



Priest Ministers

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OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)
9:30am Sunday
Mon Liturgy of Word & Communion
Tues—Sat 10:00am
SACRED HEART RONGOTEA
9:00am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th June 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS—To welcome, protect, promote, integrate.

PAUSE 2018 ME TŪ

A vocations retreat for those discerning a call
to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a
Priest, Brother or Sister

Friday 6 evening to Sunday 8 July afternoon.
Magnificat retreat centre in the Wairarapa.

Transport provided.

God is calling me – yeah right?

What will my friends and family say?

It's so confusing: diocesan Priests, Orders, Religious, charisms, Brothers, enclosed, apostolic, contemplative Sisters, consecration, habits and not? Where on earth do I begin? Do I have to be 100% sure? What if I find out it's not me?

Join me, Sr Fina, Fr Neil and others for
a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer
karakia, and korero.

Check out more at www.pndiocese.org.nz

To secure a place email

bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz. All welcome.

Also see brochure in your Church.

+ Charles

Kia ora tātou

This week I made a face to face submission at parliament. This was a first for me. The topic was David Seymour's Euthanasia or assisted suicide Bill. With me was a young Wellington doctor, Caroline Newson, who works in acute psych medicine.

Check out my **facebook** page to see something of what I presented: BishopCharlesDrennan

Euthanasia would be a deeply regressive or backward step for New Zealand. We pride ourselves on being a progressive nation. This Bill points to the opposite. It is a cause for national shame or whakamā.

+ Charles

Young Professionals social gathering with Bishop Charles June 26th 6:30pm Aberdeen on Broadway <http://www.aberdeenonbroadway.co.nz/>

Young Adults Praise & prayer at Te Ahi Kaa this Sunday, 17th 7:15pm 25A Amesbury St. Meet after 6pm Mass in Cathedral foyer. We will pray a rosary, dinner will be provided. Please call Georgia, 021811148, if you have any questions.

Words of Institution

TANGOHA TĒNEI, KAINGA E
KOUTOU KATO, KO TŌKU
TINANA TĒNEI, KA TUKUA
NEI MŌ KOUTOU.

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT OF IT.
FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE
GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM
IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY
BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE
POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

TANGOHA TĒNEI NGOHIA TĒNEI,
INUMIA E KOUTOU KATO, KO TE
KARIHE TĒNEI O ŌKU TOTO, KO
NGĀ TOTO O TE KAWENATA HŌU
MAU TONU KA RINGIHIA MŌ
KOUTOU, Ā MŌ TE TOKOMAHA HEI
WHAKAKĀHORETANGA HARA.

KAWEA TĒNEI HEI WHAKAMAR-
HARATANGA KI AHAU.

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Soup Sunday!

To celebrate mid-winter and the feast day of the nativity of John the Baptist (24th June).

We'll have soup after the Saturday vigil (23/6/18) and the Sunday Eucharist (24/6/18).

Anyone who wants to create and bring a pot of soup please let the parish office know.

If anyone wants to delight us with a Southern Indian curry.... that would be wonderful!

Mass of Anointing
27th June, 10:00am
Our Lady of Lourdes
with morning tea to follow.

Caritas Emergency Appeal for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh—Since August, 700,000 Rohingya have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh. Many refugees have settled in a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar. Though the Rohingya are now safe from persecution & being supported by organisations on the ground, they are now faced with the risk of flooding from monsoon rains. Heavy rain & high-winds may destroy shelters, create landslides & pose health risks. Caritas is working with Caritas Bangladesh & others to build retainer walls, stronger shelters & to meet the needs of the Rohingya people. As Pope Francis said, "embrace all those fleeing from war & hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty & environmental degradation to leave their homelands." The Rohingya are an example of his message. Caritas invites you to stand in solidarity with the Rohingya by supporting our emergency appeal. **Right now, each donation is doubled (up to \$250,000) by the New Zealand Aid Programme.** To give call 0800 22 10 22 or www.caritas.org.nz/donate.

WANTED! Refugee Support Volunteers
Join a team & provide practical support to help a family build new lives in our community.
The next training course starts on Tues 26th June
Please contact NZ Red Cross: 356-8152
Email: manawatu@redcross.org.nz

Joshua Men's Group meeting Tuesday 19th June, 7:00pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship, supper. All welcome. Contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.org.nz

We Pray for the Sick: Bridget Dorn, Barbara and Graeme Younger, Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Vanessa Farrelly, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Trevor Wilson Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, & Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently
Sr Christina (Otila) Wellington.

Requiescant in Pace

Patricia (A13/6) and William (A 2/7) Angland

From the Pastor's Desk

Is the presence of God an exclusive one, for certain special people, or is it like a tree, a place for many different birds of a feather to gather together? Exclusivity helps a group to define itself as different, unique and special. It defines their purpose and place in the social framework. Universality opens up a concept to the widest possible group. It is more broad in its outreach and gives a group global reach. It has the quality of involving or being shared by a group of people, or by all people.

Today's gospel enigmatic images of the Kingdom of God are cosmic, organic, evolutionary and ecological. This should alert us to a key concept – the Kingdom of God is not formulaic. God's kingdom is an ecosystem of interrelated elements such as time, presence, witness, hospitality, sin and redemption.

Mark's parables of the Kingdom are derived from the same source as the gospels of Matthew and Luke, plus the Gospel of Thomas. Both Luke and Matthew follow Mark's gospel and modify it. The presence of these sayings in such vastly different traditions indicates that they probably derive from Jesus.

The parable of the sower is delightful. The sower goes out to sow and just scatters the seed all over the field without too much concern, it would seem and then he goes home, and goes to bed. Night comes and day comes (the Hebrew formulation of the day beginning with the night) and as he sleeps the seed sprouts and begins to grow. The pattern of this verse stresses the simplicity and ordinariness of the sower's work and the sower's disinterest in sowing itself. It is just what the sower does, as the baker bakes bread or the painter, paints so the sower throws around seed. The verbs for "sprout" and for "begin to grow" (literally, lengthen) and for rising and sleeping all underline the unhurried passage of time.

The seed, of its own accord, grows and bears fruit. It is not genetically modified, neither is it grown in a rapid way to achieve some other end. Its growth is organic, integral, focussed. It is not grown for the sake of something else. It is a reality-in-itself. It has a meaning that is not derived from something or someone else: It's a tomato, grown to be a tomato so that the tomato can enjoy being a tomato, so the tomato can rejoice in its tomato-ness. There's no utility in the process of growth. Its primary purpose is not to be eaten or sold, or become tomato soup. Once the harvest is here, the sower, now the harvester begins to work.

The birds of the air need places to nest, so why not in a small, scrubby bush that is unremarkable, and unknown for

sheltering any birds. Why is an intrusive, hardy bush that germinates quickly and takes over gardens an image of the Kingdom of God? The irony and humour of the parable is obvious.

Taken together these parables are for the disciples as both a call to action and as a message of consolation. They contrast the small beginning with the great conclusion; they speak of something taking place while we sleep (i.e. something that is mysterious to us mere humans). This is a message of hope to believers who see nothing happening and who can't see the crop for the seed. Those who can listen will hear, but those who are unused to listening for the simplicity of God's presence will never get a good night's sleep.

In these parables Mark continues to develop his Christology (theology of who Christ is); Christ is the one who teaches with authority and who ultimately teaches with his life, as he fulfils the will of the Father, which is the cornerstone of the Kingdom and of the community that gathers in Christ's name (last Sundays gospel).

The universal quality of the Kingdom means it is true for all situations, it is hardy and it is here to stay. The Kingdom is present in all human life, perhaps unknown, but it is never idle. The Kingdom is simple, it is God's work and it is an organic and simple reality.

The quality of the Kingdom of God is its desire to share the universality of the gift of divine mystery. So, just as the seed has its own power and dynamism, which is finally revealed at the harvest, so too the Kingdom's power and dynamism will be revealed in its own time.

Disciples of the Kingdom have to learn to listen. We don't have to run around solving God's problems for God, while God is gently sowing and sleeping and harvesting. Prayer isn't a utility we use to "get something out of God". When we are immersed in the presence of the Kingdom we realise that we don't have to fret when a family member walks away from the Church or religious practice or when the believer is buried by non-believers. We begin to realise that if God is sowing and sleeping then perhaps we should relax too and let the seed do its work. There is nothing more ridiculous than a person planting a seed in the ground and digging it up every day to see if it is still growing!

Salvation is not yours or mine to give. We don't give or create redemption, we celebrate it. Our lives should be a constant thanksgiving that salvation is already ours and that all people are already saved. Instead, a good night's sleep will help us to rise each day to stand in God's presence and give God praise.

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NEXT WEEK: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Readings 24th June: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80.

ROSTERS: June

Church Cleaning: Kathy Morton and a Volunteer please.

Counting: (Tues 19th) Leigh Basile.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Lorraine & Dave Marriott
9:30am Ans Haakman.

Readers: **5:30pm** Rosalie McCann, Kerry Hocquard, Rob Towers
9:30am Meg de Joux, Erika Ramirez, Diane Baucke.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Judith and Martin Wall, Denise Bailey, Pat Curran, Cecily Finucane

9:30am Paul Darbyshire, Eileen O'Connor, Clare Cole, Jenny Joseph, Julia Sissons.

Flowers: Mary Dorn.

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

Children's Liturgy: Lorraine Wilson.

Hospitality: 9:30am Tokelauan Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara.

Lawns: (June 24th) Tino Pakome and Son

Linen: (June) Maureen Murphy.