



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 Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—3rd February 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

From the Pastor's Desk

Over the next several weeks I will write regarding the baptismal font and Christian Initiation. I hope this will give an overview of the reason and purpose of the font in our worship and belief.

The baptismal font, together with the altar-table and the lectern are the three most important, and essential, pieces of liturgical furniture. The key documents for the font are the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963), Christian Initiation: General Introduction (1969, 1974), The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (1988) and The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2003). These documents set out that adult baptism is the paradigm because the adult says: "I believe". The baptism of infants is an exception rite, because the parent is a proxy for the child's belief.

Baptism for an adult is the *result* of an authentic, adult conversion and not the starting point of a faith-life, as presumed in infant baptism. An adult gives their profession of faith to the community and in this profession they are baptised in spirit-filled-water and anointed with the oil of Christ. This action shows that Christian initiation is the entrance into a believing community. The community of faith receives the individual's profession of faith, supported by the testimony of those who have instructed the new believer. An individual's profession of faith within the community is essential to baptism. Only an adult or child of catechetical age is capable of a profession of faith. Therefore it is the profession of faith by an adult (Credo, I Believe), with in the community of faith that creates the paradigm of Christian initiation and by extension the form and function of the place of baptism, or the font. This font has to be able to accommodate infant baptism, but it is not built for infant baptism.

The presumption of adult baptism is that it takes place during the Easter season and it is linked to the proclamation of the scriptures, because Christ 'is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in church.' It is foreseen that the adult baptism takes place at the Easter Vigil or the Pentecost Vigil, but this does not exclude the other Sundays of Easter, or another Sunday if pastorally appropriate.

Christian Initiation is also more than just baptism. Christian Initiation includes also Confirmation and Eucharist. The Church's Universal-

Law requires that that an adult and child of catechetical age receive the three sacraments at once, though exceptions can be made. Our sources for Christian Initiation show that an infant's initiation is an exceptional rite, because the infant can't say "I believe" and a proxy has to do this for them. In the earliest days infants were baptised as part of the family with the adults.

Our two principle sources for the theology of Christian initiation are scripture and patristic theology, and overtime they have created the rites, rituals and architecture for Christian initiation. There were a variety of initiation practices in the early Churches. In the New Testament initiation was sometimes administered with water and sometimes with the invocation of the Spirit and one didn't necessarily follow the other. This internal inconsistency is due to the variance of sources, and the primary role of Eucharistic table fellowship as the ultimate sign of participation in Christ's ministry.

Patristic theology emphasised the relationship between the water bath and the giving of the Spirit. These became the central elements and in time they merged into each other. The Spirit is invoked in the water and makes the water fruitful, turning the tomb into a womb! Later, the Spirit will be given again in the laying-on-of-hands and the anointing, which will come to be called Confirmation in the Western Church and will ultimately separate away from baptism as infant baptism becomes more normative.

Fr Joe

OLOL Working Bee Saturday 9th February 9:00am

NB No 10:00am Mass or Reconciliation at 10:30am that day

We need help to remove the font, so we're looking for volunteer labour to demolish, remove and clean up.

If you have tools, please bring these too, along with safety gear as well. No children, or persons, under the age of 18 years or older than 70 years permitted.

This working bee will keep the costs in check.

If you have skills in building, plumbing, tiling, scone making, electrical, prayer, project management, and you wish to donate to the new font please be in touch with someone from the working committee asap.....

Vince and Leigh Basile, Rose Semmens, Dianne Jordan, John Lynch, John Werder, John Hammond and Fr Joe.



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast
Day 10th February
9:30am Mass with Bishop Charles
and morning tea to follow.
Please bring a plate.

4th-8th February Fr Joe is in Melbourne at a Conference on Sacred Architecture—please contact the parish office or a Priest from the Cathedral, 06 357 2891, if necessary.
The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 5th February—re-open Thursday 7th February.

OLOL School or St Peters College enrolment preferences—please contact the parish office, 06 358 3667, for an appointment or phone the Cathedral office.



Congratulations Ludwig and Valerie Gertzgrasser
who celebrated their 60th wedding
anniversary on Thursday 31st Jan.
We ask for God's continued blessing on their
marriage and their family, and we pray that they will
be granted many more years of happiness together.

Thank you to all the parishioners who have kept me in your prayers and supported Diane and myself over the last ten months after my diagnosis of prostate cancer. I am pleased to let you know that I have had the "all clear" and am now cancer free. Paul Baucke.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Next meeting 13th February
(please note 2nd Wednesday). Lunch at the Cafe in the Esplanade
at 1.30pm. All welcome.
RSVP to June 354 7686 or Rose 357 5429 by 11th Feb.

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



The February issue has arrived covering articles from the 2019 World Youth Day in Panama with pictures of our NZ Pilgrims, a tribute to Mark Richards and "A Powerful Story" by Joy Cowley.
 Your free copy is in the gathering area now.

We Pray for the Sick: Ryan Marsden, Bridget Dorn, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Fred Winter, Vinnie Carroll, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Tony Keenan, Michael Eades, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Colin Quirk, Gary Meyer, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune.

Died Recently

Jean Harnett, Albert Dwyer (brother of Patricia Keegan)

Mass has been offered for
Jason Edward Hemara



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.

The Lent 2019 theme - "Living Our Lives with Love" - is taken from "Gaudete Et Exsultate - Rejoice and Exult" Pope Francis. As Mother Teresa once said: "not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

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**DIOCESAN
 YOUNG
 CATHOLICS**

Valentine's Day Dinner: 5 course meal, cultural performance and auction. Showcasing the culture and cuisine of our resettled refugee communities in the Manawatu. 6:00pm -9:00pm Saturday 16th February All Saints Community Centre, 338 Church St., PN. Tickets \$40 email manawaturfft@gmail.com or via www.facebook.com/ManawatuRRFT



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.

GIVEAWAY Free desk, study or hobby table in excellent condition. Wooden with four drawers and a formica top. Ring 357 4062 to arrange a time to view.

Readings 10th Feb: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11.

ROSTERS: Feb 4th—10th

Church Cleaning: (Feb 4th) Colleen McHardy and Maureen Searle.

Counters: Feb 7th) (Leigh Basile.

Flowers: (Feb 2/3 9/10) Ann O'Hara and Judy Walker.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Raymond and Julie Jones
9:30am Jenny King.

Readers: 5:30pm Rosalie McCann, Kathy Gardiner, Rolyenne Grocero
9:30am Diane Baucke, Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Judith and Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Colin Keegan, John Lynch **9:30am** Maria Amey, Mary Dorn, Clare Cole, Eileen O'Connor, Mary O'Connor.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Volunteers

Hospitality: 9:30am Theo van Duin and volunteers for OLOL Feast Day.

Linen: (Feb) Catherine Kearins **Lawns:** (Feb 2nd) Alan Marlow

Religious Goods Cabinet: Diane Baucke.

SVDP Basket: (February) Paul Darbyshire.