

# Kotahi Ano

(Together as One)

16 February 2020

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
96 Shamrock Str  
Palmerston North  
4412



**Sacred Heart**  
6 Mersey Street  
Rongotea 4476



**St. Mary's**  
Johnston Street  
Foxton 4814



**St. Joseph's**  
Cnr Grey & Vogel  
Street  
Shannon 4821

## Pastor's Desk

From Fr Joe Grayland

Today's Gospel is the second part of the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon is the proof-text of Christian morality and ethics. Matthew portrays Jesus as the great teacher, and today's Gospel presents Jesus' interpretation of the Torah for Matthew's community.

The sermon is addressed to all Israel and secondarily to the disciples and it follows on from Jesus' successful teaching and healing ministry. Matthew presents Jesus' teaching and wisdom, and challenges listeners to accept or reject it. If they accept it then they need to act in accordance with it. The sermon's basic theme is that Jesus came not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to fulfil them, and for the evangelist everything in the sermon illustrates this point. The sermon is given within the larger context of the crisis within Judaism following the destruction of the temple and the dispersion of Jews across the ancient world.

The history of the interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount is the history of Christianity. To this day there are sharp disagreements as to the meaning of the text and the role it plays in developing our understanding of God; that is our theological worldview.

The sermon attempts to present a long and complicated history. I think the following structure is best:

1. Matthew frames Jesus' teaching in the future coming of the Kingdom, the eschatological time, or the end times after we're all dead and had the final judgement.
2. Our after-death expectation of judgement and salvation frames our behavior here on earth.

3. The sermon is not strictly a personal ethic, neither is it a blueprint for a social utopia. It is a teaching – wisdom that informs decision-making and critiques actions.
4. The teaching has implications for social, personal, and church behavior.
5. The sermon is addressed to the Matthean community and to people of good will.
6. It is not intended to be a guilt trip or a confessional act of contrition! However, it does remind us of our need for God's wisdom and mercy.
7. This grouping of Jesus' teachings shows how Jesus fulfils the Law and how he is a prophetic person; it shows the validity of Matthew's argument that his solution to the crisis in Judaism is the right solution.
8. For the Jewish listeners, the sermon presents an authoritative interpretation of the Torah.
9. The sermon is more concerned with principles than with laying down religious laws "that are too heavy for people to carry".

The images of the city on the hill and the salt define discipleship as evangelical. The refusal to abolish the law ("not one iota") shows the organic relationship between the Torah and Jesus' teaching. The Beatitudes are thoroughly Jewish in nature and shape. They remind the Christian that "depth evangelisation" is only possible among a people who know and respect their own whakapapa (heritage). This text serves to remind us of the organic relationship between the Torah, the teachings of Jesus and contemporary Christianity

### Children's Reflection for the Day

Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. If we do argue with them, we must try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible. We are all part of God's family. That is one big global family that includes all people wherever they are in the world. God asks us to try to treat them as we want to be treated. In our global family we are all different. Look at the person sitting next to you. How are they different to you? How are they the same as you? Sometimes people spend too much time thinking about the differences between us, rather than seeing that we are all part of the same global family. This can lead to arguments and problems. In some cases it can lead to war or fighting between countries which means that people get hurt and have to leave their homes. How do you think it would feel to live somewhere where there was a war?

**A challenge!** Can you try not to argue with or hurt anyone this week?

*God of mercy and peace, forgive us when we get angry with others and help us to make our peace with them so that we can all work together to make a better world. Amen.*

### 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?**  
If you're interested in this wonderful Sacrament, please get in touch with either the OLOL School or OLOL Parish office

**Reminder: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 18 February**

## For your diary

### February 2020

**16<sup>th</sup>, SVDP Meeting**  
after 10:30am Mass  
St. Mary's Foxton

**23<sup>rd</sup>, 3-4:30pm, Eucharistic Ministers Workshop**  
At St. Joseph's Shannon  
Please bring a plate, thank you.

**26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass**, 7:20am Cathedral  
**Mass**, 10:00am OLOL  
**Mass**, 10:30am St Mary's Fxt  
**Mass**, 12:05pm Cathedral  
**Mass**, 7:00pm OLOL  
**Liturgy**, 7:30pm St. Mary's Fxt

**27<sup>th</sup>, Massey Open Day**  
Vinnies will have a Market day and Ball and need Ball and Tea dresses please.

### March 2020

**1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am, Mass in the Middle**  
Moutoa Hall, Foxton/Shannon

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

Teresa Watson (RIP)

*We pray for the sick & those who care for them, especially:*

Barbara & Graeme Younger,  
Betsy Franssen, Chris Kleinsman,  
Eve Feierabend, Kararaina Te Ira, Margaret Kersel, Steve Horgan, Vinnie Carroll, William Lemmon

#### On the Noticeboards

- Updates from our **Young Catholic Team**
- Information on **Retreats, Tours, Pilgrimages** etc.
- **PN Christian Leaders Association** upcoming events

## Notices & Info

### Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme 2020

This year the focus is "Renewed by the Spirit". The context is "God wants to speak to the world by your life...do not abandon the path of love". If you are interested in helping lead a reflection group using the Caritas material in your parish, please advise if you could attend a training session before 19 February for training at the Diocese on Saturday 22 February 2020 from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Register your interest to Mary Nash [egmanash@gmail.com](mailto:egmanash@gmail.com) or 06 3568931.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Notices:

- You are invited to our **Lenten Reflection Group** in the Church Hall, starts the 3rd of March at 2:15pm, finish at 3:00pm. All parishioners (bring your pre-schoolers), are welcome. Cuppa included. Contact the parish office at [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz) or 358 3667 for more information.
- On Friday 6 March at 4:00pm we will be presenting our hour in the "**24 Hours for the Lord**", could we have a volunteer to coordinate this hour for us.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes Guild:** Meeting 4th March at 1.30. p.m. A housie afternoon, usual flower comps, a jar of jam, pickle or relish made with this season's produce. Sales table. See you there.

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

- **No Mass or Liturgy Service** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of February at St. Mary's Foxton
- **Lenten Envelopes** in the foyer.
- **A Special Collection** will be made for Fr Lloyd and we **will have a farewell for Fr Lloyd at Mass in the Middle for his service to Foxton and Shannon.** There **be NO Mass** at either St Mary's or St Joseph's on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Instead there will be a **Mass in the Middle** at **Moutoa Hall** at 10.00am. Please bring a plate. Thank you.

#### Sacred Heart Rongotea Notices:

- A warm **Welcome to Bishop Peter Cullinane** who will celebrate Mass with us this morning.
- **World Day of Prayer**, Friday 6 March will be hosted by Sacred Heart

#### 40 Days for Life

From February 26 through April 5, join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion. Six babies are known to have been saved at previous vigils in New Zealand. For more info, please contact: 021 231 7954 and [fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife).

#### Christian Mission: Supporting a Deeper Humanity.

29<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am Fr. Jamie Calder will present in Palmerston North at the Diocese Centre, 33 Amesbury Str. "Christian Mission: Supporting a Deeper Humanity".

#### Sacred Heart Rongotea Roster: 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020

**Greeter**-J Carroll, **Readers**-A Robinson, L Hehir, C Hehir, **Eucharistic Minister**-F Mullin, **Children's Liturgy**-B Hehir, **Sacristan**-A Robinson. **Lay Minister**-R Hehir.

#### St. Joseph's Shannon Roster: 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020

**Reader** – E Te Peeti, **Eucharistic Ministers** – N McKenzie, T Olsen

#### St. Mary's Foxton Roster: 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020

**Greeter** – J Jaggard, **Readers** – C Mawby, M Culling, **Eucharistic Ministers** – S O'Kane, D Crase

**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)

**St Mary's Foxton Office Hours:**  
Thursday and Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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

#### OLOL Roster 17 Feb to 23 Feb 2020

**Church Cleaning:** 17<sup>th</sup> Monica Hammond & Maria O'Brien

**Counter:** 19<sup>th</sup> Selwyn Brown,

**Flowers:** (Until the 26<sup>th</sup>) Ann O'Hara & Judy Walker

**Greeters:** 5:30pm – Denise Bailey & Kathy Morton, 9:30am – Josie Conlon

**Children's Liturgy:** Sheree Power & Lorraine Wilson

**Readers:** 5:30pm – Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouland & Jane Charlton.  
9:30am – Terry Johns, Clare Cole & Ebele Ezepue

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm – Pat Curran, John Lynch, Denis Jones, Colin Keegan & Denise Bailey  
9:30am – Mary Murrow, Eileen O'Connor, Martin Boyle, Eric & Jeanette Wright

**Altar Servers:** Carissa May, TeHuiatahi Gray-Sharp

**Hospitality:** Joanna Ho & Susan Ingram

**Linen:** (Feb) Margaret Swinbourne, **Lawns:** (15 Feb) Moira Jury

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Diane Baucke

**SVDP Basket:** (Feb) Barry Angland