

# Kotahi Ano (Together as One)

15 March 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year A



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## Pastor's Desk *From Fr Joe Grayland*

The woman at the well is a provocative story in two parts. It outlines the response to Jesus outside Palestine. This is important, because John is writing in, and for, a Greek, non-Palestinian community. The Cana miracle exposed the Jewish response to Jesus. The “limited faith” of the apostles and Nicodemus and the “no faith” of the “Jews” is countered by Mary’s unquestioning faith – faith that led to the first showing of Jesus’ divinity. While faith is the context of the woman at the well, the key to the story is the dispute over baptism. The earliest Christian communities always baptized, and this became a threat to institutionalized Judaism. The first baptizer was John. His baptism was a purification rite that was part of a large religious movement. Both historically and for John’s Gospel, Jesus’ significance is that he is the Word that makes God known, not his baptismal ministry, which was carried on by his disciples. The well and Jacob’s field provide the backdrop to Jesus’ meeting with the woman. Jesus opens the conversation and breaks two social-religious rules – speaking to a woman and speaking to a non-believer. The disciples don’t see the scandalous encounter. The woman responds negatively in perfect social conformity: “Jew, who do you think you are?”

In this opening scene three elements emerge:

- 1) Jesus is prepared to encounter everyone;
- 2) water is a gift of life beyond its natural benefits;
- 3) the insistence on the validity of the Samaritan worldview.

Jesus’ promise of living water can only be known if two earlier truths are known: 1) the gifts of God and 2) “who is speaking with you” – if only she knew, she’d just ask for the gift and be given it.

Living water is flowing water from a stream or spring. This is the water of baptism, not dead, lifeless water captured in bowls. Originally, we baptized in flowing water but over time, as the architecture of baptism developed, the font was named the holder of water not the source.

The gift of the one speaking to her is to make God known to her: only God reveals God. The one speaking, gifts the possibility of eternal life to those born of the Spirit infused water. The baptized are the fruit of God’s saving love.

Like most of us, the woman chooses to understand the physical meaning of living water and ponders the depth of the well and the need of a bucket. How often faith and liturgy are reduced to the size of a bucket where symbols become silly and great festivals become something to be got through and never enjoyed.

The woman’s response opens the dialogue, though she is only asking at a practical level. Her understanding of water is limited by the religious story she’s been told, and her story is being challenged to open itself out to a new understanding. She becomes defensive: “Are you greater than Jacob?” She’s locked in her own worldview and makes the interchange about her. Through her, Jesus addresses the universal audience and identifies himself as the one who gives the gift.

## Children’s Reflection



The readings today centre on one thing – WATER. Water is used several times in the Bible, it is very powerful and often destructive. Water is important to our earth, to our health, to the foods we eat, and very important for the human person for life. We need water to stay alive. Remember the ashes?

The water from the rock gave life to the people in the desert. They begged God for water – for life.

We are told again that we belong to God. We need water for life and God provides the water of life. We need God. Jesus invites us to have water that brings us to a deeper life with God. The water Jesus wants to

give us is more powerful than a cold drink of water on a hot summer day. The life-giving water Jesus wants to give us is the “Living Water!” Jesus describes this water as a bubbling fountain. A fountain of water that is constantly moving, it has life. As babies many of us received the waters of Baptism and Jesus received Baptism as an adult. The awesome power in the waters of our Baptism is the Life-Giving Spirit of God. The Spirit of God guides us along the path to be refreshed by the life-giving waters that leads us home to God.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
5:30pm

**Sunday Mass**  
9:30am

**Monday & Thursday  
Liturgy of the Word**  
10:00am

**Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat Mass**  
10:00am  
*Reconciliation after  
Saturday 10am Mass*

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

*1st and 3rd Sundays of  
each month*

**Mass 9:00am**

*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays  
of each month*

**Liturgy of Word 9:00am**

## ST MARY'S FOXTON

**Sunday Mass 10:30am**

**Thursday Mass 10:30am**

**Liturgy of Word TBA**

*Reconciliation by  
appointment*

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON

*1st and 3rd Sundays of  
each month*

**Mass 9:00am**

*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays  
of each month*

**Liturgy of Word 9:00am**

**Are you thinking of  
becoming a Catholic** or  
interested in knowing more?

Please get in touch with either  
the OLOL School or OLOL  
Parish office

*We pray for the members of our  
Parish families who have died  
recently and those whose  
anniversaries occurs at this time:*

*We pray for the sick & those who  
care for them, especially:*  
Trish & John Wilkin,  
Marion Carey, Tony Murphy,  
Mikulas Oros, Pat McDonald,  
Barbara & Graeme Younger,  
Steve Horgan, Vinnie Carroll,  
Kathleen Butturini,  
Betsy Franssen,  
Chris Kleinsman,  
Evie Feierabend,  
Kararaina Te Ira,  
Margaret Kersel and  
William Lemmon

## For your diary Notices & Info

Lenten Reflection Groups available in the Community of Kotahi Ano

**Monday 7:00pm** Sacred Heart R'tea  
**Tuesday 2:15pm** OLOL Church Hall  
**Thursday 11:00am** St. Mary's Foxton

Lenten Reflection Groups available at the Cathedral

**Tuesday 2.15 pm** St James' School - lead by Basia McIntosh

**Tuesday 7.00 pm** Cathedral Lounge - lead initially by Julie Randall then Mary Nash

**Tuesday 7.30 pm** Youth Rm - Diocesan Offices - lead Nick Wilson

**Wednesday 7.00 pm**

lead by Sue Ryan @ 4 Jensen Str  
**Friday 1.30 pm** Cathedral lounge - lead by June Hurly

### March 2020

Today, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, **Memorial of the Christchurch Massacre**, Cathedral

17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, **Joshua Men's Group**, St. Mary's PN - see next column

21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am, **KPF Mission Ministries, Annual Lenten Retreat**. see next column

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> **Tokelauan Community Fundraising** Food & Entertainment - OLOL - see next column

29<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm, **Readers & Announcers Workshop**, OLOL

### April 2020

1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am, **Anointing Mass**, OLOL

2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30pm, **Anointing Mass**, Cathedral

6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, **Mass of the Oils**, Cathedral

18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, **Trung's Ordination**, Cathedral

**Welcome. NZ Catholic** (\$4) & **Tui Motu** (\$7) available in the foyer.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Notices:

- **Lenten Reflections** Tuesday @ 2:15pm Church Hall
- **Easter Liturgies Sign Up Sheets** out in the foyer this weekend
- **Anointing Mass** - 1<sup>st</sup> of April @ 10:00am

### St. Mary's Foxton/Shannon Notices:

- **Caritas Lenten Reflections** after 10.30am Liturgy this Thursday
- **Fundraising for Bethlehem University** (collection in the foyer)
- **Sacramental Program** after 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Foxton this Sunday
- Parents who want their **Children to be Baptised** should contact Eleanor Jacobs

### Sacred Heart Rongotea Notices:

- **Caritas Lenten Reflection** - Session 3 - Monday 16 March 7pm at the church. All very welcome.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent - 7pm at the church.

**Stations of the Cross** is also held at St. Mary's PN every Friday during lent at 5:30pm

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - TONIGHT AT 7:30PM.** Tonight we are hosting the Multi-faith Vigil in memory of the Victims of the Christchurch Terrorist Attack. Come gather with us to pray, remember and support our Muslim brothers and sisters.

Due to the Coronavirus, the **Bethlehem University** is on lock down by order of the Palestinian Ministry of Health. Brother Peter Bray FSC, EdD, asks that we keep them in our prayers. If you would like to **make a donation to support Bethlehem University**, you can put your donations in an envelope and write: "**For Bethlehem University**" and put the envelope in your parish collection tray. This will be sent to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand in Wellington and they will forward the monies to Bethlehem University. God bless.

**Joshua Men's Group** next meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm St Mary's church foyer. Speaker Trung. Supper to follow. All welcome. For info contact John 027 6887750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)

Saturday, 21 March, 8am to 5pm. **KPF Mission Ministries cordially invite you to its Annual Lenten Retreat** at the Diocesan Centre. Speakers include Trung Nguyen, Mons Dave Bell and Fr. Nathaniel Tat Brazil. Food will be served. RSVP Mylene Sunga by the 14<sup>th</sup> on 021 209 1204

### Malo ni fanaul:

The **Tokelauan Community** invite you to their fundraising to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March after the 5:30pm Mass, you will be presented with a **Dinner and Concert**. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March after the 9:30am Mass, you will be presented with a **Brunch and Concert**. *Please bring a Koha for food and entertainment.*

**Whakapūmāutanga-Confirmation Manawatū 2020** - for more info see the noticeboard in the foyer or contact Taus [tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz) or 021 509 439

**Marist St Pats RFC - 50<sup>TH</sup> Jubilee** -see website for more details: [www.msprugby.co.nz](http://www.msprugby.co.nz)

**See the Church Noticeboard for more detailed descriptions of upcoming events.**

**St Vincent de Paul PN** - Foodbank requests jam, rice, 500g packs of sugar, pasta, baked beans, spaghetti, small packs of tea.

### Catholic Hospital Pastoral/Spiritual Care, MidCentral Health:

Chaplain Kathleen Field, 021 509 436, [kathleen.field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:kathleen.field@midcentraldhb.govt.nz)

**Priests:** Fr Joe Grayland & Fr Kevin Neal  
[priest@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:priest@lourdesparish.nz)

**OLOL Parish Secretary:** Kate McNamara  
 06 358 3667 [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz)

**OLOL Office Hours:**  
 Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

**St Mary's Foxton/Shannon**  
 Parish Coordinator: Eleanor Jacobs  
[foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz)  
 0210644584 - Office Open:  
 Thurs & Fri: 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Communications Coordinator:**  
 Claire Jacobs: [info@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:info@lourdesparish.nz)

### Youth Corner:

- Anyone year 10 and older **who wants to be confirmed** this year - Contact Taus
- Confirmation Programme: Leaders training session/whanau evening-  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-8pm.**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Session - **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 4pm-6pm. \*No sessions during the holidays**
- 2nd Session- Tuesday 28th April (because of ANZAC Day) 5pm-7pm
- **Combined National Catholic Youth and Marriage Educators Conference** 24-26th April 2020. See [www.takirua2020.nz](http://www.takirua2020.nz) to register.
- **Heaven Come Young Adult Weekend** 22-23 March. Contact Nick
- Contact for Nick [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz) or Taus 021 509 439.
- **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry** has a Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry). This is aimed at anyone interested in what's on for families within the Palmerston North area.