



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

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

RONGOTEĀ MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

LOL GUILD meeting August 2nd 1:30pm.
Fr Vaughan will demonstrate the use of the Defibrillator and show a DVD on its use. This will be really worth seeing. Could help to save a life in the future. Usual flower comps, plus home craft... 'Make a book mark'
Time permitting - Housie.
Come and join us. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Camp—21st-23rd July at Highland Home
Mass—30th July 10:30am at St Mary's Church
Ph: Lucy Ingle 021 509 439.
Confirmation cards and gifts are available in our religious goods cabinet after 10:00am Mass on Sundays; also at the Cathedral, 23rd July after 9:30am and 6:00pm Mass, and at the **final practice at St Mary's on 29th July 4:00pm.**

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Please call Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office. No request is too big or too small.

LOL SCHOOL FERTILIZER DRIVE

Pelletised sheep manure delivered to your door. **12 kg bag for \$15. Delivery date Aug 12th.**
Orders by July 31st 2017 please.
Please phone the school office 358 9727 or order online at office@lol.school.nz.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

ST VINNIES Outlet store \$3 a bag sale.

Summer clothes donations are acceptable now if parishioners are ready to clean out their wardrobes to help St Vinnies move into a productive summer.

If you can spare a morning or afternoon to help please, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are running two stores at the moment.
Ph Toni 357 6779.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE 2017

Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand
REGISTER NOW! Fill in your registration form at <http://ccrnz.org/register2017>
Fri 22nd to Sun 24th Sept, 2017 at the Distinction Hotel, and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN.

CALLING ON ALL YOUNG NEW ZEALANERS TO SHARE THEIR VOICE WITH THE VATICAN

Young New Zealanders are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published today by the NZ Catholic Bishops.

The Catholic Church is launching a nation-wide survey for all youth. The survey is part of an international effort by Pope Francis to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people around the world, in the lead up to the Synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" in Rome, October 2018.

New Zealanders aged 16 – 29 years old are encouraged to answer the survey and tell their friends about it and share the link with their networks. The survey will go live 23rd July and will run for five weeks. The closing date for responses is midday Sunday, 27th August 2017.

The survey will be found at
<https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ>
and on the home page of the NZ Catholic Bishops' website: <http://www.catholic.org.nz/>

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

www.holycross.org.nz



"BROADWAY GOES TO CHURCH"

Kathi Craig, The Phoenix Singers and soloists present the hit Broadway music that lifts our spirits and celebrates our faith. A unique evening of songs that come direct from the stage and cinema to the pulpit and pew.

Music from such acclaimed shows as Godspell, Jesus Christ Superstar, Prince of Egypt, Martin Guerre, Porgy and Bess, Whistle Down the Wind and many more box office songs.

Fully staged, costumed and directed, the music and performance from many of Manawatu's top artists will be a joyous occasion for people who know that belief comes before box office.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Saturday, 19th August 7:00pm. Tickets (adults \$26, seniors/students \$22.50). Book at TicketDirect or the Cathedral Parish Office. Door sales available.

TERTIARY STUDENTS RETREAT Kopua Monastery

25th-27th August 2017 **Limited to 14 people.** Contact Nick Wilson – nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz, 021822814.

ST PETER'S COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 10th August 2017

7:00pm-9:00 pm School Gymnasium

"St Peter's College celebrates being a Catholic Faith Community, where students, teachers and families work in partnership to develop empowered, self-managing, life-long learners, who live the Gospel values in a changing world."

We look forward to meeting parents and students choosing a Catholic, co-educational Year 7 - 13 education. You will have the opportunity to meet staff and students, and to have a look around our modern learning environments.

Candice Adams

(Head of Junior School)

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CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

We hope for positive, pro-life attitudes and policies. Love and care for the unborn, the vulnerable, the disabled, the elderly and the different, are marks of a compassionate society, as are well-funded palliative care services. Legalisation of assisted suicide undermines trust in the medical profession and puts vulnerable groups in our society at risk.

PALMERSTON NORTH INTERFAITH GROUP

Interfaith Women Resist the Climate of Hatred and Fear—sharing different faith perspectives on building bridges of trust, friendship and love.

Thurs Aug 24th 7:00pm—9:00pm

Events Central, PN City Library. Contacts:
Mary Eastham—maeastham23@gmail.com
Bob Skipp—bob_skipp@xtra.co.nz

We Pray for the Sick: Thelma Basile, Vinnie Carroll, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Aileen Ryan, Helen Taylor, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Angelus Address: On the Parable of the Sower

"Our Heart Is the Soil on which the Seed of the Word Falls" It Can Be "Good" or "Hard, Impermeable"

July 16, 2017—[ZENIT](#)

Here is a translation of the address Pope Francis gave today before and after praying the midday Angelus with those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
good morning!

When Jesus spoke He used simple language and also made use of images, which were examples drawn from daily life, to be able to be easily understood by all. Therefore, they listened to Him willingly and appreciated His message, which went straight to their heart: and it was not complicated language to understand, as that which Doctors of the Law used at that time, which was not well understood but was full of rigidity and distanced the people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood, it was not a complicated theology. And an example is that which today's Gospel brings: the parable of the sower.

Jesus is the sower. We note that, with this image, He presents Himself as one who does not impose Himself, but who proposes; He does not draw us by conquering us, but by giving Himself: He throws the seed. He strews His Word with patience and generosity, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed that can bear fruit. And how can it bear

fruit? If we receive it. Therefore, the parable concerns us especially: in fact it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus effects, so to speak, a "spiritual x-ray" of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of His Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, can be good and then the Word bears fruit – and so much – but it can also be hard, impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word, but it bounces off, in fact as on a road: it does not enter us.



Between the good soil and the road, asphalt – if we throw a seed on "cobblestones" nothing grows; however, there are two intermediate soils that, in different measure, we can have in ourselves. The first, says Jesus, is the *rocky* one. Let us try to imagine it: a rocky ground is ground "where there is not much soil" (Cf. v.5) so that the seed sprouts but is unable to put down deep roots. So is the superficial heart, which receives the Lord, wants to pray, love and witness, but does not persevere, gets tired and never "takes off." It is a heart without thickness, where the stones of laziness prevail over the good earth, where love is inconstant and passing. But he who receives the Lord only when it suits him, does not bear

fruit. There is, then, the last soil, the *thorny one*, full of brambles that choke the good plants. What do these brambles represent? "The cares of the world and the delight in riches" (v. 22), says Jesus explicitly. The brambles are the vices that are at odds with God, which choke His presence: first of all, the idols of worldly wealth, living avidly, for oneself, to have and for power. If we cultivate these brambles, we suffocate God's growth in us. Each one can recognize his

small and large brambles, the vices that dwell in his heart, those more or less rooted bushes that do not please God and impede having a clean heart. They must be torn out, otherwise the Word cannot bear fruit; the seed will not develop.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Jesus invites us today to look within ourselves: to be grateful for our good soil and to work on the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to receive the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if the stones of laziness are still numerous

and large in us; let us identify and call by name the brambles of vices. Let us find the courage to make a good *soil remediation*, a good remediation of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and prayer our stones and our brambles. Thus Jesus, the good sower, will be happy to carry out an additional work: to purify our heart, removing the stones and thorns that choke the Word.

May the Mother of God, who today we remember with the title Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, unsurpassable in receiving the Word of God and putting it into practice (Cf. *Luke* 8:21), help us to purify our heart and to keep the presence of the Lord.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings July 30th: 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

ROSTERS: July

Church Cleaning: (July 17th) Mary Murrow and Margo Andrew-Pomare.
Counting: (July 25th) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.
Flowers: Anne O'Hara and Judy Walker.
Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland
8am Pat and Maurice McDonald **10am** Jenny King.
Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Annette Brown and Dot Bowe **8am** Pat Burton and Clare Cole **10am** Iveta and David Griffin.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Martin and Judith Wall, Cecily Finucane, Denis Jones, Hannah Brown **8am** Colin Keegan, Clare Cole, Judy Nixon **10am** Jacinta Cousins, Paul Darbyshire, Eileen O'Connor, Denis & Margaret Beckett.
Altar Servers: 10am Katelyn Alexander and Agnes Joseph.
Children's Liturgy: TBA
Hospitality: 10am Patria Kerr and Patricia Daws.
Religious Goods/Library: Mary O'Connor.
Linen: Prue Smith (July)
Lawns: Denise Mallon (July 29th)

