, dressed like us.

God-come-amongst-us doesn't live on the mountain in dazzlingly white clothes, but is dressed like the people, amongst the people.

Joe

Consultation Process:

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A paper questionnaire is also available with information in the Gathering Area. Please complete the online questionnaire OR the paper questionnaire by **5:00pm TODAY 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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POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE A copy of the Pope's Lenten message is found on the following website:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/06/180206c.html>

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NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings Mar 4th: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25.

ROSTERS: Feb/Mar

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

Counting: (Feb 27th) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: No flowers in the Church during Lent.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Catherine & Tom Edwards **8:00am** John Lynch & Di-anne Whittaker **10:00am** Jenny King.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Emma Mildenhall & Flynn Wilson (Psalm)

8:00am Leigh Basile & Moya Booth **10:00am** Ebele Ezepeue & Jeanette Iwikau.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Martin & Judith Wall, John Werder, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown **8:00am** Kieran McCormack, Judy Nixon, John Lynch **10:00am** Jeanette & Eric Wright, Martin Boyle, Brendon O'Connor, Julia Sissons

Altar Servers: 10:00am: Alesha Alexander & Teresa Alexander

Children's Liturgy: Children's Mass 3rd March—no Children's Liturgy 4th

Hospitality: 10:00am TBA

Religious Goods/Library: (Mar 4th) Rita Auta.

Linen: (March) Mary O'Connor.

Lawns: (March 3rd) Kevin Long.

