



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata

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LOL 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—LOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request



Pentecost Sunday

9th June 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

Participation in the Sacred Liturgy and First Holy Communion for



Eleanor Adams

Pio Mavaega,

Milosz Keenan

Chloe Stewart,

Tavita Fuiono

Puasina Tufele

Kellan Wilson

Jayde Butturini

Amelia Illston

John Stevens

Stella Straker

Samuel Toorok

Addie Toorok

Jackson Toorok

Mia Haynes

Cameron Stewart

Mary Codeniera

Bryle Soriano

Maggie Trembath

Harry Trembath

Aimee Hodson

Samuel McEvoy

Sheridan Ellery

Aldous Ignatious

Ghilian Sunga



YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Today 24 young parishioners participate fully in the Sacred Liturgy through their reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a special moment, the fulfilment of their baptism.

They have been baptised and chrismated in the Spirit, and now they participate with the People of Christ in the fullest expression of our faith-community, the Sacred Liturgy and the reception of Communion. Eucharist is

the culmination of Christian Initiation. The good work that began in baptism is now fulfilled and completed, Alleluia!!!

These young parishioners are a group of friends who were baptised as babies, according to their parents wishes, and of older children baptised at Easter according to their own wish, and their parents support and encouragement. Since Easter Sunday there have been no distinctions, they all disciples of Jesus and they are equally parishioners with us. Today they become fully participating members of the Assembly.

They, like us, are called by the Second Vatican Council to fully, consciously and actively participate in the Mass. We are not here for ourselves, or alone. We are here with each other, with Jesus, in the Spirit, for God and the world.

Now the journey to ministry begins. I hope to see all the children participate as ministers in the Sacred Liturgy as servers, readers, perhaps eucharistic ministers, cantors, welcomers, etc. There is room for all; and everyone is welcome. We are a community of faith.

The **Young Parishioners Ministry Mass** will be on June 23rd and we will all enjoy being led in prayer by them.

Rite of Reception of Heather Shore

This Saturday evening at the Vigil of Pentecost Heather Shore will be received into the Church. Heather is a baptised Anglican and has been practicing as a Catholic for around 40 years. In humility we accept Heather into full communion with the Church.

We acknowledge her baptism and speak of her as Sister-in-Christ, not as convert! As Sister-in-Christ we will pray the creed together. This is followed by Confirmation and Eucharist. Heather, welcome! We join with Kevin your husband and your children and family and friends in giving thanks for your presence and your full participation.

Dear Jesus, you are our food for the journey of life and you are our friend on the journey of faith.

Please send us you Holy Spirit to be our friend and companion. Amen

Pastor's Desk:

Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church. It is the feast of the Holy Spirit that calls us forward into new life. The tension of change is one that we constantly live in. For some people change is the greatest threat and for others the best of all possible options. There are many instances of believers wanting to go backwards, just as there are those who want to pull us beyond where we're able to go. Negotiating these realities is a constant theme of the Easter period.

The People of Israel, liberated from slavery in Egypt, experienced the uncertainty of the wilderness. In the wilderness they saw threats and hardships all around them and they want to return to the old world of slavery.

Isn't it often the way that the old world is more comfortable and comforting because it is reliable and known, even if it means being a slave again? Slavery is preferable to being free because freedom means having to discover the new. Nevertheless, life never stands still.

In the wilderness the People of Israel create false idols and false hopes that reflect the past. They moan about the present hardships and demand changes from God and Moses that they themselves are not prepared to make. It's a typical scenario of human affairs in families, churches, countries and individual hearts and thinking.

Preferring the *unfreedom of the past* to the *CHALLENGE of freedom in the future* is often the way we make our decisions, preferring to stay with a sinking ship, job or relationship, rather than seek a courageous end?

Often, we see the wilderness experience as bad rather than as purifying and full of potential. In the wilderness experience we lose faith in the hope of the promise; in the wilderness experience we often search for gurus, create idols and seek distractions because facing up to the challenge of the wilderness is too hard.

The Easter Vigil began in darkness and used light and memory to show us that promises are fulfilled. In the light of Christ (the Easter Candle) we listened to stories of Genesis, Exodus and the prophets: in Genesis we heard of our foundational blessing as people created in the image and likeness of God; in Exodus we heard our call to freedom and the offer of the promised land; and the prophets told us to seek fresh, clear, clean water and rich food and accept it all as the self-less and gracious gift of God.

Pentecost now we are called to live in faith. A faith that does justice to all and respects all people; a faith that understands the cross as the doorway to the resurrection; a faith that understands we have already been saved and don't need to bargain with God for salvation using vain sacrifices; a faith that doesn't sacrifice others to make us feel more holy; a faith that expresses itself in good works because the salvation we have been given wants to proclaim God's mercy and greatness.

Thanks to everyone who has made the Easter Season the wonderful time it has been. In our four communities we have been busy about the work of the Kingdom. Twenty-three people within our communities have received Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

Since Easter Vigil we have welcomed two women into full communion with the Church, baptised two adult men and one young woman and confirmed and admitted them to Eucharist. One young man completed his initiation with Confirmation and first Communion.

We have baptised 16 children and infants. On Pentecost Sunday 26 children will celebrated first communion for 26 children. All of these 35 people have generously worked to become members of the Church and we're grateful to them for the witness they have given us! Now we need to call them all to ministry and leadership!

During this season we have used signs and symbols to communicate the centrality of Christ's presence amongst us. We have the Easter Candle, the Chrism Mass, the Easter Triduum, the Octave of Easter with the Second and subsequent Sundays of Easter, Ascension and now, Pentecost. We have used water, oil and new clothing as baptismal signs of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, We have use the Easter seating format and sat in Choir with each other. We have literally placed the Word of God and the Altar-Table of Christ in our midst and gathered around.

Thanks to all who have prayed, guided, sung, provided music, read, distributed communion, set up the church, cared for the catechumens and worshipped.

A Word of Thanks

A word of thanks to Donna Brown, Dianne Jordan, Helena Pedley, Jacinta Cousins and Caroline Gillian for the leadership they have given this process. It began back in September 2018 for the preparation for baptism. This is where the words of evangelisation hit the road of ministry! Sisters, the parish community is deeply grateful to you for all that you have given. May God's richest blessings be yours and your families.

The parents and caregivers of the Young Parishioners have many demands on their time; thanks for making time for us and for the process of initiation. I am so blown away by your commitment and you support! You're now part of our parish family and the doors of the church and the heart of the community are open to you. Please, always feel and know yourself to be deeply welcomed here – and if you like we'll give you a job too!

Keep walking with us on the way of faith and continue to nurture us with your presence. God's richest blessing we with you, your families and those whom you love!

To Kate McNamara who has worked many additional hours and ensured that things have run smoothly over the last 8 weeks a huge THANK YOU!!! Kate, we're all very grateful for the work you do! May you, John and family all enjoy God's rich blessings.

Fr Joe

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving or the Eucharistic Prayer lies at the centre of the Church's way of praying. *Eucharistia* means to give thanks. Like Jesus before us and in the tradition of the Church, we give thanks to God the Father, in Jesus the Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

All our sacraments (except marriage) have a Eucharistic Prayer. This prayer has several important elements:

- 1) we present things or people to God that we want God to receive and consecrate for our use (bread and wine, oil, water, people);
- 2) we call the Assembly to witness and to be present to this prayer through their conscious participation, so we ask them to stand up and take on the posture of prayer before God;
- 3) we invoke the Holy Spirit over the elements/person to be consecrated and ask the Spirit to change them. The Holy Spirit is the consecrator;
- 4) we then tell the story of faith in Jesus, and recognise him as the Christ of God, the mediator between creation and its creator in what is called an Institution Narrative;
- 5) we recall the work of God, the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and how this has made us worthy to stand in God's presence and serve the Divine One;
- 6) we conclude with intercessions for others and a doxology of praise to the Father, in Jesus, through the Spirit to which the attendant community replies "Amen".

The Eucharistic Prayer or Anaphora began its life for us in the table worship of the Jewish people. It was changed for us Christians through the table worship of Jesus, especially at the Last Supper. Here Jesus extended to us his cup of suffering and his body so that we would not have to provide sin offerings to God every again to bargain our way into heaven. Christ took away the need to sacrifice other people on the altars of our ambition, or religious thinking.

Jesus is the last scapegoat and the final pascal lamb to be slaughtered on the altars of religion. Jesus has set religion free to be the true meeting point of any and every person with their Creator.

Jesus offered himself to the Father in this spectacular gift because he was the only one who could. The event of the Cross is an event within God, and by God, for the world. The Son gives himself over in LOVE, the Father accepts and endures the gift in LOVE and the Spirit, who is the LOVE between them both holds them in unity. This bond of Love is the basis of the Resurrection; it is the hope in which we have faith: God is always with us!

The Eucharist Liturgy,, or the Mass is the celebration of this faith and the Eucharistic Prayer is the way we remember this divine action in the history of the world. The patterns of worship we have used since 1967-1969 were formed in the late-nineteenth century and early twentieth centuries with the desire to reconnect the worship and sacraments with the daily lives of believers. There was the desire then to pray in local languages and to link more clearly praying at mass with praying the Mass itself.

Our worship today is deeply communal. We pray the Mass together, we sing together, we listen together. This is the vision of the Second Vatican Council and over 2400 bishops who voted for the liturgical changes back in the 1960s.

As we gather today, a community of Friends in Baptism we are reminded that the call we have received is to be witnesses to the presence and life of God in the world. We are called to be witnesses to faith and hope and love in God, and witness to mercy, justice, peace and truth. Where so called Christians use violence or hate language to make their point we call them to change and to take on

the true language of Jesus, which is the language of forgiveness and reconciliation:

"I too do not judge you. God and sin no more".



Fr. William (Bill) Casey RIP.

Fr. Bill was a priest of 50 years service in New Zealand. He returned peacefully to God on Thursday. His funeral arrangements are: Fr Bill's funeral arrangements are as follows:

5:00 pm Vigil, Monday 10 June, at Holy Family, 22 Tawhero Street, Whanganui.

11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial, Tuesday 11 June, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 33 Whitcombe Road, Opunake, followed by interment at Opunake Cemetery.

May he rest in the arms of his creator, this good and faithful servant.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 15th June at 5.30pm Mass—We will welcome St Peter's Students and the Chapel Band to the parish Saturday evening mass.

Sunday June 23rd Young Parishioners Ministry and School Mass

NOTE: On this Sunday we have the young parishioners **will look after all the ministries**. This is a school Mass as well and we will welcome our new Principal, Caroline Deazley-Gilligan. It is an opportunity to meet the school staff and the children too!

Saturday 29th June Priestly Ordination of Vui Hoang,

At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 11:00am.

PLEASE NOTE: No morning Mass or Service of Word and no reconciliations. Everyone can come to the Cathedral!

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

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 Street, 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



CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Te Hakarameta o te Whakapumautanga - The Confirmation Programme 2nd session is this Pentecost Sunday from 4pm-6pm at the Diocesan Centre, **this is the last time to register for the process of initiation!**

NOTICES

The SVDP fortnightly meeting at Cathedral Lounge, 197 Broadway Ave PN Tues 11th June 5:15pm, duration approx 45 - 60 mins. Our meetings welcome parishioners and new / intending members.

A member of our parish is discerning the call to Religious Life. Please keep this person and their discernment in your prayers over the next three months.

With the changes to the Mass times at OLOL there was an option for a review after one year. We have now reached that point in time. The review sheets are available in the gathering area today. Please leave in the basket provided.

Youth Groups

We have a JYG called **Friends of Francis or FOF** which ranges from years 6-9, the next meeting will be on Friday 28th June 5:30pm-7pm at the Diocesan Centre. Bring a friend!

SYG called the Manawatu Mokos is from years 10-13; the next meeting is on Friday the 21st of June 7pm-9pm at the Diocesan Centre. The theme of the night will be "Seeking"

Passionist Young Adults Retreat: 18-30 yrs. 14-16 July. Magnificat Community Featherston, cost \$140. Funding provided. Register online - <https://www.passionistretreats.co.nz/upcoming-retreats/> Any questions, contact either the organizers Paul & Linda Darbyshires on 022 682 6004. Nick Wilson 021 822 814 or Line Vailua 021811148.

This World Refugee Day, people from around the world are taking big and small steps in solidarity with Refugees. Please join our Palmerston North and Fielding refugee communities on **Saturday 22nd June at Barber Hall between 1pm—4pm as they mark 2019 World Refugee Day.**

The SVDP Shop needs dining tables & chairs plus couches (2 & 3 seaters) for 4 x welfare families in PN. If you can help thank you very much. If the furniture needs collecting please arrange by calling Shop Manager, Toni Bidois, 357 6779 between 10am to 4pm Monday – Friday.

Commission for Justice Peace & Development:

The JPD Strategic Hui will be held on Sunday July 14th in the Diocesan Centre 11am-2pm.

The Hui is available to anyone who would like to provide input into the JPD's strategic goals for the next three years. Whether it be on housing issues, fair pay, support for refugees, end of life issues, the role of the Church in promoting Catholic Social Teaching and so on. Please bring a plate.

Ph Josh Chandulal-Mackay 027 548 4999 or Line Vailua 021811148.

Manawatu PARS works very closely with Manawatu Prison management and programmes staff to run programmes in the prison. For some time now they have been trying to find someone who would lead a choir in the prison. They would like to ask parishioners if any of them would be interesting in assisting with this. If so please contact Adie Transom, Service Manager, Manawatu PARS, M: 027 325 8795.

The Pregnancy Centre AGM Wednesday 19th June 7:00pm, 237 Broadway Ave PN. All welcome. See notice board.

UNITY SINGERS— FREE Annual Variety concert. 'Celebrate 50' Regent on Broadway, PN, today, Sunday 9th June 1.30pm

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

ROSTERS: June 10th—16th

Church Cleaning: (June 10th) Eileen O'Connor and Mary O'Connor.

Counters: (June 11th) Gabrielle Barnes and Jane Charlton.

Flowers: (8th/9th) June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm June and John Lynch

9:30am Josie Conlon

Children's Liturgy: Narelle O'Connor and Lorraine Wilson

Readers: 5:30pm Dot Bowe, Judith Wall, Rob Towers

9:30am Ebele Ezepeue, Rhea Villocido, Clare Cole

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Dennis Jones, Pat Curran **9:30am** Jeanette & Eric Wright, Julia Sissons, Stephen Guy, Wendy Derksen.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna Wilson and Sita Mavaega

Hospitality: 9:30am Kapatiran Group.

Linen: (June) Mary O'Connor **Lawns:** (June 8th) Kevin Long.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Wally Semmens.

SVDP Basket: (June) Oline and Roger Ball.

Readings 16th June—The Most Holy Trinity
Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

We Pray for the Sick: 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
Fr Bill Casey

and for the Anniversaries of
Busta Jefferies, Mary & Howard Conlin, Rev Fr Sean McNamara,
Sr Bridget McNamara, Bill Dick and Tom O'Connor