



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mārou Wahine o Ruata

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OLOL 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: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th June 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

From the Pastor's desk

Paul's letter to the Galatians gives a summary warning: **"If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces,...you will destroy the whole community."** Language is important.

What we say to each other, and how we say it, is critical to building up and providing what is needed.

Words matter! How we express ourselves, even in humour, is important, because what is humour to one is an insult to another, especially when you don't really know the other person. Friends and family can share words with each other that others, listening in, hear as insults. While the interpersonal relationships of the family and friends make the words tolerable, or explicable, even here words set the limits of perceptions and can limit the possibilities of the relationships.

In the Church, and across the world, hate-speech that creates conflict and segregates people can be heard in the rhetoric that rejects refugees, shames gay people, locks children in prison, delights in death threats and turns countries into humanitarian disaster zones so the rich remain wealthy, at the expense of the impoverished. This is fed by news programmes that are infotainment, where interviewers badger their guests, because they have lost the skill of listening and journalism is a collection of Google searches, edited together. The whole business turns human tragedy into a sound bite.

Most political and theological debate descends into "snapping at each other" because the interlocutors have no depth of understanding. The world of the "talk-back" typifies this level of debate and thinking.

The world's problems are magnified through technological proximity, but they are not solved through it. A dog maybe "man's best friend", but it's friendship and need is no substitute for the human person who needs your friendship, and generosity, here and now. Switching off the TV and internet won't make the problem go away, neither will closing the window to the noise of the domestic violence next door, make it go away. Being prophets of life means that we approach all human life as intrinsically sacred, part of the mosaic of God in the world.

Where some say: "love your neighbour as yourself" others would say, "love yourself first, because your neighbour is your greatest threat, because your neighbour wants what you want and so you

have to ensure that what is available comes to you first". The former is the Judeo-Christian virtue, the latter the virtue of the free market. The former is driven by love, the latter by envy. One must be careful not to yield to the self-indulgence of which St Paul writes.

Language symbolises the relationships we have. The type of language one uses is often determined by the situation or context. Language gives us a variety of entry points into a person's life and language needs to meet people *where they are at*, but not always respond to them *in that place*. For instance, in the Gospel the disciples asked Jesus if they should bring down fire on the Samaritan village that wouldn't receive him. Jesus responds, no! Even church people and leaders get it wrong sometimes!

The skill of listening is as important as the ability to talk. When we listen to the people who are sick, lost, lonely we hear their story. However, most of us are quick to tell our stories, because we are, each of us, the centre of our own universes! Placing the *other* at the centre of ones universe is a skill hard won, but nonetheless worth the constant effort. The more we can place the *other* at the centre the less likely we are to condemn them as the stranger who is my greatest threat.

"When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery".
(Galatians 5:1.)

Congratulations to Vui Hoang on the occasion of his Ordination to the Priesthood.
Please keep Vui and his family in your prayers as he begins his ministry in our Diocese.

Lay Presider Workshops, run by Kate Bell, will be held
On 3 Sundays—21st July, 25th August, 29th September
OLOL Church from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

We're continuing with Lay presiders and this training is to develop a consistency of understanding and practice and formation in Lay ministry.

Topics A deeper theology of lay ministry

Homily training, (structure, purpose delivery)

Presiding with grace and style.

These workshops are for all lay presiders and new people identified for this role. We look forward to strong lay leadership that is theologically based, is sustainable with consistent patterns of lay presiding across the communities and the development of ongoing lay presider's groups for support and training.

Situations vacant....

Greeters for 9.30am Mass needed URGENTLY!
Please contact the Parish Office if you can help!
Two people to look after the Altar Servers please contact Fr Joe.



Wedding Anniversary Congratulations
to Diane and Paul Baucke celebrating their 50th
and Pat and Maurice McDonald 60th.
Mass has been offered for Frank and Margaret McGrath
celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

COMING EVENTS

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Next meeting **Wednesday 3rd July 1.30pm** in the Gathering area. Housie games, usual flower competitions and craft a Reading or Book that is precious to you. Come and join us for company and a cuppa.

LOLO parishioners are invited to join St Mary's Parish and School Foxton and St Joseph's Shannon and hopefully Sacred Heart Rongotea at St Peters College Chapel for Mass on Thursday 4th of July at 10:30am. Father Joe will be presiding.
Please note—No Mass or Liturgy at OLOL Church on 4th July.

Men's breakfast. Come and be feed spiritually and bodily. The perfect way to start your day. **Next breakfast Friday 5th July, 6:45am to 8:00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room.** Cereal, toast etc supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750.

- **St Peter's Day Mass** at the College 9:00am Friday 5th July. All parishioners are invited to join with the College to celebrate.
- **Leadership Forum** will be held at St Mary's Foxton 3:00pm-5:00pm Sunday 7th July.

Journeying as Disciples of the Lord with St Luke's Gospel. Wednesday July 10th 7:00pm
Presented by Rev. Professor Thomas O'Loughlin.
Diocesan Centre

2 more weeks till Passionist Young Adults Retreat! 12th-14th July. Ages 18-30 years. Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost \$140. Don't miss out due to money as funding provided. Register online www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats or pick up form from gathering area.

Commission for Justice Peace & Development: The JPD Strategic Hui Sunday July 14th Diocesan Centre 11:00am-2:00pm. The Hui is available to anyone who would like to provide input into the JPD's strategic goals for the next 3 years. Please bring a plate. Contact Josh Chandulal-Mackay 027 548 4999 or Line Vailua 021811148 for details.

Massey Mass Weekly Wednesday Mass at 12.05pm at The Centre followed by a free hot lunch will start back up on 17th July. All students and university staff are welcome!

St Mary's Parish PN Mid-winter fundraiser dinner—20th July 5:30pm St Peters College. Adults \$25; Children under 10 \$15;

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Annual Retreat Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach Auckland 27th-29th July. See notice board.

Men's Retreat Saturday 27th July, 8am to 6.30pm Up From the Waters. A one-day retreat for men.

Led by Fr. Joe Grayland and Fr. Robin Kurian.
Covering: Baptismal Spirituality and Calling, Adult Faith and Discernment of Spirits. OLOL Shamrock St, PN, Saturday 27th July, 8am to 6.30pm (includes evening Mass). Koha on the day to cover the costs. Hosted by Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, PN.
Registrations and or enquiries to John Hammond:
jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com

Peter's Pence Collection

Charity above all requires an attitude of inner joy (Pope Francis)
This collection gives us the opportunity to support Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world. The collection also supports the work of the Pontifical Councils for Laity, Family and Life, and Integral Human Development.

Visit www.peterspence.va/opere to see great images of the works Pope Francis is supporting through this collection in Central Africa Republic - Bangui Children's hospital, Jordan - the Catholic University, Iraq - scholarships for young adults, Ethiopia - poverty alleviation etc.

"Let us be renewed by God's mercy and become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish" (Pope Francis).

If you are not on Planned Giving, you can make your donation in an envelope marked Peter's Pence and place in the collection basket. Thanks every one, kia ora tātou,

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NOTICES

Font update... we are working on completing the font, this includes tiling. We need \$2500.00 to complete the work and we would appreciate any donations you are able to make. Envelopes are in the gathering area today.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS. Session 4 on Sunday 30th June from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Diocesan Centre.

Discover the Old Testament Prophets Baptism calls each of us to be a prophet. Enrol in the on-line course through the TCI website www.tci.ac.nz – look for the details on the home page. See noticeboard.

Wanted... 4 chests of drawers for a family in need. Please call Nick Wilson 021822814 or email nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

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.

ROSTERS: July 1st—7th

Church Cleaning: (June 24th) Mary Dorn and Marie O'Brien.

Counters: (July 2nd) Selwyn Brown **Flowers:** (6th/7th) Mary Dorn

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Suneal and Beverly Singh
9:30am Jenny King

Children's Liturgy: School holidays—no liturgy for the children

Readers: 5:30pm Rolyenne Grocero, Kath Rooney, Kathy Gardiner
9:30am Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue, Celia Kueh.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Jeanette Currie, Lesley Wright, Denise Bailey, Colin Keegan **9:30am** Paul Darbyshire, Martin Boyle, Wendy Derksen, Sherin Thomas, Kyra Tikitiki.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Teresa Alexander and Jacob Stevens.

Hospitality: 9:30am Rose and Wally Semmens, Srnka Flegar.

Linen: (July) Maria Lukkassen. **Lawns:** (July 6th) Fr Joe.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Martin Boyle.

SVDP Basket: (July) Paul Darbyshire.

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, Sheila Evans, 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 Anita Milicich and Helen Morris