



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



The Most Holy Trinity

11th June 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: Glory and praise for ever!


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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION
Thurs 15th June, 6:30pm (practise)
Sun 18th June, 10:00am Mass (reception)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS
SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 10:00AM.
If your child is interested in being involved please contact Lorraine Wilson on 021 222 7802.
Our practice for the Mass will be on Sat 24th June 3:00pm-4.30pm.

Parishioners are kindly asked to bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea on:
Sunday 18th June for First Communion, and Sunday 25th June for the Children's Liturgy Mass. Thank you.

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.

 **CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE**
Trinity Sunday 11th June is allotted by the NZ Bishop's Conference to pray for the evangelisation work of the Catholic Enquiry Centre in NZ. Please support & visit www.catholicenquiry.nz www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz
There are forms in the foyer today if you would like to enrol as a Promoter, Financial Supporter or Prayer Companion.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL shop needs good quality furniture and clothing for sale through St. Vinnies shop in Rangitikei St, opposite Countdown. All proceeds from the shop go back into the community by way of assistance to the poor and needy. We can uplift furniture from anywhere in the city, Fielding and Ashhurst.
Ph St. Vinnies shop 3576779.
All help is greatly appreciated.



PROLIFE FACTS Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz. See noticeboard.

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

TAX RECEIPTS are available in the foyer. Please collect yours asap.

CATHOLIC RADIO Roster and Readings are now available in the roster folder in the foyer.

CONFIRMATION Preparation Session #7 is on this Sunday 11th June, 4:00pm – 5:50pm at the Diocesan Centre. Ph: Lucy Ingle 021 509 439.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Will meet Friday 16th June, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Diocesan Centre. Contact Lucy Ingle 021 509 439.

SEEKERS @ ST PETER'S COLLEGE
If you attend St Peter's College & you would like to learn more about being Baptised, & receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion get hold of Lucy 021 509 439 or inglel@stpeterspn.school.nz & tell her you would like to join the Seekers Programme starting week 5 this term. Classes are held during school time. Sacraments are celebrated in your local Parish.

JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION
Father Joe O'Sullivan—16/6/1957-16/6/2017.
Parishioners and friends are invited to the celebration of Father Joe O'Sullivan's 60th year of priestly ordination. Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on **Friday 16th June at 12.05pm**, followed by lunch in the Cathedral Gathering area. A plate for the lunch would be appreciated.

PASSIONIST RETREATS
Youth –15-18 yrs, Mon 11th -Thurs 13th July, Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina, cost \$90.
"Progress not perfection – who am I? In relation to others? In relation to God?"
Contact Norma Bellamy 027 869 8423

Young Adult – 18-30yrs, Fri 14th—Sun 16th July, Magnificat Community, Featherston, cost \$120.
"Discover and grow in your giftedness with friends." Facilitated by Tim McDade from Passionist Young Adult Formation Programmes, Brisbane. Contact Nick Wilson 027 354 6171.

TERTIARY NEWS Stay connected to what's hot and what's not on the Catholic Youth Scene <https://www.facebook.com/pg/DiocesanYoungCatholics>
Finished Uni? Live in Palmy?
What's happening on the Young Church scene for those outside of the tertiary educations years? Join on to the PN Young Professionals Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/622008251191098/> or contact Nick Wilson, Manawatu Tertiary Catholic Chaplain nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021822814.

ROSARY With the pending 100 years commemoration of the events at Fatima, the Rosary will be recited at 3:00pm on the 13th of each month – May to October – at the Cathedral, Broadway Ave, PN. All welcome. For further information contact Ian Sutherland, Phone 356-7555.

THE PREGNANCY CENTRE AGM Wednesday 28th June 7:00pm, 237 Broadway Ave PN. Supper to follow. RSVP (06) 354 2273.

WORKSHOP on *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Age), one of the seminal documents of the Second Vatican Council, published 28 October 1965.
24th June, 10:00am to 4:00pm, Catholic Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Avenue:
This one day workshop explores the historical origins of document, the interfaith themes it explores, and how it has served as a model for interfaith dialogue since 1965. All welcome. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. To register, contact Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com

UNITY SINGERS FREE VARIETY CONCERT
Sunday 11th June, 1:30pm. Regent Theatre, PN.

AGLOW evening session Thurs 22nd June, 2 Boronia Court, Milson, PN. 6:30pm worship; 7:30pm delicious healthy dessert & speaker; 9:00pm finish.

AGLOW monthly meeting Thurs 29th June, Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts, PN. 9:30am morning tea; 10:00am programme.

Posters on notice board for both events.

We Pray for the Sick: Thelma Basile, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Liam Stone, 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, Peggy O'Donoghue & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Barney Conlon

Anniversaries

Florence and Joseph Donaldson

Requiescant in Pace

God's Fatherhood, the Source of Our Hope

June 7, 2017—ZENIT

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

There was something fascinating in Jesus' prayer, so fascinating that one day His disciples asked to be introduced to it. The episode is found in Luke's Gospel, who is, among the Evangelists, the one who in the main has documented the mystery of the "praying" Christ: the Lord prayed. Jesus' disciples were impressed by the fact that He would withdraw in solitude and "immerse" Himself in prayer, especially in the morning and in the evening. Therefore, one day they asked Him to teach them also to pray (Cf. Luke 11:1).

And it was then that Jesus transmitted what became the Christian prayer par excellence: the "Our Father." In truth, Luke, in regard to Matthew, gives us Jesus' prayer in a somewhat abbreviated form, which begins with the simple invocation: "Father" (v. 2).

All the mystery of Christian prayer is summarized here, in this word: to have the courage to call God with the name of Father. The liturgy also affirms it when, inviting us to recite Jesus' communal prayer, used the expression "we dare to say."

In fact, to call God with the name of "Father" is not in any way a fact taken for granted. We would have been led to use the highest titles, which seem to us more respectful of his transcendence. Instead, to invoke Him as "Father" puts us in a relationship of confidence with Him, as a child who turns to his father, knowing that he is loved and cared for by him. This is the great revolution that Christianity imprints in man's religious psychology. The mystery of God, which always fascinates us and makes us feel small, does not, however, make us more afraid, it does not crush us; it does not make us anxious. This is a difficult revo-

lution to receive in our human mind, so true is this that even in the accounts of the Resurrection it is said that the women, after seeing the empty tomb and the Angel, "they went out and fled [. . .] for trembling and astonishment had come upon them" (Mark 16:8). However, Jesus reveals to us that God is a good Father, and he says to us: "Do not be afraid!"



We think of the parable of the merciful father (Cf. Luke 11-32). Jesus talks of a father who has only love for his children. A father who does not punish his son for his arrogance and who is even capable of entrusting to him his part of the inheritance and of letting him leave the home. God is Father, says Jesus, but not in the human way, because there is no father in this world who would behave as the protagonist of this parable. God is Father in His way: good, vulnerable before man's free will, capable only of conjugating the verb "To love." When the rebellious son, after having squandered everything, finally returns to his childhood home, that father does not apply criteria of human justice, but feels first of all the need to forgive, and with his embrace he makes his son understand that in all that long time of absence he failed, he painfully failed his father's love.

What an unfathomable mystery is a God who has this type of love in his dealings with his children! Perhaps it is for this reason that, evoking the centre of the Christian mystery, the Apostle Paul did not feel like translating into Greek a word that Jesus pronounced in Aramaic: "abba." Twice in his Letters (Cf. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6) Saint Paul touches upon this subject, and twice he leaves that word un-translated, in the same way in which it flowered on Jesus' lips, "abba." An

even more intimate term than "father," and that some translate "daddy, babbo [Italian way of saying 'daddy']."

Dear brothers and sisters, we are never alone. We can be far, hostile; we can even say we are "without God." But Jesus Christ's Gospel reveals to us that God cannot be without us: He will never be a God "without man"; it is He who cannot be without us, and this is a great mystery! God cannot be God without man: this is a great mystery! And this certainty is the source of our hope, which we find kept in all the invocations of the Our Father. When we are in need of help, Jesus does not tell us to be resigned and to shut ourselves in ourselves, but to turn to the Father and to ask Him with trust. All our needs, the most evident and daily as food, health, work to that of being forgiven and sustained in temptations, are not the mirror of our solitude: instead, there is a Father who always looks at us with love, and who certainly does not abandon us.

Now I propose something to you: every one of us has so many problems, so many needs. Let us think, a bit, in silence, of these problems and these needs. We also think of the Father, of our Father, who cannot be without us, and who is looking at us at this moment. And all together, with trust and hope, we pray: "Our Father, Who art in Heaven . . ."

Thank you!

LAST WEEK'S HOMILY QUOTE

"Be clever, spiritually clever. Don't wait for the Lord to send you setbacks; go out to meet them with a spirit of voluntary atonement. - Then you'll receive them not so much with resignation (an old sounding word) as with love - a word which is forever young" n. 225.

St Josemaria Escriva

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NEXT WEEK

Readings June 18th: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58.

ROSTERS: June

Church Cleaning: (June 5th) Rose Semmens, Maureen Watts, Imelda Benton.

Counting: (June 13th) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: June Lynch.

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

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

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Annette Brown and Jane Charlton 8am Kath Rooney and Brian Wilkinson 10am Erica Ramirez and Meg de Joux.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Pat Curran, Prue Smith, Lorraine & Dave Marriott, Hannah Brown 8am Clare Cole, John Lynch, Raymond Jones 10am Jeanette & Eric Wright, Jacinta Cousins, Martin Boyle, Sharon van der Plas.

Altar Servers: 10am Katelyn Alexander and Agnes Joseph.

Children's Liturgy: No Children's Liturgy—First Holy Communion

Hospitality: 10am Rose and Wally Semmens.

Religious Goods/Library: Mary O'Connor.

Linen: Mary Dorn (June)

Lawns: Kevin Long (June 17th)