



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)  
Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata



## Fr Joe Grayland

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## LOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Sat)  
8:00am & 10:00am  
Mon—Sat 10:00am

## RONGOTE A MASSES

9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun  
10:30am Thurs

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am  
or on request

## EUCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon,  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Day of Prayer for Children

4th March 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.**

**WELCOME** to Monsignor Bell. It is great to have you back in the Manawatu.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** Sacred Heart Rongotea and LOL First Reconciliation preparation, begins Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm in the LOL School Library. First Reconciliation Sacrament will be celebrated on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please keep the children in your prayers. All eligible children over the age of 7 are welcome. Application forms are available in the Gathering Area or at the School Office.

**Fr. Peter Carde celebrates his 82nd birthday this Sunday (March 4<sup>th</sup>). Birthday blessings to him on this day!**

**LOL LADIES GUILD** Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm. Guest speakers will be two ladies from 'Soroptimist International' to tell us about their current projects. Usual flower comps/crafts—make a corsage using fresh or dried flowers. Guild meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Should you find you have the time you are most welcome to join us. Regards, June.

**RECONCILIATION RITE 2** City-wide Second Rite Reconciliation will be hosted at LOL Church, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

**MASS OF ANOINTING AND HEALING** March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am at LOL Church, followed by morning tea. If you know of anybody who would like to attend and requires transport please call the parish office 358 3667.

**MINISTERS' MEETING** March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm-8:00pm a meeting of all ministers of Sunday and Weekday Liturgies (readers, eucharistic ministers, musicians, greeters, etc.) to discuss the impact of Mass time changes and review our ritual practices.

**LOL PRAYER CHAIN:** Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

**MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY** Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

## LENTEN REFLECTION

"Eta missa est: Called to be mission".  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm-8.30pm.  
You are all welcome.

**LENTEN GIVING PACKS** are available in the Gathering Area today. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday night during Lent at 7:00pm.

**POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE** A copy of the Pope's Lenten message can be found on the parish website.

**FOOD FOR FAITH** Fr John O'Connor's Retreat in daily life. Join the hikoi to Easter online @<http://foodforfaith.org.nz/>.

"My Weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today"  
<http://marcusfrancis.blogspot.co.nz>

**END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL** Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: The deadline for submissions to be into the Select Committee on the End of Life Choice Bill has been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> March. Handouts and advice on how to make a submission are available at the parish office or from Kathleen 021 509 436. Please do not let this opportunity, to say no, be missed.



**A big 'THANK YOU and blessings'** to all parishioners who give so generously to the Society of St Vincent de Paul each year. In particular your generosity before

Christmas enabled our members to bring Christmas love and support to families and individuals, who were suffering from illness or other setbacks. We wish you could have seen the joy and excitement, with which we were greeted by the children, plus the surprise and very genuine gratitude shown by adults. St Vinnies urgently need **two king size double bed bases** – can you help? **Please phone Toni at the shop 357 6779.**

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION starting soon!

For those in year 10 or above who would like to be confirmed this year. Information session for parents and candidates Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 4:00-6:00pm at the Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury St. Any questions contact Michelle 021 246 0840. **Set Free Catholic Youth Festival**, Tokoroa, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March. Transport from PN is available – contact Michelle [mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz) Register by 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**POWHIRI to Welcome Kevin Shore**, Principal St Peter's College 12 noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. You are welcome to attend.

## Bishop speak:

Check out Bishop Charles' facebook page [www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](http://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)

## ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS .**
- **ACCOMMODATION** required for a young man from Dunedin.
- **RAFFLE:** For a trailer load of firewood, tickets \$2.00 at the Parish Office.
- **Have you lost a Christmas Tree or a man's black winter jacket or a pair of red knitted mittens?**

**WelCom** Collect your free copy in the Gathering Area today.

**We Pray for the Sick:** Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Siobhan Thomson.

## Died Recently

## Anniversaries

**Bob Sadler (1A March 1st)**

*Requiescant in Pace*

## From the Pastor's desk

For the next three Sundays of Lent the Gospel of John will lead our reflection and prayer. The story of the cleansing of the Temple is filled with significant messages. To begin, it follows the story of the wedding at Cana, where the first sign of God's kingdom is given in the transformation of the water into wine, and it happens at Passover.

In this parable Jesus reinterprets the concept of Temple, confronts "the Jews", and his disciples remembered.

The Temple is the place of worship to which all, who were able, were required to go. It is the place of sacrifice and priesthood, two things that the early Church moved away from in their worship for the first three centuries of Christianity. The early Church adopted the domestic setting of the House Church as the setting for worship, and the presbyter as their leader of worship, because temples, sacrifices and priesthoods were associated with emperor worship, corruption and the death of Christ. They could do this, because Jesus had already reinterpreted temple, sacrifice and priesthood for them.

Jesus' action in the Temple is aggressive. He challenges the abuses within the Temple and challenges the Temple as the place through which God relates to Israel. Jesus attacks the abuse of *hieron* or temple, saying that it has been turned into a house-emporium *oikos emporiou*. Instead, he declares it to be the 'house (*oikos*) of my Father'. Jesus tells the listeners that the temple, which has degenerated into a house of trade, has now been saved through his unique relationship to the Father, whose house this is (*oikon tou patros mou*). The Temple is renamed a house, the dweller or owner is the Father, the knowledge of this belongs to the Son, and the memory of it belongs to the disciples.

But then "the Jews" respond: how can this be? What gives you the right? They demand a sign, a miraculous proof of Jesus' right to say this. In John's Gospel the sign acts as both an invitation to belief and a stumbling block to human understanding.

Jesus says: "destroy this Temple (*ton naon*) and in three days I will raise it up". Jesus has changed the word for temple from *hieron* to *naon*. Both words mean temple but Jesus has applied the second, *naon*, to himself. It's a little like saying "this door" when looking at a building, and saying "this door" when talking about oneself. For example: "this is the door to the kitchen"; "I am the door to the future".

Jesus' words are misunderstood by "the Jews". They give the words their literal meanings and talk about the years it took to build the place. "The Jews", later "the crowd", are stuck in their confusion, holding on to their concretised thinking and forms of religion, unable to "see" the sign in front of them of God's kingdom, which they had asked for. Asking for a sign and being able to "see" it are two different things.

The response of "the Jews" is the opposite of the response of, Jesus' mother, Mary of Nazareth, in the previous chapter at the marriage at Cana. Here, Mary, from outside the relationship of oneness between the Father and Son, and not knowing what the plans of God were regarding the hour of Christ, responds in complete trust and openness to God in her words: "do whatever he tells you." She believes without seeing or knowing the future. She is the first disciple.

The disciples have seen a glimpse of the future; a future of suffering which will play out in Christ's passion for the Father. They recall Psalm 68(69) "Zeal for your house *has* consumed me" and they change it to, "Zeal for your house *will* consume me". This memory is a start. Once Christ is raised from the dead the disciples remember the scriptures and the words of Jesus, because now they are one-and-the-same.

The narrator gives us the correct understanding of this event, the sign and the words. The narrator explains that the temple to be consumed by God is the *naon* of Jesus, not the *hieron* of the building. Jesus is the gift that replaces other gifts, the sign greater than any sign, the fullness of the offering, and he will do this in his own person. The presence of God will be perfected,

and shown, in the destruction of Jesus, the temple, and in the resurrection of Jesus, the temple.

Remembering this we, the Church of today, are similar to John's community. We have no temple, so we see in the crucified and risen Christ "the temple". We remember Christ's passion for the Father, we use the scriptures as "sign" and we come to believe in the Word, who is Jesus. For these reasons, we can worship anywhere, in spirit and in truth.

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## CONSULTATION

- 167 responses.
- Leadership meeting was held on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Parish meeting will be held on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** to outline recommendation to Bishop Charles.
- Parish meeting is an opportunity to hear the recommendation.
- Any issues will be discussed at this meeting.
- Recommendation given to Bishop Charles following meeting on **14<sup>th</sup> March**.
- Recommendation presented to the Bishop on **16<sup>th</sup> March**.
- New Mass times published on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **The new Mass times will come into effect on Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.**

View consultation feedback on the [website](#)

- Feedback from the general parish
- Feedback from the senior pupils at OLOL School.

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### NEXT WEEK: 4th Sunday of Lent

Readings Mar 11<sup>th</sup>: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21.

### ROSTERS: March

**Church Cleaning:** (March 5<sup>th</sup>) Linda Darbyshire and Ann Nation.

**Counting:** (March 6<sup>th</sup>) Marion Carey

**Flowers:** No flowers in the Church during Lent.

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Jeanette Curry and Fiona O'Leary **8:00am** Barrie Angland and Olympia Green **10:00am** Kapatiran Group.

**Readers: Vigil 5:30pm** Kathy Gardiner and Jane Charlton **8:00am** Pat Burton and Clare Cole **10:00am** Wendy Derksen and Sharon Crooks.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Denis Jones, Pat Curran, John Werder, Denise Bailey, Hannah Brown **8:00am** Clare Cole, John Lynch, Raymond Jones **10:00am** Paul Darbyshire, Julia Sissons, Jenny Joseph, Mary Murrow, Mary O'Connor.

**Altar Servers: 10:00am:** Kaitlyn Amey and Marc Codeniera.

**Children's Liturgy:** Narelle O'Connor.

**Hospitality: 10:00am** KPF Group.

**Religious Goods/Library:** (Mar 11<sup>th</sup>) Mary O'Connor.

**Linen:** (March) Mary O'Connor.

**Lawns:** (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) Kevin Long.

