



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

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## Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata



### Priest Ministers

Fr Joe Grayland (Pastor)

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### LOLO 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

### ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### RECONCILIATION—LOLO

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

### EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOLO

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm —9:00pm

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1**

### From the Pastor's desk

The disciples ask Jesus to help them pray. Prayer is an important element that grounds our relationship in God and enables that relationship to grow. No relationship can exist, or continue, without real and personal conversation; being virtually present is not the same as being “actually present”. Presence brings immediacy.

Prayer is more than a rote way of communication. For example, it is possible to visit a parent or friend every Monday at 3pm, rehearse the same conversation, cover the same problems and effectively have the same conversation each week and never move on. So, too it is possible to have a prayer life that is so static that even God is bored by the shallowness of the conversation! A prayer life that never grows is just ritual grown old.

It is also possible to put prayer before all else and ignore other relationships that are critical to a full life. There are those who have ruined marriages, disaffected children, and deeply unhappy souls who spend hours on their knees, avoiding the realities of their own lives and the part they should be playing in the lives of their children, spouses and families. A relationship with God is never at the expense of others; a true relationship with God is one that opens us to other people and positions us as people of mercy, justice, compassion and practical help.

There is no truth in the proposition that prayer makes me a “person alone” or a “person against the world”. The world is God's playground, it is God's creation and the people in it are God's people. The earth, its environment and whole being, is the gift of God to each of us, for each of us, to be tended by each of us, so that each part of the creation is nurtured in gratitude to God. Caring for the environment of the earth and all that lives here can be sanctified through prayer.

Prayer is the time alone with God that bring us to awareness of the greatness of God. There are many types of prayer: Public Liturgical prayer,

like the Mass and Sacraments; personal devotional prayer, like Adoration and the Rosary; meditative and contemplative prayer; interactive and interpersonal prayer like a Prayer Group or Charismatic Movement or Joshua Men's Prayer; and Lectio Divina. In all these forms, both public and private, God is the object of prayer and we are changed through it.

Prayer attunes our minds, hearts and consciences to the message of the Gospel and to the will of God. The substance of prayer is always: “Father, not my will, but your will be done.” Learning to pray this truth is the challenge of the Christian life, as so often our prayer is a subtle form of manipulation of God: “Father, I know you have a will for me, but really, my way is better... so let's talk.” Without this basic orientation to seek and do God's will all prayer is just babble, whether you're quietly meditating, responding at Mass, kneeling at Adoration or saying your night prayers.

Prayer is a way of sanctifying the day: Morning and Evening Prayers place the day and the night in God's hands. Morning Prayer prepares us for a day of Christian mission and Evening Prayer for a night of Christ-filled sleep.

**Fr Joe**

### From Our Lady of Lourdes School:

We are writing to inform you that our very long standing, highly efficient and much respected Mrs Kath Rooney has shared that she will be leaving this term. Kath has been the backbone of the school for over 42 years and we truly appreciate all that she has done. A farewell for Kath will most likely take place in and around the first week of September depending on how the application process progresses. Information on the job application is on the next page...

## COMING EVENTS & NOTICES

**Massey Mass** Weekly Wednesday Mass at 12.05pm at The Centre followed by a free hot lunch has started again. All students and university staff are welcome!

**Congratulations** to Bishop Owen, Mons Dave Bell and Fr Peter Fahy on their **Jubilees of Priesthood** they are celebrating this weekend!

**Thank you** to everyone for donating to the **Baptismal Font**

**Men's breakfast.** Come and be feed spiritually and bodily. The perfect way to start your day. Next breakfast Friday 3rd August, 6.45 to 8.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room. Cereal, toast etc supplied. All welcome. **Info John Hammond 0276887750**

**Junior Youth Group** called FOF is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 5:30pm-7pm, years 6-9. Venue TBC bring a friend!

**Senior Youth Group**-Manawatu Mokos has a new meeting day and will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the Dio Centre 6pm-8pm. For years 10-year 13, come along for some Kai, Korero and Karakia. Don't forget to bring a mate.

Please keep the **Confirmation Candidates** who will be confirmed at the Holy Spirit in your prayers, today is their last session before the mass.

**Confirmation Mass** is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at 6pm. Please come along and support our young people who will receive this important Sacrament, all welcome to join!

The 2nd **Lay Presider Workshop** will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August and our last one is the 29<sup>th</sup> of September:

**LOLOL Church** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

**MMC Celebration** of Ethnic Songs and Praises at St Mary's Church on Sunday 18 August at 2pm. There will be Brazilians, Chinese, Appalachian Gospel Medley, Scottish, a local Waiata Group, Stream Gathering (Fiji), and the Karen Youth Choir. Afternoon tea will be served and a gold coin collection for Food Bank or bring a can. For more information, please contact Anne 356 2476.

**SVDP We Are Needing Warm Clothes ASAP** as we are really low. Please empty the wardrobe to help our Vinnies Shop get warm clothes out to our Customers. Winter is just getting started and stock is low.

**Greeters** please collect your new roster from the Gathering Area today.



### Our Lady of Lourdes School

*Is seeking a dynamic, flexible, efficient Office Administrator to join our busy Catholic primary school.*

*The position involves supporting the day to day running of the school. This includes working alongside the principal to ensure the smooth running of the school. Administrative tasks include processing payments, staff wages (knowledge in Novopay would be an advantage) word processing tasks*

*and general administrative skills. As important is the ability to work collaboratively to ensure the children, staff and families feel there is a professional warm, friendly and passionate administrator as the first face, voice and heart of our mercy school. Hours of employment to be negotiated however will most likely be from 8.30am - 3pm*

*If you have the ability to work in a diverse role, have previous administrative experience, and would like to be part of our school, please send in a Covering Letter, a recent Curriculum Vitae with three referees. This job closes **Friday August 2nd at 5pm.***

*All applications should be addressed*

**Confidential: Office Administrator**

**Attention: Principal - Our Lady of Lourdes School**

**Or email : [principal@olol.school.nz](mailto:principal@olol.school.nz)**

**ROSTERS: July 29<sup>th</sup>—August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** (July 22<sup>nd</sup>) Rose Semmens and Eileen O'Connor.

**Counter:** (July 30<sup>th</sup>) Gabrielle Barnes and Jane Charlton.

**Flowers:** (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) Ann O'Hara and Judy Walker.

**Greeters: 5:30pm** June and John Lynch

**9:30am** OLOL School Children and Staff

**Children's Liturgy** TBA

**Readers: 5:30pm** Kathy Gardiner, Rosalie McCann, Roylene

Grocero **9:30am** Celia Kueh, Jeanette Iwikau, Diane Baucke.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Judith &

Martin Wall, Julie Lees, Monica Hammond, Dennis Jones

**9:30am** Stephen Guy, Paul Darbyshire, Martin Boyle, Denis &

Margaret Beckett.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Madison and Tyler Gilberd.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Dianne Jordan and Susan Ingram.

**Linen:** (July) Maria Lukkassen. (August) Mary Dorn

**Lawns:** (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) Phillip Connors.

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Martin Boyle.

**SVDP Basket:** (July) Paul Darbyshire (August) Barrie Angland

### Readings 4th of August 2019

**Ecc1 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-4, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21**

**We Pray for the Sick:** Oleg Bogdanovas, John Green, Mons Brian Walsh, Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Gary Meyer, Mary Jefferies, Evie Feierabend, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.

**Mass has been offered for the recently deceased Shelia Evans and Colin Brown**