



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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**LOLO MASSES**  
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)  
8:00am & 10:00am  
Mon—Sat 10:00am

**RONGOTE MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

**EUCARIST ADORATION**  
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.**  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.**

Bishop Charles has asked us to consider the time when we gather on Sunday for Eucharist at OLOL and the time that we gather at Sacred Heart on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. Please turn to the back page for information on this consultation.

I will be spending Thursdays in St Mary's Parish Foxton and Shannon and at St Mary's School, Foxton. There will be a weekly Mass at 10:30am on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Foxton and it would great to see you if you're in the area or at the beach.

My thanks to Frs. Peter Carde SM and Kevin Neal for agreeing to preside at weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Welcome to Daniel John Donoghue, baptised into Christ on January 28th at 10:00am Mass. Blessing and best wishes to Daniel, his sister Libby and Mum and Dad, Maria and Matthew.

Fr Joe

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th.  
Masses with distribution of ashes at  
**LOLO 10:00am and 7:00pm**  
**St Mary's Foxton at 5:00pm**

**THE LITURGY COMMITTEE** invites parishioners interested in contributing to our liturgical life to join the committee. We have need of specific skills so if you're interested please email the parish office and leave your name and contact details and a brief outline of how you'd like to contribute, [lolpn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lolpn@xtra.co.nz).

**LOLO GUILD** February Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm  
Social get-together at 'Café Esplanade'  
All welcome. (Note venue change.)

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

**MEMORIAL MASS** It is with sadness that Sr Joan and Sr Pam wish to inform all of Sr Adrienne Whitehead who passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> December. There is to be a Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Sister Adrienne on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 11:00am at St Mary's Church.

**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!

#### Reflections on:

*Dies Domini*; Gather the Assembly  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
A new creation and an adult faith  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
*Eta missa est*; Called to be mission  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
The spirituality of the Triduum  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

#### Reflection format:

7:00pm Opening prayer  
7:00-7:30pm Input  
7:30-7:45pm Private prayer time  
7:45-8:00pm Questions, reflections, sharing  
8:00-8:20pm Discussion and input  
8:20-8:30pm Closing Prayer

Fr Marcus Francis has a blog  
"My Weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today"  
If you'd like to access it please go to  
<http://marcusfrancis.blogspot.co.nz>  
and look for Scripture for Today.

**HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY**  
St Patrick's Branch 400 Fourth Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, (06) 3577844 or [kfassociates@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kfassociates@xtra.co.nz)

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

**ON SALE** NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;  
2018 Columban Calendar \$12.

## 2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

The Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to write this date in your diaries and mark your calendars. The picnic was a great success last year and so will follow a similar format but will occur on site in the school/parish grounds.

The picnic will begin with 10:00am Mass at OLOL, followed with traditional picnic games for all ages and a BBQ lunch. **MORE INFORMATION ON THE PICNIC COMING MID JANUARY.**



**Please Note:** There will be a 5:30pm Vigil Mass at OLOL that weekend, but no 8:00am Sunday Mass.

**END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL** NZ Bishops have issued a letter re the Seymour Bill. Some copies are available in the foyer if you wish to take one home. Information is also available to assist you to write a submission. Go to [notoassistedsuicide.nz](http://notoassistedsuicide.nz).

**Submission writing workshop Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 12am** in the Diocesan Centre, if you would like help with writing your submission. **Submissions must be received before February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**WelCom** Collect your free copy today from the foyer.

**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, Paul Hughes and Siobhan Thomson.

**Died Recently**  
Paul Hughes.

**Anniversaries**  
*Mass of the Holy Souls and Friends of the Suffering Souls*

*Requiescant in Pace*

Sisters and Brothers,

Bishop Charles has on a number of occasions stated that the Diocese's overall pastoral priority is "to grow parishes and strengthen the participation of younger (school) families." Recently he wrote "without a new generation of practising Catholics all our good services to the wider community will slowly disappear." When with us for my installation, he preached about the positive aspects of renewal and involvement in parish life.

With these pastoral priorities in mind, Bishop Charles has asked us to initiate a process of pastoral consultation regarding (1) the reduction of Sunday Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes and (2) the Mass time on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Sacred Heart, Rongotea.

The gathering of the Sunday Assembly is more than simply a question of "Mass time" alone. We need to discern, too, how we best provide hospitality, catechesis and fellowship before during and after our Sunday Assembly. We need to consider how we can continue to sustain excellence in our worship and lay ministry through an experience of Sunday worship that nourishes us and draws others to pray with us.

Our parish leadership groups, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, School Principal and Sacred Heart leadership group met on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February to begin this process. It is our intention to include as many voices in this consultation as possible, the young and the elderly, the regular parishioners and the occasional, the longstanding parishioners and the newcomers. All are welcome; all are called to participate; all need to be heard.

The responsibility of the leaders is to present Bishop Charles with a recommendation for Sunday Eucharist times before the end of Lent this year, so that we can implement the new Mass times on Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018.

Although this consultation concerns only the number of Masses at Lourdes and the Mass time at Sacred Heart we need to frame our consultation within the larger context of our relationship with St Mary's Parish Foxton and the community of St Joseph's Shannon. We also need to consider the wider city dimension and the limited priestly resources we now have.

So why now, you may ask? At one level it's a priest shortage; there are four fulltime parish clergy in the Palmerston North city with responsibilities for Feilding, Rongotea and Foxton. There are retired priests, but they cannot be expected to carry full ministerial roles. The challenge is for one priest to serve the pastoral communities of Lourdes, Rongotea, Foxton and Shannon. This situation is not new and we have been considering its implications for decades. Now the future has arrived and the opportunity to encounter it positively is being offered to us!

The consultation is open to everyone of every age. We will consult in the Parish and the School. Everyone's voice is important! Your voice will be considered by the leadership group and form their recommendation to Bishop Charles. We can recommend, but the Bishop decides, therefore our consultation needs to be as wide as possible.

## **Process:**

**On the Sundays of 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February** we will begin the consultation.

You will receive a questionnaire with information concerning the consultation and you will be asked to return the forms once you have completed them

You will also be able to complete the questionnaire online.

Return of the questionnaire and completion of the online questionnaire is **5:00pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

The parish leaders groups (Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, School Principal, Rongotea Leadership Group) will meet on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** to discuss the consultation responses and frame the recommendation.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March. Once the recommendation is accepted we will publish the new times on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**The new Mass times will come into effect on Easter Sunday, 1st April 2018.**

Joe Grayland

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Chair: Mrs Leigh Basile

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

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### **St Peter's College**

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### **NEXT WEEK: 6<sup>th</sup> Sun OT**

**Readings Feb 11<sup>th</sup>: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45.**

### **ROSTERS: February**

**Church Cleaning:** (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) Colleen McHardy and Maureen Searle.

**Counting:** (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>) Leigh Basile.

**Flowers:** (4<sup>th</sup> Feb) Diane Baucke

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Denise Bailey

**8:00am** Raymond and Julie Jones **10:00am** Josie Conlon.

**Readers: Vigil 5:30pm** Roselle Gouwland and Kerry Hocquard

**8:00am** Clare Cole and Pat Burton **10:00am** Griffin Family.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Pat Curran, Hannah Brown, Judith Wall, Dennis Jones, Denise Bailey **8:00am** John Lynch, Clare Cole, Raymond Jones **10:00am** Paul Darbyshire, Julia Sissons, Stephen Guy, Mary O'Connor, Jenny Joseph.

**Altar Servers: 10:00am:** TBA.

**Children's Liturgy:** TBA.

**Hospitality: 10:00am** Kapatiran Group.

**Religious Goods/Library:** (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>) Mary O'Connor.

**Linen:** (Feb) Judith Wall.

**Lawns:** (Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>) Alan Marlow.

