



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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**LOL MASSES**  
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)  
8:00am & 10:00am  
Mon—Sat: 10:00am  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat: 10:30—11:00am or on request

**EUCARIST ADORATION**  
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00—9:00pm

**RONGOTE MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Thurs: 7:00pm



## Second Sunday of Lent 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

**Psalm Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Prayers of the Faithful Response:** Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

### LOL FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

Begins today (Sun Mar 12<sup>th</sup>) at 11:00am  
Enrolment forms and the programme are available in the foyer now. Complete yours today if you haven't already done so.

**CONFIRMATION 2017** is starting soon for students in year 10 or above. The program will start with a registration & launch event for candidates & parents. **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 4:00pm - 5:50pm before Sunday evening Mass. Contact: Lucy Ingle 021 509 439; [lingle@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingle@pndiocese.org.nz)

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 7:00pm  
Fridays during Lent, followed by Adoration.
- **LENTEN GROUPS** Tuesday 2:00pm and Thursday 7:00pm in the Foyer.
- **LENTEN PACKS** available in the foyer.

**LOL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM**  
11:00AM SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, IN THE HALL.

**LOL COFFEE GROUP**  
Tuesdays 9:00am-11:30am

**LOL PRAYER CHAIN:** Please call Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office. No request is too big or too small!

**MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY**  
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm.  
Exposition 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

**NEW READERS** are required to join the roster for Ministry of the Word. Full training given. Please phone Patria 354 4571.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** We urgently need new flower ladies. We only have 3 at the moment. We will teach new people or put you on with someone else, even if you are able to water the flowers a couple of times a week would be very helpful. Please phone Mary 3296816.

**LOL GUILD** will be celebrating their **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**. Please contact former members, and give them the opportunity to join us for lunch to celebrate this milestone. For further information phone Sheila Evans 357 0172 or June Lynch 354 7686.

**ON SALE** NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7.

**MARIST BROTHERS' BICENTENNIAL** The Marist Brothers were founded in 1817, so this makes 2017 their bicentennial. To mark the occasion they would like to say THANK YOU to all those people who supported them when they were here in PN, from 1939 until 1983. On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, after the 9:30am Mass at the Cathedral**, there will be a morning tea & a few words of thanks from the Brothers. The Brothers would welcome any past students, parents, teachers, supporters & friends of the Brothers to come along & mark the bicentennial with them. Ph Br Doug Dawick, 021.258.1484.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Shop volunteers needed please.  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm. Sat 10:30am-1:30pm  
Please phone St Vinnie's 357 6779 to leave your details. **Current Sale - Fill a bag with summer clothes and shoes for \$5!!!**

### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

**Senior Youth Group** for years 11-13. We will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Diocesan centre. Contact: Lucy Ingle 021 509 439 or at [lingle@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingle@pndiocese.org.nz)

**Set Free** Catholic Youth Festival Hamilton April 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> We are taking a group to this. Yrs 11-13 & young adults. Setfree.org.nz. Interested? Contact Lucy 021 509439; [lingle@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingle@pndiocese.org.nz)

**Caritas Challenge** 6:00pm Mar 31<sup>st</sup>-3:00pm Apr 1<sup>st</sup> St Peters College students & TGIF youth group. Fundraising to support the Pacific Islands in their battle against the effects of climate change. Help support a young person doing this challenge or be an adult helper. Contact Kathleen 021 509 436; [kfield@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:kfield@pndiocese.org.nz)

**ROSMINIAN HERITAGE** The Rosminian community at PN would like to invite you for an introductory programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm in St Mary's Parish. All are welcome. Ph 358 5614.  
**Please see notice board for dates and times of Annual Retreat, Way of the Cross and Confession in Malayalam**

**OPEN DAY at THE PREGNANCY CENTRE**, 237 Broadway today, March 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00pm-2:00pm. You are invited to pop in for coffee, to view the Centre & chat to staff & volunteers about the activities the Centre undertakes.

**Come and let the GOSPELS CHANGE YOUR HEART** presented by Fr Paul Holland SJ. Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March, morning and evening sessions, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Full details on poster in foyer.

**THE DIOCESE OF PN** in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation & Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies & Church organisations. Application forms & criteria for funding are available from parish office or Diocesan Office, PB 11012, PN – Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, 06 354 1780 x 833; [wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz) or download a copy of the application form from <http://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>. Applications are to reach the Diocesan Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Allocations will be made 2/5/2017.

**REFUGEE SUPPORT** Join our team and make a difference as a refugee support volunteer.

We are looking for people like you to help families arriving on 28<sup>th</sup> April, build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home.

**Volunteer training course starts 14<sup>th</sup> March.**  
**Please contact NZ Red Cross: 356-8152.**

**MEN'S HEALTH:** Dr Dave Baldwin (Bulls Flying Doctor) is speaking on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm on men's physical, mental and spiritual health. Ph 358 3246 for further information. See flyer on notice board. Highly recommended by Rod Bennett.

**AGLOW EVENING SESSION** Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
**AGLOW MONTHLY MEETING** Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March

**We Pray for the Sick:** Kerrin McManus, Liu Mingquing, Vanessa Farrelly, Vinnie Carroll, Phillip Gleeson, Joseph Ang, Joan Lambourne, Liam Stone, Graeme Younger, Marie Wenman, Aileen Ryan, Helen Taylor, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson.

### Died Recently

Jules Haakman & Victor Guirigay

### Anniversaries

Patricia Jowett

# Lenten Retreat: 'Judas Reveals Us to Ourselves'

Posted by Anne Kurian on 9 March, 2017—  
Zenit

The themes of the fifth meditation of the Lenten Retreat of Pope Francis and the Roman Curia were the loss of faith and Judas' suicide, and the Church's mission to seek sinners. On the morning of March 8,

2017 at Ariccia, Father Giulio Michelini reflected on the figure of the Apostle Judas, saying that "Judas reveals us to ourselves."

According to Vatican Radio, the Franciscan recalled the tragedy of Judas' suicide, trying to understand how the Apostle could have betrayed his Master. One of the theories is that Judas, who wanted a combative, political Messiah wished to exert pressure on Jesus.

Another theory is that Judas lost the faith at a given moment. Father Michelini invited the retreatants to ask themselves "if there were not often moments in our life when we abandoned Christ . . . our love, for a vanity, a sensuality, a benefit, a security, a hatred, a vengeance?"

carry out two popular missions a year. I tease them because they go to dance on the streets, enter discotheques and go to bars . . . But they know how much I appreciate the fact that there is someone who goes there where there is something we would not like to see; there are, perhaps, desperate young people . . . Even if we do not fulfil that duty, we should be grateful and supportive of those who go to seek pagans and publicans in the streets, as Jesus said.

Finally, Father Michelini recalled Judas' suicide, putting him in parallel with the personage of the "Innominato" [the Nameless] of Alessandro Manzoni's novel "Les Fiances": doing these misdeeds, he is tempted to do away with his life but thinks again of the

heroine, Lucy's words, about God's mercy.

In the same novel, the figure of Cardinal Frederic Borromeo, who regrets that he did not go to seek the hoodlum himself before his conversion, invites to go to seek sinners, said the preacher.

Father Michelini also highlighted the responsibility of the religious leaders "intellectuals of religion" in Judas'

suicide. He questioned the Pastors: "How can we help Christians of our time not to lose the faith, to regain consciousness of their faith, that of which the New Testament speaks, joyful faith . . . , adherence to the person of Jesus. What can we do so that these suicides do not happen again?"

"We have few justifications to speak with indignation of the traitor. Judas reveals us to ourselves," stressed the preacher. And he quoted the French writer Emmanuel Carrere in his book "The Kingdom" (2014): "I abandon you, Lord; You, do not abandon me."

Pastors must also ask themselves how they can reach those who are far from the faith, he continued giving a personal example: "I live with a community of young people who



## PARISH FIRST AIDERS NEEDED

If you have a current first aid certificate and are happy to assist fellow parishioners, should a medical event occur at an

OLOL's Mass/event you are attending, please contact the parish office (358 3667 or [ololpn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ololpn@xtra.co.nz)) to go on our register. The Parish is also looking to purchase a St John AED defibrillator Unit, to be installed in the Church. A 90-minute training course on the Unit's use will be offered to our registered first aiders by St John.

Please consider stepping forward – you may never need to do anything, but in the event of an emergency, your generosity, at this stage, could be life-saving.

**Thank you to those who  
have volunteered. We could  
still do with 1 or 2 more  
who attend the 5:30pm or  
8:00am Masses**

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm  
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## Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Leigh Basile

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

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## St Peter's College

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## NEXT WEEK

Readings March 19<sup>th</sup>: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42.

## ROSTERS: March

**Church Cleaning:** (Mar 13<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Kathy Gardiner.

**Counting:** (Mar 14<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton

**Flowers:** Roster will start again after Easter, *more people needed please!*

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Catherine and Tom Edwards

**8am** John Lynch and Dianne Whittaker **10am** Josie Conlon.

**Readers: Vigil 5:30pm:** TBA and Dot Bowe, **8am:** Maree O'Donoghue and Maurice McDonald **10am:** Janey Bishop and Diane Baucke.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5.30pm** Pat Curran, Prue Smith, Lorraine & Dave Marriott, Hannah Brown. **8am** Clare Cole, John Lynch, Raymond Jones **10am** Eileen O'Connor, Stephen Guy, Julia Sissons, Collette O'Connor, Sharon van der Plas.

**Altar Servers: 10am** Kiwa and Kahu Pomare

**Children's Liturgy:** Colleen and Madeleine McHardy.

**Hospitality: 10am** Theo van Duin.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Anne O'Hara.

**Brass:** Colleen Hughes, Pat & Maurice McDonald (**Lent**) **Linen:** Maria Lukkassen  
**Lawns:** Kevin Long (Mar 18<sup>th</sup>)

