



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: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

26th March 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

LOL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM
11:00AM SUNDAY 26th MARCH, IN THE HALL.

LOL FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME
is underway. Session 4, 29th March 6.30pm.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday 5th April 6.30pm.

CONFIRMATION Programme starts TODAY, 4.00-5.50pm, before tonight's 6.00pm evening Mass at the Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St (behind the Cathedral) for year 10 students and above. Today the programme begins with the first lesson and key information about the programme. To register or request an information pack please contact Lucy Ingle: 021 509 439, or 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 3: \$282.00.
Your generous support of the Lenten Appeal is much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY POSTERS were being displayed in the foyer and they seem to have disappeared. If you know what has happened to them please phone Narelle 329 1733.

LOL GUILD Meeting Wed, 5th April 1:30pm.
Speaker—Councillor, Lew Findlay on Grey Power. Competitions—Your favourite fancy plate, plus the usual flowers Comps.

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

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 1st Monday of the month.

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

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 **60th Anniversary on 3rd 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.

ST MARY'S ANOINTING MASS Tuesday, 4th April, 12 noon, to be followed by light refreshments. For catering purposes, please phone the office, 358 5614, and advise numbers attending.

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.

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

Set Free Catholic Youth Festival Hamilton April 7th-8th We are taking a group to this. Yrs 11-13 & young adults. Setfree.org.nz. Interested? Contact Lucy 021 509439; lingle@pndiocese.org.nz

Caritas Challenge 6:00pm Mar 31st-3:00pm Apr 1st 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

AGLOW MONTHLY MEETING Thurs 30th March.
See poster in foyer.

PN PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH Good Friday 14th April 2017. Theme: "Were you there?".
Full timetable on the poster in the foyer.

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FORMER REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS need 8 – 10 people to assist them to complete funding applications to philanthropic trusts, government funders & local government. 4 organisations have been registered as incorporated societies & some activities & services are already being delivered to their respective communities. However additional volunteer assistance is needed to assist with obtaining funds so more can be accomplished. If you have experience of preparing funding applications & knowledge of sources of funds, have some time & are willing to commit for a year at least, & are willing to assist please contact Gail Munro gailmunro@governancestrategies.co.nz or Ph 0273408186.

VACANCY: The Diocese of Palmerston North has a vacancy for someone to assist in prison chaplaincy work at both the Whanganui and Manawatu Prisons. Work is varied, challenging, interesting and rewarding. This is a part time paid position of up to 20 hours per week. Interested? Please contact Tony Murphy tmurphy@pndiocese.org.nz; or 021 925 560.

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM

We Pray for the Sick: Kerrin McManus, Liu Mingquiong, 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

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

NEW LOURDES PARISH WEBSITE

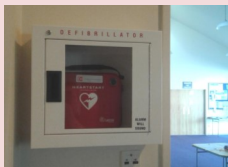
Have a look around our parish website: www.lourdesparish.nz From the site you can download present and past newsletters, rosters and other information.



Special thanks to **Mr Dave Mullin** for his work that enabled this website into being!

AED EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED

An AED emergency defibrillator has just been installed at the back of the church near the baptismal font. Training in its use will be conducted by St John in May for our registered first aiders. However, it can be used by anyone when someone's heart stops beating by following the clearly given verbal instructions from the AED device. This is also available for use by our school community on site.



Watch the short video from St John below to learn how to operate an AED www.stjohn.org.nz/First-Aid/AED/AED---Operation-Guide/

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORTING AND NEW H&S OFFICER

If you are aware of any accidents, medical events, near misses or hazards that have occurred or exist on the OLOL site, please report these to the Parish office (358 3667 or ololpn@xtra.co.nz) ASAP, in order for them to be recorded in our incident or hazard registers. If you have any concerns regarding H&S in the parish please contact our new H&S Officer: **Mr Selwyn Brown** through the parish office. We are most grateful for his willingness to take on this important position and responsibility.

Feast of St Joseph: An Inside Look at Pope Francis' Spikenard Plant

On Feast of Inauguration of Francis' Pontificate, A Look at How This Flower Plant Has Biblical Roots

March 20, 2017—Deborah Castellano Lubov—Zenit

"Lower down on the shield there is a star and spikenard flower. The star, according to ancient armorial tradition, symbolizes the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ and the Church; while the spikenard symbolizes St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. In traditional Hispanic iconography, St Joseph is shown with a vine in his hand. By bearing these images on his shield, the Pope communicates his special devotion to the Most Holy Virgin and to St Joseph."

Here, in the description of Pope Francis' coat of arms, that of when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, which he chose to keep when elected Successor of Peter, we hear about the spikenard flower plant.

Pope Francis is said to have wanted it to be part of his coat of arms as archbishop, as he always been especially fond of St. Joseph.

However, other than knowing it is on the Pope's shield and that we have seen St. Joseph holding it, we still know rather little. Zenit, therefore, decided to take a closer look at this plant and its significance for the Argentine Pontiff, who celebrated the four-year anniversary of the inauguration of Francis' pontificate yesterday, Sunday March 19, 2017.



First of all, spikenard, also referred to as nard, is a flowering plant of the Valerian family which grows in the Himalayas of India, Nepal, and China.

The oil it produces we have heard often in a Biblical context. Preserved in alabaster boxes, this expensive aromatic ointment's chief ingredient is said to have been derived from *Nardostachys jatamansi*.

Since ancient times, from India to Europe, *Nardostachys jatamansi* oil has been used as a perfume, but also in religious and medicinal contexts.

In the Hispanic iconographic tradition, in fact, St Joseph is depicted with a branch of spikenard in his hand.

In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Bible contains several references to the spikenard, as a flower that gives a precious perfume which we hear about in the Gospel.



In the Old Testament, we see references to the spikenard plant, especially in Solomon's Song of Songs.

In the Gospel, we see various references, including in Mark 14, Matthew 26, and John 12, with the Anointing at Bethany, where some presume Mary of Bethany to be Mary Magdalene, who, therefore, often is depicted with an alabaster jar of nard.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings April 2nd: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45.

ROSTERS: March/April

Church Cleaning: (Mar 27th) Judy Walker and Eileen Walsh.

Counting: Pat Curran and Prue Smith (Mar 28th)

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

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Suneal and Beverly Singh

8am Vince and Leigh Basile **10am** Jenny King.

Readers: Vigil 5.30pm: Kathy Gardiner and Judith Wall **8am:** Leigh Basile and Moya Booth **10am:** Barney/Isobelle O'Connor and Patria Kerr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5.30pm Prue Smith, Pat Curran, Denise Bailey, Judith Wall, Cecily Finucane **8am** Clare Cole, Colin Keegan, Raymond Jones **10am** Mary Murrow, Sharon van der Plas, Maria Amey, Tino Pakome, Jenny Joseph.

Altar Servers: 10am Kaitlyn Amey and Madison Gilberd.

Children's Liturgy: Donna Brown and Isobelle O'Connor.

Hospitality: 10am Rose and Wally Semmens.

Religious Goods/Library: Martin Boyle.

Brass: Colleen Hughes, Pat & Maurice McDonald (**Lent**) **Linen:** Catherine Kearins.

Lawns: Kieran McCormack (Apr 1st)