

Kotahi Ano (Together as One)

1 March 2020

1st Sunday of Lent – Year A



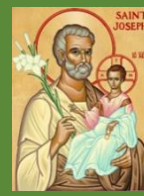
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Pastor's Desk *From Fr Joe Grayland*

Lent is our preparation for Easter. It began as a 3-day fast and evolved over time to its present 40 day fast. It is a preparatory fast; a time of preparation for the catechumens who are joining the Church at Easter. Lent is the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, a special time of inner preparation. For us who are already initiated, Lent is the annual call to repentance, to interior growth, and to works of mercy.

The focus of Lent is the catechumen, the person who is not already a Christian and who is preparing for Christian initiation through baptism, chrismation, and eucharist. People who are already baptised in another Christian Church are Christians. They are received as a brother or sister into the Church. They are not converting, as the Catechumen is. The catechumenate is the time of learning and discernment. During this time an individual discerns what it means to be called to the vocation of Christianity.

During the catechumenate they are ritually excluded from the celebration of the Eucharist. Their "food" of discernment is the Scripture; and their sponsors and catechists accompany them on this journey. Ritual exclusion is a sign of authentic hospitality – not to invite someone to a meal they can't share in. Sending the Catechumen from the Sunday Assembly builds the intensity of everyone's longing for their initiation. They are sent out before the Creed and Prayers of Faithful because these can only be prayed by the baptised. The Election of the Catechumens is the first ritual of this period. It is the acceptance by the Church of the catechumen and the catechumen's pledge of faithfulness. The Catechumenate is ended, and the Elect turn their focus to interior preparation for initiation. They will celebrate three Scrutinies or rites of self-searching, repentance and blessing.

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent and we use Year A scriptures. The Scrutinies are accompanied by exorcisms to strengthen the Elect in their resolve and to remind us all that baptism is the primal forgiveness of sins. Reconciliation is the post-baptismal forgiveness of sins that is used only once the person is fully initiated.

Before Easter initiation the Catechumen will be given the Creed and the Our Father and asked to learn them by heart before their baptism. The Creed is the prayer of baptism recited by the one who about to be baptised. "Credo" or "I believe" is the response to the questions: "Do you believe in the Father, Son and Spirit?"; "Do you believe in the One, Holy, Apostolic and Universal Church?" These questions should not be answered glibly.

Adults are baptised with the fullest awareness of their call to Christianity, which is why adult baptism is the paradigm of Christian baptism. Following this, come the initiation of a child of Catechetical Age (over the age of 7), who answers in proportion to their age and lastly, the baptism of an infant, the exceptional rite, because the answers given by the parents are proxy answers.

The Our Father is the paradigm of Christian Prayer. It is the structure we use in private prayer and in public prayer. We need to be able to pray it by heart because this prayer is central to our identity as Christians. Being able to pray this prayer by heart marks the difference between a Catechumen and a Believer.

As the Elect lead us throughout Lent we all benefit from this period of more intense spiritual preparation as we prepare for the Great Mystery of Easter.

Children's Reflection:

1st Sunday of Lent – Jesus had to make some choices. First, he had the choice to either rely on God or turn stones into bread. Even though he was very hungry, Jesus chose to trust in God. Jesus was also offered all the kingdoms of the world if he turned away from God. It must have been very tempting to choose all the riches of all the kingdoms and to have power over them. But Jesus chose to worship God. Why do you think Jesus said no when he was tempted? And can you think of a time when you have been tempted to do something even though you knew it wasn't right? Sometimes we can make really good choices, like Jesus did. We can choose to give something up in Lent to remind ourselves of Jesus in the desert. It can also remind us of people around the world who are hungry or do not have what they need. Remember this week to look out for chances to make good choices – like Jesus did – and build a better world.

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,
especially:*
Fr Peter Carde SM A03/03

*We pray for the sick & those who
care for them, especially:*
Barbara & Graeme Younger,
Betsy Franssen, Chris
Kleinsman, Evie Feierabend,
Kararaina Te Ira, Margaret
Kersel, Steve Horgan,
Vinnie Carroll, William
Lemmon

For your diary Notices & Info

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

Private home - lead by Sue Ryan

Friday 1.30 pm Cathedral lounge - lead by June Hurly

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

March 2020

Today, 1st, 10:00am, Mass in the Middle - Moutoa Hall

5th, 6:00pm, Manawatu Moko Snr Youth Group.

Yrs. 10-13, Contact Taus

5th, 7:00pm, Dr. Ron White, an American Presidential historian - PN City Library - Events Central

6th, 10:00am & 7:00pm,

World Day of Prayer,

See noticeboard for more info

15th, 7:30pm, Memorial of the Christchurch Massacre, Cathedral

April 2020

2nd, 1:30pm, Anointing Mass, Cathedral

6th, 6:00pm, Mass of the Oils, Cathedral

18th, 11:00am, Trung's Ordination, Cathedral

Our Lady of Lourdes Notices:

- **From Judith Wall:** "My grateful thanks to all who have prayed for me during my recent illnesses. This is a loving parish, and it is good to be back among you."
- 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. P.S Raffle this month - June

St. Mary's Foxton/Shannon Notices:

- Join us today at Moutoa Hall for **Mass in the Middle** - 10:00. **Please remember!** There will be **NO Masses** at St. Joseph Shannon and at St. Mary's Foxton.
- **Children's Bible Challenge** will resume on Friday, 6th March 2.15pm at St Mary's School.
- **Thank you** to those who attended a beautifully presented workshop on Sunday 23rd Feb at St Joseph's Shannon. The next workshop for Readers, Announcers and Greeters will be on 29th March. Details will follow.

Sacred Heart Rongotea Notices:

- **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent - 7pm at the church.
- **World Day of Prayer 2020** - Ecumenical Service - hosted by Sacred Heart 1pm Friday 6 March. Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe this year, the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" based on John 5:2-9a. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

A Milestone for the Diocese: Celebrating 40 years of the Diocese of PN (1980-1920)

The Diocese of PN was constituted on the 6th of March 1980. Please pray for the Diocese and its people as we celebrate this milestone on Friday 6th March 2020. May God bless us all this year of celebration.

Safeguarding and Compliance Officer - Vacancy: The Diocese is looking for someone coordinate & implement safeguarding practices across our Diocese including policy, advice, training, reviews and communication with our National Office of Professional Standards. For more information on this role please contact Tony Murphy, tmurphy@pndiocese.org.nz or 021925560. Hours are flexible.

The Diocese of PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. Applications sought that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development. Forms and criteria for funding are available at the parish office or the Diocesan Office, PB 11012, PN - Att: Mrs Wendy Silver, 06 354 1780 ext 833, wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or go to <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>. Applications are to reach the Diocesan Office by 31 March 2020. Allocations will be made in May 2020.

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

Welcome is available in the foyer.

On the Noticeboards

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

Priests: Fr Joe Grayland & Fr Kevin Neal
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OLOL Parish Secretary: Kate McNamara
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OLOL Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

St Mary's Foxton/Shannon
Parish Coordinator: Eleanor Jacobs
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St Mary's Foxton Office Hours:
Thursday and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Online Communications Coordinator:
Claire Jacobs: info@lourdesparish.nz

Youth Corner:

- Anyone year 10 and older **who wants to be confirmed** this year - Contact Taus
- Combined National Catholic Youth and Marriage Educators Conference 24-26th April 2020. See www.takirua2020.nz to register.
- **Manawatu Moko Senior Youth Group** For years 10-13. First meeting of the year 5th March. 6-8pm. Contact Taus.
- **Heaven Come Young Adult Weekend** 22-23 March. Contact Nick
- Contact for Nick nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or Taus 021 509 439.
- **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry** has a Facebook page. www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry. This is aimed at anyone interested in what's on for families within the Palmerston North area.