



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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LOL MASSES

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

RONGOTEA MASSES

9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
or on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon,
7:00pm—9:00pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

25th March 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Monday 26th March: St Mary's School Foxton
Holy Week visit with LOL Parish and School and will attend Mass at LOL at 10:00am.

Tuesday 27th March Chrism Mass 7:00pm
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The Chrism Choir meets at 6:00pm in the organ loft. The music is available by emailing music@pncathedral.org.nz. Paper copies will be distributed at the pre-Mass rehearsal. All are welcome especially tenors and basses!

Thursday 29th March 8:30am St Peters
College will be having their annual Holy Thursday Walk through the city. It begins at LOL at 8.30am

Thursday 29th March 2.15pm LOL School
invites all parishioners to their Holy Thursday Liturgy in the Church.

Thursday 29th March 4:00pm-5:00pm
Reconciliation Rite 1 LOL Church.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

For those in year 10 or above who would like to be Confirmed this year. Any questions contact Michelle 021 246 0840.

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.

ON SALE Little White Books Easter Reflection \$6, Easter Cards \$3, NZ Catholic \$4, Tui Motu \$7.

LOL Ladies Guild Meeting Wednesday 4th, April 1:30pm. Guest speaker, Rose Semmens, topic—*The Society of St Vincent De Paul*. Housie to follow. Usual flower comps. Craft theme—knit or crochet a 'Peggy' Square. These will then be made into a blanket. **All welcome.**

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 1st 2018. The 5.30pm Vigil remains.

Holy Thursday March 29th 7:00pm
Good Friday March 30th 3:00pm
Holy Saturday Vigil March 31st 9:00pm

Easter Sunday April 1st
LOL 9:30am
Sacred Heart 9:00am

Easter Week

Monday 2nd April—Liturgy of Word 10am
Weekday Masses Tuesday to Saturday morning are as normal—10:00am

2nd Sunday Easter April 8th
LOL 5:30pm and 9:30am
Sacred Heart Rongotea 9:00am

To emphasise the newness of Easter and our community the chairs in the church will be changed from Holy Thursday to the Second Sunday of Easter (inclusive) into the choir format. Please see Fr. Joe's Easter edition.

Planned Giving Tax Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2018 will be available on weekend 28th and 29th April 2018. Many thanks for your generosity—it is much appreciated.

National Marriage Training Weekend

Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the *National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend* on the weekend of 18th – 20th May 2018, Chateau on the Park in Christchurch. The theme is "Christian Marriage: Radical Demands – Extravagant Mercy". The weekend is held every two years to form and encourage those involved in Marriage Education in the Catholic Church.

Please Support the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Collections

The drama of Holy Week, captured in today's Gospel account of the Passion, is played out in people's lives today too. Hope hovers behind oppression, compassion shames corruption, goodness triumphs in so many acts of sacrifice.

A particularly troubled people are the ancient but fragile Christian communities in the **Middle East and the Holy Land**. They often face repression and harassment yet they remain courageous in their charity, hope and their appreciation of our sacred liturgies.

It is to them that our annual **Good Friday collection** is destined. You can support this appeal by placing a donation in an envelope marked **Good Friday Collection** on the Friday itself or in the usual Sunday collection basket. Among the projects you will support are school fees for Iraqi and Syrian children, aid to families in refugee camps in Jordan, University scholarships for Palestinians and others, health clinics in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated. See: www.custodia.org.

Easter Sunday Collection

This collection is a "thank you" for our priests. It is divided equally among them and used for holiday costs, books and periodicals, and the priests' own charitable donations. We are blessed with the service of our priests whose workload is far from light. This is one way to show your appreciation. Thanks everyone. Kia ora tātou.

+ Chelles

We welcome Vui Hoang, a Seminarian who will be visiting our Parish from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday 25th March to 2nd April.

FIRST EUCHARIST preparation for Sacred Heart and OLOL children begins on Saturday April 21st at 4.15pm before the 5:30pm Mass. With the new Mass changes we've decided to attach the preparation to the Saturday Vigil so that children and families can attend Mass following catechesis.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at OLOL Church on Pentecost Sunday May 20th at 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation.



The Society of SVDP Conference in Palmerston North wishes to thank Parishioners for their ongoing generosity with donations of food, furniture, clothing,

crockery, utensils and the wide variety of household items. **Currently the food store is short of**

- breakfast cereals,
- canned items (tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit,
- beetroot, peas, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna and salmon),
- vegemite and peanut butter.

Donations of these items can be dropped at Sunday Masses and as always will be much appreciated by the recipients. **The Vinnies shop is short of**

- double and queen size beds
- tables and chairs
- lounge suits.

If you can donate these, arrangements can be made to collect by phoning shop manager, Toni Bidios, (06) 357 6779 during shop hours.



Good Friday Pilgrimage, noon, Wesley on Broadway. See notice board.

TRANSPORT is needed for a parishioner from Olive Tree Village who would like to attend 10:00am Mass on Saturdays. If you can help please phone the Parish Office 06 358 3667.

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

Principal: Mrs Jacinta Cousins
06 358 9727

www.ololschool.nz



St Peter's College

Principal: Kevin Shore
06 354 4198

www.stpeterspn.school.nz



Two TCI Courses Coming up:

TH504 Catholic Social Teaching: April 16th-18th Palmerston North Diocesan Centre.

This course will outline the Church's teaching on justice and peace. Major social issues will be explored to better understand how Catholic social teaching can inform action/s for justice and peace.

Enrol immediately for this course!

SC502 Understanding the Old Testament: July 9th-11th Palmerston North Diocesan Centre.

The Old Testament describes God's relationship with the Hebrew people covering the key events, dates, places and people.

Who were they? What relationship?

When did it happen?

Contact Kathleen Field today 021 509 436, kfield@pndiocese.org.nz; for an enrolment form.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

Are you new to the city or do you want to know other Catholics better than just their faces? PFGs help develop friendships and companions through the sad, glad and ordinary times of life by living out the gospel message of 'loving one another'. Want to know more, or to join a group? Check out:

www.passionistfamily.org.nz Contact Jenny & Stuart Doidge. (PN PFG regional coordinators) Mobile: 0274187906 or doidgefamly@xtra.co.nz Registrations open now for a city-wide group.

LENT 2018

Many thanks to all who have joined us in prayer, reflection, almsgiving, and fasting. By joining us in this Lenten journey, together we are able to demonstrate Christ's love in the advocacy, humanitarian aid and development work we do locally and around the world.

In 2017, with your support, we raised just over \$1 million which went towards life-changing programming. Funds received from our Lent Appeal will support our programmes around the world — including pre-positioning of supplies to help communities prepare for disaster.



At the time of writing this, we have over \$320,000 towards our 2018 goal of \$1 million.

To donate to the Lent Appeal, visit us at www.caritas.org.nz/ donate. Donations received before 31 March will get 2017/18 tax receipts.

Raffle tickets \$2:00 each, for a trailer load of wood, available at the parish office. Proceeds to help a young Catholic student in the PN.

We Pray for the Sick: Colleen Anderson, 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, Guisepina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Kay Sloan, Busta Jefferies, Howard & Mary Conlin, Rev Fr Sean McNamara, Sr Bridget McNamara, Phillip Gleeson, Hernando Sandoval Roza.

Requiescant in Pace

NEXT TWO WEEKS: April 1st and 8th

Readings Apr 1st: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col3:1-4, Jn:1-9

Apr 8th: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31.

ROSTERS: April 1st and 8th

Church Cleaning: (March 19th) Pat Curran and Prue Smith.

(April 2nd) Wendy Derksen and Megan Murrell.

Counting: (March 27th) Leigh Basile.

Greeters: Vigil 9:00pm Volunteers **9:30am** Jenny King.

(Apr 8th) Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson & Roselle Gouwland
9:30am Pat and Maurice McDonald

Readers: Vigil 9:00pm Kyra Tikitiki and Veronica Amey
9:30am Sharon Crooks and Ebele Ezepe

(Apr 8th) 5:30pm Kerry Hocquard & Dot Bowe

9:30am Erika Ramirez & Diane Baucke.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 9:00pm Lorraine & Dave

Marriott, Monica Hammond, Pat Curran **9:30am** Eric & Jeanette Wright,

Sharon van der Plas **(Apr 8th) 5:30pm TBA 9:30am TBA**

Altar Servers: Vigil 9:00pm Agnes Joseph **9:30am:** Tessa Amey & Gabriel Josafat
(April 8th) 9:30am Kahu and Kiwa Pomare.

Children's Liturgy: No Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday or School Holidays

Hospitality: 9:30am Easter Sunday Volunteers **(Apr 8th)** Kapatiran Group

Religious Goods/Library: (1st) Anne O'Hara (8th) Wally Semmens.

Linen: (March) Mary O'Connor (April) Margaret Swinbourne.

Lawns: (March 31st) Tino Pakome and Son.

From the Pastor's desk – Easter Edition

The great Paschal Week is here. It begins with the commemoration of the entrance into Jerusalem on Passion or Palm Sunday (both are used) and concludes with the Easter Vigil, which then takes us into the Easter period. This is the great Week of Weeks because it doesn't end until the Feast of Pentecost. This is a "week" we can't get enough of, because it is the "week" that celebrates God's revelation of *how, why, through whom* and *to what end* the whole of the created order is saved.

The *how, why, through whom* and *to what end* is what we call the Paschal Mystery and it is celebrated in the Sacred Sunday Liturgy (Mass) by the Assembly of the Faithful. The Sacred Liturgy proclaims and makes present the unity of Heaven and Earth; it tells the story of salvation and makes it present here, today. The Sacred Liturgy is *the* moment out-of-time. It is *the* meeting place of heaven and earth. It is the *meeting place* of the Church gathered in Heaven, Purgatory and on Earth. It is *the place* where the Father, the Son and the Spirit draw the whole of creation, the past and the present, the future and the end of time together into unity, and call the earth to salvation. It is *the place at the end of time (eternity, salvation, etc.)*, where men and women are saved. Words cannot grasp the reality, so symbol, sign, gesture, posture, song and movement must.

The Sacred Liturgy is not just a foretaste of heaven it is an intimate participation in heaven, while on earth. In our worship eternity is made present and we, the worshipping assembly, participate in the Trinity's work, salvation. We call the Trinity's work, liturgy. This is the deepest meaning of liturgy.

The celebration of the Paschal Vigil is the culmination of the Triduum. It is the first of all Sundays and the gathering is the first of all assemblies. The Paschal Vigil lifts us up, out of the ordinariness of time and declares itself to be the first and last of days, the alpha and the omega. The Paschal Vigil requires us to change the pattern, to inject new spirit into the community, to experience anew the community of God, the Trinity who saves us.

Often we get very used to our ritual patterns. Body and muscle memory take over and we do gestures, assume postures and recite words in such a fashion that the wonder of worship is lost in the well-practiced routine. Often we turn the Paschal Vigil into a longer Sunday Mass with more *things* that *just* take longer and so people avoid it. Often we miss the full meaning of what we're involved in through small, skimpy, weak symbols, well-worn rituals, and tired, conventional thinking.

Consequently, the newness of the great revelation of the community of the Father, the Son and Spirit, who is deeply, actively and personally at work in our lives, in the Church, in the world and in all of creation is lost. The Liturgy of Easter calls us back to the original liturgy (work) of the Trinity (Father, Son and Spirit) in creation. It resets the direction, and purpose, of our Sunday worship and of our ministry in the Church.

Christian Community begins with God. God is community! We are called through baptism into God's community. In baptism we are called to gather as sisters and brothers, as heirs to the Kingdom and co-heirs with Christ. We are not called as individuals to an individualistic faith and to a private, comfortable worship. We are called to enter the singularity of God's relationship within the Trinity, where the Father and the Son are one, where the Spirit is the unity of love between the Father and the Son, and where the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. We image this in the way we gather.

Coming to worship, then, we come not as individual, but as a holy, saved people. We must put our individualism aside and consciously participate in the singular, eternal, actually present liturgy of God. We come to participate in God's prayer; in God's liturgy (work) of salvation. We leave the "I" at the door and take on the "WE" of worship. Our prayer is corporate because it is God's prayer, God's work, first. God is first and always a community of persons, not a collection of individuals.

Thus, to symbolise this deep sense of community, to lift our Easter experience up out of the ordinary rituals and to symbolise the centrality of Easter we will change the arrangement of the community's seating from Holy Thursday to after Eucharist on the Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday, 8 April). The seating pattern we will use is the venerable pattern of the choir. In this pattern we will face each other across the church and therefore engage with each other in an immediacy that our present "liturgical bus" arrangement doesn't allow for. The lectern will be placed at the baptismal font end of the nave and the altar will be placed in front of the present sanctuary steps.

Eucharistic ministers will distribute the body and blood of the saviour at both the font end of the nave and at the steps of the sanctuary, as is presently the case. The seating pattern will return to the normal one following Sunday Eucharist on Low Sunday.

The reason for maintaining the seating pattern from Holy Thursday to Low Sunday is to (1) maintain the pattern for the Triduum, and not only for Good Friday, and (2) to include the Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday to Second or Low Sunday), thus maintaining the community focus on Easter in a strong and particular way.

Some members of the community will love this, others will not, most will probably let it pass without too much thought. Each person's reaction will depend on their approach to worship, their consideration of reverence, their desire for community and their personal needs. I cannot control any of this. What I can say is that looking across the worship space, seeing someone on the other side, smiling at them is not a sign of lack of reverence but an acknowledgment of their presence in your prayer. I know this, because I face the assembly at every Mass and I see the faces of believers and that strengthens my faith. My purpose is not to upset individuals, but rather to call us, as a community of faith, to a greater awareness of the Paschal Mystery. Will this change achieve this? That is impossible for me to say and we can discern its future value.

Community is the fundamental disposition of the Christian. We are called to communitarian worship in and through our communitarian God. We worship using our corporate (single) body: we stand together to pray, we sit together to listen, we sing with one voice, we eat from one bread and we drink from one cup. We express community, in worship, through our unity of action, voice and gesture.

As the community grows and develops we realise our need for renewal and change. A faith-filled community approaches renewal and change as the movement of God's Holy Spirit, so while being uncomfortable with renewal or change, or even scared of it, the faith-filled community discerns the movement of the Spirit and prays for the wisdom to follow wherever the Spirit leads them. The faith-fearful community rejects renewal and change and instead seeks assurances of its own position and prays for the changes to go away.

Life never stands still and parish life never stands still, it is a continual evolution, a continual process of becoming. As both individuals, and as a community, we move from the past to the future, by way of the present. Joe Grayland

Holy Week and Easter 2018

for the Pastoral Communities of

Our Lady of Lourdes PN, Sacred Heart Rongotea, St Mary's Foxton, St Joseph's Shannon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rite I Holy Thursday 29th March 4:00pm-5:00pm

Mass and Service Times

Palm Sunday 25th March

5:30pm Sat Vigil Mass - OLOL

8:00am and 10:00am - OLOL

9:30am Service - Sacred Heart

9:00am Service – St Joseph's



Monday 26th March

10:00am Mass - OLOL with St Mary's School Foxton

Tuesday 27th March

7:00pm Mass of the Oils (Cathedral)

Wednesday 28th March

10:00am Mass - OLOL

Holy Thursday 29th March

8:30am St Peters College - Maundy Thursday Procession starting at OLOL

9:00am Prayer of the Church

2:15pm OLOL School Holy Thursday Liturgy

4:00pm-5:00pm Reconciliation Rite 1

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:30pm Night Prayer of the Church

Good Friday 30th March

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy - OLOL

3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy - St Mary's Foxton



Holy Saturday 31st March

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 1st April

9:30am Mass OLOL

9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Rongotea

10:30am Mass St Mary's Foxton

