



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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

**EUCCHARIST 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



## Third Sunday of Lent

19<sup>th</sup> March 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

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

**LOLO FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME** is underway. Session 3, 22nd March 6.30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm.

**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** are available in the foyer.

**CARITAS DONATIONS** Week 1 - \$316.00, week 2 - \$410.00. Your generous support of the Lenten appeal is much appreciated.

**GREETERS** please collect your new rosters, asap, from the foyer please. Many thanks.

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

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

**LOLO 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 EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY**  
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm.  
Exposition 1st 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.

**JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP** next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7:00pm St Mary's Church foyer. Speaker Fr Vaughan Leslie. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship, supper. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)

**LOLO 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.**



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**Shop News:** Come and meet Toni our new Manager—enjoy filling a bag with summer clothes, shoes and fabric pieces for \$5.

**Come and be part of our volunteer team.**  
**Phone 357 6779 for information.**

**Food:** Thank you for your donations. Basic food items are in constant demand from members of the community. We value your continuing support.

### Come and let the GOSPELS CHANGE YOUR HEART

presented by Fr Paul Holland SJ.  
Fr Paul is a Jesuit from the USA who has ministered in formation and University Chaplaincy and is in the Diocese for 2 months. He is offering these prayer experiences for Lent based on the great readings of Lent: the man born blind, the woman at the well, Lazarus and the Passion and Last Supper.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9:30am-11:30am and 7:00pm-9:00pm, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.**

**ROSMINIAN** Please see notice board for dates and times of Annual Retreat, Way of the Cross and Confession in Malayalam

### 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](http://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)

**PN PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH** Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Theme: "Were you there?". Full timetable on the poster in the 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 2nd May 2017.

### Want to receive the Diocesan newsletter?

Sign up at [pndiocese.org.nz](http://pndiocese.org.nz)

Follow [facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz](https://www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz) for updates, news and photos of what is happening around the Diocese.

**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

**URGENT accommodation needed for family of five.** Can anyone help? Contact Adrienne 356 1660.

**ACCOMMODATION**—small house to rent for 1 or 2 weeks for a holiday, phone Noel Cassidy 04 577 1940 if you can help.

**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

Fr Pat McCullough

### Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

# Pope's Morning Homily: 'Damned Are the Indifferent'

16 March 2017 Deborah Castellano Lubov—Zenit

Damned are the indifferent, those who ignore the poor or suffering...

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis sent this strong message during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, while reflecting on the Gospel story of Lazarus, found in St Luke's Gospel.

In the parable, the poor man named Lazarus lies at the rich man's door. While the wealthy man spends time at dinner parties, he takes no notice of the poor man lying at his door. He knew who that poor man was, even knew his name, but he just didn't care, the Pope stressed.

The Pope warned of what we risk if we are apathetic toward the poor and homeless we see around us today.

Trusting in vanity, pride and riches, he said, will distance us from the Lord. He highlighted the fruitfulness of those who trust in the Lord and the sterility of those who rely only on themselves and the things they can control.

When people live in a closed environment, surrounded by wealth and vanity and trusting in their own devices, the Pope said, those people lose their sense of direction and have no idea of their limitations.

Was he a sinner? Yes, he was, and though the Lord

forgives those who repent, this man's heart was leading him on a one-way road to death. There is a moment, Pope Francis stressed, a line that we cross when sin turns into corruption. This man was not simply a sinner but a corrupt person because he was aware of all the suffering but he couldn't care less.

the landscape of our cities, like statues or bus stops or post offices?

"We must be careful," the Pope warned, "because if we eat, drink and assuage our consciences by simply giving a coin and walking past, this is not the right way to go."



"Damned are those who place their hope in themselves, the Pope said, because there is nothing more treacherous than a hardened heart. Once we are on that road, he added, it's very hard for our hearts to be healed."

Warning against those who place their trust in things of the flesh, Francis stressed that trusting in vanity, pride and riches will distance us from the Lord. He added that when people live in a closed environment, surrounded by wealth and vanity and trusting in their own devices, they often lose their sense of direction and have no idea of their limitations.

People like this, who rely only on themselves and the things they can control, become sterile, while those who trust in the Lord, become fruitful, he said.

"What do we feel in our hearts when we see the homeless or the children begging in the streets, Pope Francis asked? Do we say, 'No, those are the ones who steal? What do we feel for the poor or the homeless, even if they are well dressed but they don't have a job and can't pay the rent? Do we say this is normal? Do we see the homeless as part of

Rather, the Holy Father insisted, we must realize when we are on that slippery slope from sin to corruption.

"We must ask ourselves, what do I feel when I see on the news that a bomb has fallen on a hospital and lots of poor children have been killed? Do I just say a prayer and go on my way like before? Is my heart touched, or am I like the rich man whose heart was not touched by Lazarus but only the dogs had pity on him?"

If that is the case, the Pope said, we are on the road from sin to corruption.

"We must ask the Lord to look into our hearts to see if we are on that slippery slope to corruption, from which there is no return. Sinners can repent and turn back, he said, but it is very hard for those with closed and corrupt hearts."

Pope Francis concluded, saying, "let us pray that the Lord will show us which road we are following."

**Parish Website:** Very shortly our parish website will go 'live'. From this site you will be able to download our newsletter, rosters and other information. It is also planned to upload the Parish contacts brochure where contact information is contained of people coordinating groups/ministries/volunteers/etc. Please contact the office if you do not wish your contact details to appear in this very useful publication.

## PARISH OFFICE

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Principal: David Olivier  
06 354 4198  
www.stpeterspn.school.nz

## NEXT WEEK

**Readings March 26th: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41.**

## ROSTERS: March

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

**Counting:** Leigh Basile (Mar 21<sup>st</sup>)

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

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Jeanette Curry and Fiona O'Leary

**8am** Barrie Angland and Olympia Green **10am** Dianne Jordan.

**Readers: Vigil 5.30pm:** Annette Brown and Jane Charlton

**8am:** Brian Wilkinson and Kath Rooney **10am:** Iveta and David Griffin.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5.30pm** Martin Wall, John Werder, Denis Jones, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown **8am** Kieran McCormack, Kevin McKenzie, Colin Keegan **10am** Mary O'Connor, Jeanette and Eric Wright, Denis and Margaret Beckett.

**Altar Servers: 10am** Alesha and Teresa Alexander.

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

**Hospitality: 10am** Tokelauan Group.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Mary O'Connor.

**Brass:** Colleen Hughes, Pat & Maurice McDonald (**Lent**) **Linen:** Maria Lukkassen

**Lawns:** Kevin Long (Mar 18<sup>th</sup>)