



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

Parish Priest

Moderator, St Mary's Foxton

Presbytery: 06 358 3667

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LOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Sat)

8:00am & 10:00am

Mon—Sat 10:00am

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE MASSES

9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
of the month



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

PARISH PRIEST INSTALLATION MASS

Today, Sunday 21st January at the 10am Mass Bishop Charles Drennan will formally install Fr Joe Grayland as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes. You are invited to welcome Fr Joe and enjoy the hospitality at the end of Mass.

LOL LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 30th January 5:15pm

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.

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

PARISH RECORDS: Are you new to the parish?

Please enter your details in the "New Parishioner" notebook in the foyer. Have you moved to a new address recently? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Please notify the Parish office with any changes. Thank you.

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am

Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM.

LECTIO DIVINA is a centuries-old form of

prayer using Scripture. It can be used by individuals or groups. It has 4 steps.

Cards to help you are available in the foyer.



CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz;

www.catholicenquiry.nz

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NEWSLETTER at www.pndiocese.org.nz

Follow www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz for updates, news and photos of what is happening around the Diocese.

WAS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO GET OUT AND VOLUNTEER IN 2018?

We are looking for people like you to provide practical and social support for families from a refugee background as they build new lives in our community.

To enrol for the Volunteer training course starting Tuesday 30th January please contact NZ Red Cross: 356-8152.

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

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

www.holycross.org.nz



TE AHI KAA – THE HEARTH-PLACE

If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is a perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For more Information contact Georgia 022 670 4422; georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS calling you?

Are you new to the city or do you want to know other Catholics better than just their faces? PFGs help develop friendships and companions through the sad, glad and ordinary times of life by living out the gospel message of 'loving one another'. Want to know more, or to join a group? Check out: www.passionistfamily.org.nz Contact Jenny & Stuart Doidge. (PN PFG regional coordinators) Mobile: 0274187906 or doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz Registrations open now for a city-wide group.

2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

advanced notice

Sunday 25th 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

Next weekend the NZ Bishops will be issuing a letter re the Seymour Bill. Information will be available to assist you to write a submission. For a quick link go to notoassistedsuicide.nz.

Submissions are now open and must be received before February 20th.

**Your Voice
Make it Heard
Make it Count.**

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

Fr Graeme Blackburn (Christchurch Diocese)

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

From the Pastor's Desk.

Sisters and Brothers, it is wonderful to be back in Palmerston North again, and here with you at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish! It is 21 years since I left the Cathedral parish to pursue higher studies in France and Germany, and teach at Holy Cross College (Mosgiel).

My family moved to Palmerston North and into St Mary's parish, where Fr John Summers was Parish Priest, in 1974. After attending St Peter's College and St Patrick's Silverstream I entered the Marist Order and stayed for 6 years before joining the Diocese of Palmerston North.

I was ordained Priest at St Mary's Church, Ruahine Street, by Bishop Cullinane on February 8th, 1992. After three years at St Joseph's Hawera I returned to the Cathedral parish. During my two years there I was also the university chaplain and I completed my MPhil. degree in New Zealand Church history. The focus was the process and impact of the liturgical changes in New Zealand between 1965 and 1970.

The genesis of my interest was a conversation with a group of women at the old Pastoral Centre, following a diocesan gathering. They told me that their worship and belief patterns had been 'changed overnight' by what had been, up to then, an unchanging Church and that 'no one had told them why the changes had been made'.

At the end of 1996 I was asked by Bishop Cullinane to undertake further, higher studies and I went first to France and later to Germany, where I completed my Doctorate in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology, with a specialisation in catechumenal architecture (fonts, baptisteries, consignatoria, etc.) and initiation theology.

After returning to New Zealand in 2002 I taught until the end of 2004 at Good Shepherd College, Auckland before spending the last 12 years working in a variety of other roles in universities and with professional and trade membership bodies, both in New Zealand and overseas.

During this time I assisted in a variety of parishes and I was an officiating Catholic Chaplain for the RNZAF at Whenuapai, Base Auckland.

Since 2010 I have been with Foxton parish as one of their supporting priests.

During my time working in business organisations I have been honoured to be a "priest in the workplace". It is not usually where people find priests today, but it is not uncommon in the Eastern Orthodox Churches and other Christian Communions.

Being a priest-in-the-workplace is a unique experience. Generally, I was the only priest my colleagues and staff may have met, especially the younger members of staff. It gave me a huge opportunity to be the "religious person" in the lives of people who have no real or actual contact with religion, belief, prayer, ministry and priests.

The "retired Catholics" would eventually reveal themselves, as would others who wanted to know God, but didn't want "church talk", as one put it.

For those for whom belief, God and religion was abhorrent, or absolutely irrelevant, I was also an enigma.

There were important pastoral moments: 30 second conversations of faith while making a coffee; ministry to disenfranchised catholic, who hungered for God and the Church, but found the Church didn't hunger for them; a word of comfort for person's loss and; the compelling demand for me to manage as a believer in the Gospel, with Christ's compassion.

The New Zealand workplace is not always an easy place to be with its office politics, board politics, funding rounds, competing demands on limited resources, restructuring and constant change. However, where respect and an agreed vision are present everything is possible.

Many of those with whom I worked, or for whom I worked, wondered why a priest was in their workplace and not in a church organisation, as did many Catholic I encountered at Sunday Mass. That, I believe, is a question better directed at God, who leads each of us on a path of faith, according to God's desire.

On the journey God calls us to discover faith not certainty. In faith one responds to God's call, like Abraham and Sarah, to "leave your country, and your father's house", for the land that God will reveal (Gen.12:1-3) and, even when, as T.S Eliot wrote: 'We shall not cease from exploration, and

the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time' (Little Gidding) God's call is always primary.

What the future will bring us is yet to be made known to us, but it will call all of us to have the faith, courage and commitment of Abraham and Sarah.

The future will not be without change as we evolve further in our living-mission of becoming Christ-in-the-World.

The final words of the Mass are the starting point for living the challenge of mission: *Ita missa est*. Many translate this command as "Go, the Mass is ended." A more accurate translation of *missa* is *missio* or dismissal: "Go, the dismissal is given."

The dismissal is a sending back into the world where is God is at home in God's people and creation. The dismissal isn't the mission, it's the sending to be mission; to be the voice of justice, of mercy, of hope and of freedom in our world. The final song of the mass is then *Deo gratias* "thanks be to God" we are dismissed into mission; to be the voice of the Scriptures in the world we inhabit.

Our mission work takes place in our homes, schools, parish groups, lay ministries and private conversations. In each we use words that build up in the Body of Christ that which is needed for the salvation of the others. Nothing we do exists for itself alone, but each group, ministry, job, action and teaching hour is part the fabric of our community of faith.

Our community of faith in town and at Rongotea will also have more contact with the communities of faith in Foxton and Shannon. There are many opportunities for us to welcome each other, and to find ways to pray, play and work together.

We will have many opportunities, too, to work together with the communities of faith at the Cathedral, St Mary's and St Brigid's Fielding and their school communities and St. Peter's College too.

Joe Grayland

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06 358 9727
www.ololschool.nz

St Peter's College

Acting Principal: Mr James Rose
06 354 4198
www.stpeterspn.school.nz

NEXT WEEK: 4th Sun OT

Readings Jan 28th: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28.

ROSTERS: January

Church Cleaning: TBA.

Counting: (Jan 23rd) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: Mary Dorn (coordinator).

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Suneal and Beverly Singh

8:00am Vince and Leigh Basile 10:00am Jenny King.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Patria Kerr and Dot Bowe 8:00am Maurice McDonald and Brian Wilkinson 10:00am Maricar Dongon and Rhea Villocido.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Pat Curran, Denise Bailey, John Werder, Denis Jones, Hannah Brown 8:00am Kieran McCormack, Raymond Jones, Judy Nixon 10:00am Tino Pakome, Brendon O'Connor, Stephen Guy, Julia Sissons, Mary O'Connor.

Altar Servers: 10:00am: Holidays.

Children's Liturgy: Holidays.

Hospitality: 10:00am Tokelauan Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Closed over the holiday period.

Linen: Catherine Kearins (first two weeks of Jan).

Lawns: (Jan 20th) Denise Mallon.

