



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27th January 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

Pastor's Desk

2019 is already 26 days old and we have celebrated the great festival of the Incarnation – God is amongst us. Now, in the Ordinary, or ordinal time (counted time), we turn to St Luke's Gospel to guide us throughout this year. Last weekend, the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, introduced this new year with the call to read the signs of the times, to taste new wine, and to ponder the unity we share through the diversity of the gifts the Spirit gives, us, the Church.

It is always the same Spirit who gives some members the gift of teaching, others the gift of service, other the gifts of faith, of healing, of preaching, of miracles, of prophecy of tongues and the ability to interpret them, and the gift of discerning spirits. Gifts are given for the benefit of others, the mutual upbuilding of the community and the sanctification of the individual.

The Spirit moves and animates us in our communities of pastoral ministry. Where the Spirit does not animate communities, or is prevented from doing so, faith communities begin to die. They wither on the vine, because they have nothing to feed them.

At the Wedding at Cana Jesus' words, "Woman, what is this to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" is an invitation to contemplate the deeper mystery of faith and the truer meaning of Christ's ministry amongst us. Mary's words, "they have no wine" is a metaphor of the poverty of the gathering, much like a pub with no beer, or a bakery without bread. In a community with no wine why would anyone stay? Why would anyone bother to turn up?

Jesus brings an end to this poverty, but only with the cooperation of the servants. They know where the new, delicious wine has come from, not the chief steward. With the cooperation of the servants Christ assuages thirst and brings abundance to poverty. The Master of the wedding festival is now the Lord himself - he is the bridegroom who shares his wine, at his table, with his invited.

Turning to Luke's Gospel, today we have the introduction to his singular work, which we have split into two, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Today's reading is the introduction to both parts.

Luke's work is neither a chronological, nor a historical treatise, at least not by our contemporary standards. In this work there are historical and geographical inaccuracies, but to dwell on these is ultimately fruitless. Nonetheless, Luke is writing an "ordered account of the events that have taken place amongst us". His intention is to enable us to accept the certainty of the teaching that Jesus is the Christ of God, the Messiah.

In Luke's Gospel we can see a definite progression from the infancy narratives, through the mission and miracles stories, to the narratives of the journey to Jerusalem and the trial and crucifixion, followed by the

resurrection and ascension narratives. Together, these form a coherent whole and the framework of his work.

Over the next several weeks the framework will bring into focus the mystery of the Word – who Jesus and what is his authority and messianic role (Third Sunday). On the Fourth Sunday the prophet's voice will be welcomed by the crowd when it suits, and condemned when it doesn't, as the *Jesus-of-the-Choice* confronts his hearers. On the fifth Sunday, service is the hallmark of those called to be fishers of men and women. Jesus gets into **your boat** and he **asks you** to set out from the familiar and safe shore, to serve the Kingdom as a bringer of the Gospel to men and woman. Here is the foundational call to ministry - through baptism – to be a fisher of men and woman.

Each week, the Old Testament will enlighten Luke's themes and, directly or in-directly address God's authority, the desire for the Messiah, service and the prophet's role. The Second Reading, from Paul's First Letter to Corinth gives another point of reflection on the life of the Christian Community. The Community is a *unity-in-its-diversity*, not a uniformity of thinking, or doing. Diversity is the foundational gift of the Spirit to the Church and of the Church to itself, and to the world we're called to serve. The diversity of functions, according to the proper hierarchy of charisms ensures that we (personally and corporately) remain faithful to the teachings that have been given and received.

Thus, we return to the work of Luke: the transmission of teaching so that we might know the Lord in whom we believe, and, believing in him, we might have eternal life in his name. But Luke won't leave it there, his strong Social Justice message will demand of us a response to this teaching. Luke will challenge us to actively participate in the creation of a society where justice, peace and mercy are real and available to all. Then our lives become the anthem of Isaiah on the lips of Christ:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

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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.

News!

As you all know the present baptismal font doesn't work and we need to replace it.

Baptism, like the Eucharist, is a primary sacrament of the Church: baptism is the sacrament of entry into the Church and Eucharist is the sacrament of participation in the Church. The font is the womb of the Church and parish churches have had fonts since the late 5th century. It is the place of our Christianisation, our anointing to be another Christ, the place where we become, priest, prophet and king – we can't do without one!

Replacing the font will begin with the demolition of the present font on Saturday, February 9th at 9am. On that Saturday there won't be a Mass or Reconciliation. We need your 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.

The font working group comprises, Leigh and Vince Basile, Rose Semmens, Dianne Jordan, John Lynch, John Werder, John Hammond and Fr Joe. We're looking at replacing the present font with a smaller, above ground, font. Talk to any of them if you have questions, or suggestions. The font will have a lower font for adults and children and a top font for infants and to be used as a holy water stoop, a similar arrangement to what's presently there. The font will be placed in the same place as the present one.

We'll do as much as we can using voluntary labour and so if you have skills in building, plumbing, tiling, fibreglass fabrication, scone-making, electrical, prayer, project management, and you wish to donate to the new font please be in touch with Kate in the parish office or Fr Joe. We hope to get this font ready for Easter this year, so we will have to work around lots of things and so we ask your patience, and your compassion in your comments, as we move through the process.

Fr Joe

Also

Increasing security issues around the presbytery (people can walk around it) and increasing use by the public across church and school grounds has increased security and safety issues. For example, both Fr Vaughan and myself have been assaulted by members of the public on the property. This means that the access between the parish grounds and Pioneer Highway will be removed. The path across the front of the presbytery that leads to Pioneer Highway will be closed off with a fence at the church side and the gate to Pioneer Highway will be locked. I know that this will inconvenience some parishioners and school families, but the safety concerns for access on to the property and around the back of the presbytery need to be addressed. 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.

Men's breakfast: Come and be fed, the perfect way to start your day. **Next breakfast Friday 1st February, 6.45am to 8.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room.** Cereal, toast etc supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 027 6887750.

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.

LOL Prayer Chain: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755.



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 Exultate - 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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NZ Red Cross Refugee Support Volunteering

Training starts Tuesday 29th January 6:15pm. Ph 0800 RED CROSS or 06 356 8152; manawatu@redcross.org.nz.

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

Catholic Hospital Pastoral/Spiritual Care,
MidCentral Health, Kathleen Field: 021 509 436.
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Readings 3rd Feb: Jer 1:4-5; 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30.

ROSTERS: Jan 28th—3rd Feb

Church Cleaning: (Jan 21st) Kathy McKenzie and Maree O'Donoghue
Counters: (Jan 29th) Marion Carey
Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Suneal and Beverly Singh
9:30am Ans Haakman

Readers: 5:30pm Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouland
9:30am Diane Baucke, Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
5:30pm Volunteers 9:30am Volunteers

Altar Servers: 9:30am Volunteers

Hospitality: 9:30am Patricia Daws and Claire De Vito

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

Religious Goods Cabinet: Martin Boyle

SVDP Basket: (Jan) Oline and Roger Ball.