



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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: Lord, I love your commands.

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

ASSUMPTION DAY MASSES AT OLOL
Holy day of Obligation
Tuesday 15th August, 10am & 7pm

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 MASS today 30th July 10:30am at St Mary's Church.
Please keep our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tuesdays 9:00am-11:30am, church foyer. All ages are welcome, come along and meet new people. Call Megan 355 1877.

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.

ST VINNIES—It is spring clean time again. Donations of summer clothes and furniture are acceptable now to help St Vinnies move into a productive summer. Thank you for recent donations of food. We are now in need of spreads, eggs & potatoes to replenish our stock. **Ph Toni 357 6779 if you have time to spare to help in the shops.**



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.

SURVIVING LOSS & GRIEF COURSE
St David's—from 28th August, 7.30pm
Contact Jenny dljdevans@inspire.net.nz or 357 4112 or 027 357 4115. Details in foyer.

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 midnigh 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/>

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

CELEBRATION OF ETHNIC SONGS & PRAISE
Sunday 20th August, St Mary's Church.
Featuring choirs from some of PN diverse groups. Followed by afternoon tea. Ph Anne Odogwu 356 2476. Entry by gold coin donation.

"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. 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.

COMBINED PARISHES NEWSLETTER
FYI: When this is published there will be no separate LOL Newsletter that weekend.

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 embrace the bicultural nature of Aotearoa New Zealand. We ourselves are growing in our understanding that this is much more than questions of language. Bicultural partnerships and participation enrich any group because they anticipate an expansion of understanding of the fundamental elements of human society including **land, people and purpose.** Every absence of bicultural partnership is an impoverishment of our society. We **welcome the completion of iwi treaty claims** and rejoice in the renewed mana that these agreements unleash.

PN INTERFAITH GROUP *Interfaith Women Resist the Climate of Hatred and Fear*
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

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY
www.holycross.org.nz



We Pray for the Sick: Thelma Basile, Vinnie Carroll, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, 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

Jan Donnelly & George Irving
Anniversaries

Erin Rooney-Scotson, William Singleton & Colin Brown
Requiescant in Pace

Father Hamel Sowed Peace!

Interview With Archbishop of Rouen on 1st Anniversary of Fr Jacques Hamel's Murder

July 26, 2017—ZENIT

"Father Hamel sowed peace!" said the Archbishop of Rouen, France, Monsignor Dominique Lebrun, in an interview



published in L'Osservatore Romano, July 25, in preparation of the first anniversary of Father Jacques Hamel's murder, today, July 26. The 85-year-old priest was slain a year ago by two Islamic extremist youths, while he was celebrating Mass in the church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray.

"His death was an extremely strong event from the human and spiritual point of view," explained Archbishop Lebrun, who added: "in one year there have been no disagreements regarding Father Hamel." "Different opinions were never made known that became conflictive, which is very rare," said the prelate.

"Now that he is dead, Father Hamel is even more alive, stressed Archbishop Lebrun. "His figure of priest, simple and exemplary, questions me as Pastor and Bishop on the way of considering the life of priests, of what I expect from them in terms of 'efficiency,'" continued the former Bishop of Saint-Etienne, transferred only two years ago, in July 2015, by Pope Francis to Normandy. "Yes, I can say that what happened has transformed me as bishop," he affirmed.

Archbishop Lebrun described Father Hamel as a "simple and exemplary priest," more than that, "perhaps exemplary because he was simple." Without a doubt the death of the elderly priest affects one, it was like "the death of a martyr, the death of Jesus, namely, of an innocent who gave his life for God and who was killed while consecrating himself to God."

For the Archbishop of the administrative centre of Normandy, the history of the process of Beatification of Father Jacques Hamel began the day after his murder. "The word martyr was pronounced by many people and is found in the various letters I have received," he said.

Even if Pope Francis accelerated the process, there is no hurry. "We will take the necessary time so that things are done not only according to the canonical norms but also with great seriousness," said Archbishop Lebrun, who foresees the result of the investigation being sent to Rome "in the span of one to three years."

Father Hamel's simplicity "speaks to all," explained the Archbishop, speaking of the "reputation of holiness and of martyrdom" that accompanies the murdered priest. "He was a Catholic priest, a universal priest," who did what a priest in Australia, in Kenya, in India or in Latin America does every day." Father Hamel wasn't a media priest; he was a diocesan priest, a priest and that's it, and this speaks to all of humanity," he concluded.

Prelate Reclaims Archdiocese of Mosul

Syriac-Catholic Archbishop Petros Mouche of Mosul, Iraq's 2nd Largest City, Discusses Situation

July 24, 2017—ZENIT By Olivier Labesse

Now that Mosul has been recaptured from ISIS, will Christians be able to return to their homes there soon? It's too soon to tell, according to Syriac-Catholic Archbishop Petros Mouche of Mosul, the second largest city in Iraq. He spoke with international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need.

How did you experience the liberation of Mosul?

As a sign of hope for us Christians. ISIS was driven off. I hope that the attitude of the people will change. The destruction in Mosul occurred on an enormous scale. For us Syriac-Catholic Christians in Iraq, liberation is of course a cause for great joy because the bulk my diocese is comprised by Mosul and Qaraqosh and environs. Today, Mosul is completely destroyed. Officially, all parts of the city have been liberated, even though there are still militants hiding in a number of places. But they will soon be found and captured.

Everything needs to be rebuilt. When will the Christians be able to return to Mosul?

Perhaps in a few years. People will return from time to time to check on their houses, but at the moment one cannot permanently stay in Mosul. However, many

people can return to the Nineveh Plains. A good number of families have already arrived there. Some have found work or started restaurants, shops and businesses. It takes a lot of courage to start from scratch again!

Apart from military measures, how can Islamic fundamentalism be combated?

That is exactly what makes it so difficult: you have to be able to affect a change in attitude. In view of the peculiar ideology of these jihadist groups, one has to understand that war is not a solution. We have to be able to live together. We have always lived together and this never was a problem. These recent events have given rise to great hope: that life will begin all over again and that the people will learn how to live together. We are all sick of war. Wars have been fought in Iraq off and on since 1958. We have to learn how to live in peace.

What is your message to donors in the West?

I would of course like to express my heartfelt thanks because their presence is always felt among us and in our diaspora. With their support, we will be able to rebuild our houses. It is a great mercy that we can count on their help. After all, the Syriac-Catholic Christians were the hardest-hit group. They represent 60 percent of those who fled the Nineveh Plains in the summer of 2014, when ISIS invaded the region. But there will always be help.

The challenges facing Christians on the Nineveh Plains are enormous: Currently there are still 14,000 families who have fled from Mosul and the Nineveh Plains living in Erbil (approximately 90,000 people); nearly 13,000 homes have to be repaired or rebuilt; there are security concerns in the villages; there is Kurdish-Iraqi political manoeuvring on the ground; there are massive infrastructure concerns (water, electricity, roads, schools and clinics; and, most urgently, the IDPs in Erbil will continue to need food aid as well as help paying the rent, pending their hoped-for eventual return to their homes on the Nineveh Plains.



To-date, 599 families have returned to the Nineveh Plains and 342 properties are being renovated, in part through funding by ACN. Since the crisis began, ACN has provided ongoing support to the Christian refugees in northern Iraq. To date, close to \$35M has been donated for emergency aid, including food, education, housing, pastoral help and reconstruction.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Aug 6th: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9.

ROSTERS: July/August

Church Cleaning: (July 31st) Linda Darbyshire and Ann Nation.

Counting: (Aug 1st) Marion Carey.

Flowers: Freda Reggers.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Kathy Morton and Lesley Wright

8am Jim Murphy and Pat Burton **10am** Josie Conlon.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Kathy Gardiner and Judith Wall **8am** Maurice McDonald and Maree O'Donoghue **10am** Sharon Crooks and Patria Kerr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Hannah Brown, Monica Hammond, Lorraine and Dave Marriott, Denise Bailey **8am** John Lynch, Raymond Jones, Kieran McCormack **10am** Jeanette and Eric Wright, Julia Sissons, Sharon Van der Plas, Joseph Joseph.

Altar Servers: 10am Kahu and Kiwa Pomare.

Children's Liturgy: Colleen and Madeline McHardy.

Hospitality: 10am Theo van Duin.

Religious Goods/Library: Martin Boyle.

Linen: Maureen Murphy (August).

Lawns: Denise Mallon (July 29th).