



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



Pentecost Sunday

4th June 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1



Psalm Response: Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

For those enrolled in the Sacramental Programme, classes are underway:
Wed 7th June, 6:30pm
Thurs 15th June, 6:30pm (practise)
Sun 18th June, 10:00am Mass (reception)

LOL GUILD AGM Wednesday June 6th 1:30pm, in the foyer. Usual flower comps. Plus your favourite home-made biscuits. New members are most welcome.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 6th June at 5:15pm.

AED TRAINING for parish first aiders: Tuesday 6th June, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the church foyer. **Please note change of date.**

CHILDRENS 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.

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.

WELCOM Your free copy for June is available in the foyer today. Contents include: O'Shea Shield 2017 event & winners.....Cardinal John's & Bishop Charles' columns.....'Truth Still Matters' – by Bishop Peter Cullinane.....'Our Ecological Calling' – water in NZ, by Fr Peter Healey sm.....Youth NewsPentecost Sunday, 4 June – reflection by Fr James Lyons.

The SVDP Society would like to thank all the Catholic communities of PN for the generous support provided for our food store and shop. Both are ongoing concerns and all food, good quality clothing, furniture and everyday household items are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Furniture is now part of our main shop so any spare good quality items, house lots from deceased estates or items excess to requirements for people relocating to retirement villages etc. would be appreciated. Please spread the word among your friends. For larger items please call the shop and we will pickup. Ph.3576779. **We are in need of winter clothes, jewellery and donations. All contributions gratefully received.**



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.

PASSIONIST RETREATS

Youth Retreat –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.

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.

TERTIARY NEWS Diocesan Young FB Page is up and running! 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

TERTIARY STUDENTS RETREAT

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

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

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. Contact Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com to register.

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

TAX RECEIPTS are available in the foyer.

JOB VACANCIES Supervisors for Shepherd's Rest boarding houses. See notice board.

CATHOLIC RADIO ROSTER is now available in the roster folder in the foyer. The Readings are also there.

UNITY SINGERS VARIETY CONCERT

Sunday 11th June, 1:30pm. Regent Theatre, PN. Free admission.

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

ROSARY With the pending 100 years commemoration of the events at Fatima, the Rosary will be recited at 3pm on the 13th of each month – May to October – at the Cathedral, Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North. All welcome.

We Pray for the Sick: Thelma Basile, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Liam Stone, Graeme Younger, Marie Wenman, 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

Fr Steve Hancy
Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Pope Francis on the Holy Spirit & Hope

'Not only does the Holy Spirit make us capable of hoping, but also to be sowers of hope'

31 May 2017— [ZENIT](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the imminence of the Solemnity of Pentecost, we cannot but speak of the relation there is between Christian hope and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the wind that drives us on, that keeps us on the way, makes us feel ourselves pilgrims and strangers, and does not permit us to ensconce ourselves and to become a “sedentary” people.

The Letter to the Hebrews compares hope to an anchor (Cf. 6:18-19); and to this image we can add that of the sail. If the anchor is what gives the boat security and keeps it “anchored” between the waves of the sea, the sail, instead, is what makes it go and advance on the waters. Hope is truly like a sail; it receives the wind of the Spirit and transforms it into the driving force that pushes the boat, depending on the circumstances, to the open sea or to the shore.

The Apostle Paul ends his Letter to the Romans with this wish: hear well, listen well to this beautiful wish: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (15:13). Let us reflect a bit on the content of this very beautiful word.

The expression “God of hope” does not only mean that God is the object of our hope, namely Him that we hope to reach one day in eternal life. It also means that God is He that already now makes us hope, rather, He makes us “rejoice in hope” (Romans 12:12): rejoicing now in hope, and not only hoping to rejoice. It is the joy of hoping, now today, and not hoping to have joy. “While there is life, there is hope,” states a popular saying. And the contrary is also true: while

there is hope, there is life. Men have need of hope to live and they have need of the Holy Spirit to hope.

We heard Saint Paul, who attributes to the Holy Spirit the capacity to make us even “abound in hope.” To abound in hope means never to be discouraged; it means to hope “against all hope” (Romans 4:18), namely, to hope also when every human motive for hope fails, as it was for Abraham, when God asked him to sacrifice to Him his only son, Isaac, and as it was, even more



so, for the Virgin Mary under Jesus' cross.

The Holy Spirit makes this invincible hope possible, giving us the interior testimony that we are children of God and His heirs (Cf. Romans 8:16). How could He who gave us His only Son not give us everything else together with Him? (Cf. Romans 8:32). “Hope — brothers and sisters — does not disappoint: hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Therefore, it does not disappoint, because the Holy Spirit is within us who pushes us to go on, always! And because of this, hope does not disappoint.

There is more: not only does the Holy Spirit make us capable of hoping, but also to be sowers of hope, to be also — like Him and thanks to Him — “paracletes,” namely consolers and defenders of brothers, sowers of hope. A Christian can sow bitterness, he can sow perplexity, and this is not

Christian, and one who does this is not a good Christian. He sows hope: he sows the oil of hope; he sows the perfume of hope and not the vinegar of bitterness and despair. In one of his addresses, Blessed Cardinal Newman said to the faithful: “Instructed by our own suffering, by our own pain, even by our own sins, we will have the mind and the heart exercised in every work of love towards those who have need of it. In the measure of our capacity, we will be consolers in the image of the Paraclete, and in all the senses that this word entails: advocates, assistants, comfort bearers.

Our words and our advice, our way of being, our voice, our look, will be gentle and tranquilizing” (Parochial and Plain Sermons, vol. V, London, 1870, pp. 300f.). And it is above all the poor, the excluded, the unloved that are in need of someone who will be a “paraclete” to them, namely, a consoler and defender, as the Holy Spirit is with every one of us, who are here in the Square — consoler and defender. We must do the same with the neediest, with the most rejected, with those who have greatest need, those who suffer most — defenders and consolers!

The Holy Spirit nourishes hope not only in men's heart, but also in the whole of Creation.

The Apostle Paul says — this seems a bit strange, but it is true: that Creation also “waits with eager longing” to be set free and “groaning in travail” as the pangs of birth (Cf. Romans 8:20-22). “The energy capable of moving the world is not an anonymous and blind force, but the action of the Spirit of God ‘moving over the face of the waters’ (Genesis 1:2) at the beginning of Creation” (Benedict XVI, Homily, May 31, 2009). This also drives us to respect Creation: a painting cannot be besmirched without offending the artist who created it.

Brothers and sisters, may the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church, find us in accord in prayer with Mary, Jesus' Mother and ours. And may the gift of the Holy Spirit make us abound in hope. I will say more to you: may it make us fritter away hope with all those who are most in need, most rejected and all those that have need. Thank you.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings June 11th: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18.

ROSTERS: June

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

Counting: Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton (June 6th)

Flowers: June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland.

8am Pat and Maurice McDonald **10am** Kapatiran Group.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm TBA and Rosalie McCann **8am** Maurice McDonald and Maree O'Donoghue **10am** 2 Readers TBA .

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm John Werder, Denise Bailey, Martin Wall, Pat Curran, Monica Hammond **8am** Colin Keegan, Judy Nixon, Kieran McCormack **10am** Stephen Guy, Julia Sissons, Joseph Joseph, Collette O'Connor, Mary Murrow.

Altar Servers: 10am Logan Brown and John Garroville.

Children's Liturgy: Colleen and Madeline McHardy.

Hospitality: 10am Kapatiran Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Rita Auta.

Linen: Mary Dorn (June)

Lawns: Fr Vaughan (June 3rd)

