



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

## RONGOTEA 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



## 5th Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> March 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

**Psalm Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

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



### THIS WEEK'S COMING EVENTS

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** starting today! 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.

**1ST RECONCILIATION for children March 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.** Please keep them in your prayers.

**MASS OF ANOINTING AND HEALING March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am** at OLOL 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

**LENTEN REFLECTION - Fr Joe**  
Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm-8:30pm.  
***The spirituality of the Triduum***  
You are all welcome.

**MINISTERS' MEETING** (Lourdes community)  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm- 8:00pm** for all who minister at Mass on weekends and weekdays. As a result of the Mass timetable changes we need to review the present rosters and look at our liturgical practices. This is an opportunity for those who wish to take on a ministry to come along and for those who wish to retire from a ministry to take this opportunity.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:00pm before Adoration.

**HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES** There are a great number of ministries to fill for the Easter Liturgies so your help would be appreciated. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area today.

**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 OLOL.

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

### NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN ON EASTER SUNDAY

**9:30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes  
**9:00am** at Sacred Heart Rongotea.  
This means that the 8:00am and the 10:00am Sunday Masses will cease from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The 5:30pm Vigil remains.

### Palm Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>

**LOL 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am**  
**Sacred Heart Rongotea 9:30am**

### Holy Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

**Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm**  
**Holy Saturday Vigil March 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00pm**

### Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

**LOL 9:30am**  
**Sacred Heart 9:00am**

### 2nd Sunday Easter April 8<sup>th</sup>

**LOL 5:30pm and 9:30am**  
**Sacred Heart Rongotea 9:00am**

**We thank everybody for participating in the consultation which has been used by Bishop Charles for his letter which is on the back of this newsletter.**

**We invite you to browse the notice boards**

- **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS .**
- **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?**
- **Reflection—The Last Supper.**
- **St Peters College Newsletter**

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

### CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

[www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz);  
[www.catholicenquiry.nz](http://www.catholicenquiry.nz)

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March: St Mary's School Foxton Holy Week visit with OLOL Parish and School.** The children will attend Mass at OLOL at 10:00am and during the day Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Chrism Mass 7:00pm**  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The Chrism Choir meets at 6:00pm in the organ loft. The music list and singers copies of scores (pdf format) are available by emailing [music@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:music@pncathedral.org.nz). Paper copies will be distributed at the pre-Mass rehearsal. All are welcome especially tenors and basses!

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March 8:30am** St Peters College will be having their annual Cross Walk through the city. It begins at OLOL Parish connecting through the Parishes and Catholic Schools of the City. It will finish at St Peter's College at 12:00 noon with the Cross Liturgy, which is based on the Stations of the Cross.

**CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL** Every year Caritas relies on the generous support of the Catholic community to raise \$1million during Lent for justice, peace and development work. At the time of writing, \$320,463 has been donated by parishes or individuals. We really value your support and encourage parishioners to continue to support the Bishops' Lent Appeal.  
Caritas website [www.caritas.org.nz/donate](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate)

**We Pray for the Sick:** Bridget Dorn, Barbara Younger, Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Vanessa Farrelly, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, 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

*Requiescant in Pace*

Kia ora tātou,

Recently your parish has been involved in a consultation process around strengthening the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes parish and its school. One aspect of that discussion has been the reduction of Sunday morning Masses from two to one, and the timing of that Mass.

Thanks to everybody who has participated in this process. The "Monkey Survey" tool is an easy way for a parish to learn about its own strengths and ways in which it might continue to grow. One piece of data I found interesting was the appreciation of silence during liturgies, which surfaced across all age groups.

In regard to the setting of a Mass time, this decision is reserved to the Bishop. The reason for this is because, as te Hēpara or Shepherd, I have the responsibility of bringing the wisdom of the wider diocesan family to each particular parish or iwi whakapono. This is especially important when decisions concern our places and times of worship.

Sunday Mass is the cornerstone of evangelisation. It is therefore imperative on a pastoral level that the setting of Mass times - to the extent possible - also meets with families' "convenience". I am in admiration of families with young children and teenagers who make much effort and many sacrifices to get to Mass on Sundays. Equally I am aware of the many elderly who get themselves to

Mass on Sundays irrespective of weather, some even in taxis. Thank you.

Having read your parish input and having consulted elsewhere, I have decided that *ad experimentum* Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be at 9:30am and morning Mass at Sacred Heart, Rongotea will be at 9:00am.

This will come into effect on Easter Sunday this year. The Vigil Mass will of course remain. Personally, I do not envisage a further change after the year's 'experiment' but thought it wise to trial this time.

Thanks to you all for the witness you bring to each other by your participation at Sunday Mass, where we find our foundation and purpose or kaupapa of our week.

+ Charles

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Entering the final week of Lent focusses our attention on the coming Holy Week during which we celebrate the memory of Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection. This is what we call the Pascal Mystery. This Mystery lies at the heart of our faith. It is the Mystery of God's participation in human history. It is the Mystery of God's work of salvation that is taking place within us and amongst us. It is the Mystery we celebrate in every sacrament. It is the Mystery that calls us to greater participation in the God's work of salvation. This work of salvation is the work or the

liturgy of God, the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

The liturgy of the Trinity is the work of salvation; the salvation of all people and of the entire earth. Salvation is what God does for us, for all people, for the earth, for the whole of creation. St. Paul writes: Salvation brings everything together in Christ and through Christ everything is offered to the Father and brought to completion in God. This is marvellous stuff!

Our Sunday liturgy, also called the Sacred Liturgy, is the place of participation in God's work of salvation. It is our direct, eternal, participation in God's work of salvation on the Day of the Lord. The Sacred Liturgy of Sunday (the Mass or the Eucharist) is the meeting point of the church in heaven, the church in purgatory and the church on earth. It is the place where we are saved through our participation in the sacred rites.

Our participation in these sacred rites needs to be active and conscious. Our activity is not just doing things, rather it is being actively engaged in the singular prayer of God for salvation. The consciousness called for is not just being awake. It is about being engaged at the level of all our consciousness, mind, heart, desire, body, etc. This participation enables us to be the community of the faithful or the faith-filled.

Our worship and our belief come together in the Sacred Liturgy of Sunday. Our worship prepares us for the week of faith and service that lies ahead of us. Our belief is strengthened through our common prayer, our shared posture and gestures and our communal singing.

In all of this, the life, death, ministry and resurrection of Jesus is central. We come to remember his life, death, ministry and resurrection. In Christ we live and move and have our being.

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#### Our Lady of Lourdes School

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Principal: Kevin Shore  
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#### NEXT WEEK: Palm Sunday

Readings Mar 25<sup>th</sup>: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47.

#### ROSTERS: March

**Church Cleaning:** (March 19<sup>th</sup>) Pat Curran and Prue Smith.

**Counting:** (March 20<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton

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

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Denise Bailey **8:00am** Raymond and Julie Jones  
**10:00am** Josie Conlon.

**Readers: Vigil 5:30pm** Judith Wall and Rob Towers **8:00am** Kath Rooney and Brian Wilkinson **10:00am** Patria Kerr and Yen Rocero.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Judith Wall and Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Lorraine and Dave Marriott **8:00am** Clare Cole, Raymond Jones, John Lynch **10:00am** Tino Pakome, Brendon O'Connor, Stephen Guy, Julia Sissons, Mary O'Connor.

**Altar Servers: 10:00am:** Leah Meehan and John Garroville.

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

**Hospitality: 10:00am** Tokelauan Group

**Religious Goods/Library:** (Mar 25<sup>th</sup>) Diane Baucke.

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

**Lawns:** (March 17<sup>th</sup>) Kieran McCormack.