



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  
Tues—Sat 10:00am  
Mon—10:00am—Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion

**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request  
**EUCARIST ADORATION**  
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm  
**RONGOTE MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts**  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.**

This Monday at 10:00am there will be a  
**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion,**  
here at OLOL.  
**Rosary will be recited following this Service.**

**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.

**LOL LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 5:15pm

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

**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.

**CATHOLIC RADIO** Sundays 9am  
Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM.

**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](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz)  
Contact Jenny & Stuart Doidge.  
(PN PFG regional coordinators)  
Mobile: 0274187906 or [doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz)  
**Registrations open now for a city-wide group.**



**THE ROSMINIAN COMMUNITY** of Palmerston  
North (Frs. Robin & Manoj together with Bishop  
Charles) are having a time of celebrations next  
weekend. They invite you to:

A talk on Rosminian spirituality,  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 11.00 a.m. led by Fr Michael  
Hill IC of the Dunedin Rosminian community;

A book launch of Fr Michael's new book on the  
first wave of Italian Rosminians to evangelise  
England and Wales in the 1830s and 1840s –  
a highly readable story of the adventure of  
mission with a foreword by Bishop Charles.  
Starts at 7.00 pm on Saturday and Fr Michael's  
talk will be followed by wine and cheese;

And the highlight of the weekend, the  
receiving of Khuong Nguyen as a Postulant  
(first formal stage of formation) in the religious  
family of the Institute of Charity  
(Rosminians). This joyful occasion will take  
place during the 10.30 Mass at St Mary's on  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Presider Bishop Charles,  
Preacher Fr Michal Hill).

The venue for all the above is **St Mary's  
Church**, Ruahine Street (opposite the hospital)  
PN. Many of you will know of Fr Michael Hill IC  
as the former editor of Tui Motu and many of you  
will have met Khuong who has been with us for  
the last six months (brother of Trung a seminari-  
an for the PN Diocese). **All are very welcome.**

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> January please contact  
NZ Red Cross: 356-8152.**

**HOLY CROSS SEMINARY**  
[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)



**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.

## 2018 Parish Mass & Picnic

*advanced notice*  
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

This weekend the 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. For a quick link  
go to .....[notoassistedsuicide.nz](http://notoassistedsuicide.nz).

**Submissions are now open and must be  
received before February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 Don Hamilton sm**  
**Anniversaries**

*Requiescant in Pace*

### From the Pastor's Desk.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your words of welcome to me. Thanks too, to Bishop Charles for installing me as Pastor on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. In his homily, Bishop Charles referred to the journey we're on, the need for renewal and he encouraged us to take the opportunities for growth and renewal presented to us.

There's a wonderful Latin phrase, *Ecclesia semper reformanda*, which means both "the Church is always reforming" and "the Church is always in need of reform". The reformation referred to here is best understood as growth or development so one could write: "the church is always growing and developing and it needs to" in order to be the instrument of God's salvation. Development, growth and change are necessary so that the Church is more fully the instrument of salvation in God's world.

God chooses the Church (the baptised faithful) as the means for proclaiming God's salvation. In the person of Jesus, and in his preaching, the reign of God bursts into human history in a unique way, reforming the world and re-centring human history, because in the person of Jesus divinity and humanity meet in a beautiful and eternal unity, which is so utterly life-giving, that humanity can never be the same again.

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, speaks of Christ as the 'light of the nations' and describes the Church as 'a sacrament ...of communion with God and of [the]...unity of the entire human race.' Further on, it states: 'God has...willed to make women and men holy and to save them, not as individuals...but rather to make them into a

people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness.' (n1)

This universal call to unity and holiness is the foundation of our Christian Pastoral Communities in the city, Rongotea, Foxton and Shannon. We are called, as a people, to holiness; we gain holiness in community with others; and we extend that call into the world through our works of mercy. In this way, we become the one, holy, apostolic, People of God, sharing in Christ's priestly, prophetic and kingly life.

The challenge is to live in the reality of today and to hope in tomorrow, not to live in the romanticism of the past or in 'some heaven light years away'.

The Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church, *Gaudium et spes* states: 'In every age, the church carries the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, if it is to carry out its task.' (n4).

Our world struggles with valuing human life yet demands a humane response to animal care and the environment. Caring for the environment and animals is a GOOD and caring for human life is a GOOD, the two are not exclusive. The challenge is to see LIFE in all beings and respect and protect it equally. When one fights for the birth of an unborn child and with the same energy argues for the death sentence for a rapist, one may think that these are two separate issues, but ultimately they are not.

They are both issues of LIFE and who has the right to give or take it? One is challenged in this example to form a continuous ethic of life. A continuous ethic means, for example, that the right to life, AND to clean water, AND to a

just wage, AND to an end to child poverty are, in the end, the same thing.

Death reveals the enigma of human life. The end of life challenges us to respect death as something *received*. However, where beloved ones suffer the loss of bodily function, increased pain and the diminution of their intellectual faculties we all experience the grief of *loss* rather than the *joy* of a gift received.

Death confronts our sense of independence, of self-assuredness, of invulnerability – values that Western society and education hold so dear.

Nevertheless, the process of physically dying is a LIFE issue, because it is lived-out by living people within the community of their families and friends and, for some, within their communities of faith.

When we speak of End-of-Life issues we need to remember that for us 'faith casts a new light on everything and makes known the full ideal which God has set for humanity' (*Gaudium et spes*, 11), but not, necessarily, for others.

Consequently, we need a generosity of heart and of language when we meet people for whom a faith perspective is not known, or possible.

We must learn to speak in words that the people of this age understand and to do this we need to know their needs, their hopes, their fears and their thinking.

We are both entitled and obligated to speak on issues of real social and cultural transformation whose repercussions are felt at the religious level also.

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### NEXT WEEK: 5<sup>th</sup> Sun OT

Readings Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

### ROSTERS: January/February

**Church Cleaning:** TBA.

**Counting:** (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.

**Flowers:** Mary O'Connor (20<sup>th</sup> Jan)

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

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

**Readers:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Jane Charlton and Kathy Gardiner **8:00am** Moya Booth and Kath Rooney **10:00am** Sharon Crooks and Ebele Ezepeue.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Monica Hammond, Martin Wall, Cecily Finucane, Lorraine and Dave Marriott **8:00am** Clare Cole, Judy Nixon, Kieran McCormack **10:00am** Jacinta Cousins, Colette O'Connor, Denis and Margaret Beckett, Brendon O'Connor.

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

**Children's Liturgy:** TBA.

**Hospitality: 10:00am** Rose and Wally Semmens.

**Religious Goods/Library:** (Feb 4<sup>th</sup>) Rita Auta.

**Linen:** Mary O'Connor (last two weeks of Jan) Judith Wall (Feb)

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

