



Priest Ministers

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OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9:30am Sunday

Mon & Thurs Liturgy of Word & Communion

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00am

SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

1st Sunday of Lent—10th March 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

From the Pastors Desk

Preparing for Baptism is a key element of Lent and we are privileged that we have children and adults to baptise this Easter. Today at Sunday Mass Bishop Charles will “elect” these people.

Since their entry into the Catechumenate last year they have been members of the Catholic Church. As catechumens they have been learning the culture and ethic of Christianity, through attending Sunday worship, hearing the scriptures proclaimed in the Assembly, and through additional instruction and family support.

In the Rite of Election the bishop will ask the catechumens “do you want to be baptised?” When they reply, “yes” then he’ll say, “we choose you to be baptised this Easter”. Then the bishop will speak to the parents of the children and ask their permission to baptise their children. When they have given their consent, the bishop will then ask the catechists if the children are ready, and when they say they are, he’ll ask the community if they’re prepared to support, nurture and pray for the children and their families and support them in their journey to full initiation.

The baptisms will be at the Easter Vigil (April 20th), Easter Sunday (April 21st), and during the Sunday’s of Easter. Then, all the children who are already baptised will join with the newly baptised and prepare for the reception of the Holy Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday (June 9th).

We’re entering a profoundly holy time. Each Sunday in Lent will call us to conversion; that is a turning again of the heart and mind to God and to the needs of our neighbours, wherever they live on this holy planet, earth.

Keep praying for the adults and children of the parish who are preparing for first sacraments. Here is a prayer you may wish to use:

Heavenly Father, your love is boundless.
In your Son Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit, you make us a community of disciples. For this we give you thanks.

We ask you to be with all catechumens preparing for baptism, confirmation and eucharist, and for all baptised preparing for first reconciliation and holy communion.

Gift (***name the person***) (***or each of them***)
with your grace. Bless their days and nights with happiness and peace as they prepare for Easter.

Bless their families on this journey of faith and give them all your help and your peace.

For families preparing: Bless our family on this journey of faith, and give us all your help and your peace.

We ask this through Jesus your Son.
Amen.

Fr Joe



You are invited
to a Lenten group in the Church foyer,
Tuesdays during Lent
2:15pm-3:00pm. March 12th - April 9th.
All parishioners, including pre-schoolers,
are welcome.
Come once or every time. Cuppa included.
Ph Patricia Daws 021 023 83006

First Sacraments

This year we will combine all the sacrament preparation into the Lent/ Easter Season and prepare everyone together.

Preparation meetings will be after Masses, twice a month.

This links the preparation to Sunday Mass and community.

First meeting today, Sunday, 10th March after Mass in the Church

Key Dates to keep free:

- **First Reconciliation April 10th at 5:00pm.**
- **Baptism, Easter Vigil (20th April) beginning at 8.30pm or Easter Sunday (21st April) Morning Mass, 9:30am**
- **First Holy Communion, Pentecost Sunday, 9th June, 9:30am.**
- **Children's ministry Mass, June 23rd.**

Meals on Wheels Urgently needed, helpers to deliver meals. Every 5 weeks from 11.10am until 12.45pm on a Wednesday. Please phone Mary Dorn 329 6816 for more details.

Font donations We have received financial donations totalling \$6,950.00 and the offer of an old pew from the church for the new font. I wish to acknowledge these gifts and thank the donors on behalf of the parish.

LOL Prayer Chain: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671

LOL has launched a new Facebook page!!!!

Check it out and..... Like us on Facebook

Readings 17th March

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36.

The Marist Club Board of Directors invite you and your family to the St Patrick's Day celebration. Lunch at noon to celebrate the opening of our refurbished clubrooms and annual club rewards on Sunday 17th March at the Marist Club, Pascal Street. Paul O'Brien: Paulo@asteron.co.nz

Kapatiran Group—PN BRANCH—ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT
30th MARCH 2019 SATURDAY—The Diocesan Centre- Te Rau Aroha
33 Amesbury Street PN. Programme and registration in foyer.



Interested in attending Oberammergau Passion Play 2020? There is still room on Monsignor Bell's tour in June 2020 but tickets to the play need to be booked now. I have

a small group of 14 people but if others interested there is place for 2 – 3 others. But be quick. E. mondbell@gmail.com or ph 021 257 6771.

In "Welcom" this month this and Fr. Chris Friel's tour slightly later in year is advertised.

Aglow monthly meeting Thursday 28th March at Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts, PN 9:30am morning tea. 10:00am-12pm programme.

ROSTERS: March 11th—17th

Church Cleaning: (March 4th) Linda Darbyshire and Ann Nation.

Counters: (March 12th) Selwyn Brown. **Flowers:** No flowers during Lent.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Jeanette Currie and Lesley Wright

9:30am Josie Conlon.

Children's Liturgy: (10th) Narelle O'Connor (17th) Donna Brown

Readers: **5:30pm** Kathy Gardiner, Rosalie McCann, Rolyenne Grocero

9:30am Rhea Villocido, Maricar Dongon, Celia Kueh.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **5:30pm** Dennis Jones, Raymond Jones, Julie Lees, Martin and Judith Wall **9:30am** Mary Murrow, Maria Amey, Jacinta Cousins, Denis and Margaret Beckett.

Altar Servers: **9:30am** Tessa Amey and Cooper McKillen

Hospitality: **9:30am** Kapatiran Group.

Linen: (March) Maureen Murphy

Lawns: (Mar 16th) Tino and Son.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Anne O'Hara.

SVDP Basket: (March) Rose Semmens.

Diocesan Youth Team news: We welcome Line Vailua as the new Te Ahi Kaa Co-ordinator. If you are a new tertiary student to the Manawatu or a young, post-secondary school adult, 18+, we would love to hear from you yvailua@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 811148 or Nick Wilson, Tertiary & Young Adult Chaplain Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822814.

Last Week: Thank you for attending our Academic mass and coming along to our first hospitality event for 2019. It was a JOY meeting and serving you all! Special thanks to those who helped make it a great night.

This Week: Calling all our Young Adults & Professionals We invite you to our Welcome BBQ this Sunday 10th March following the 6pm Mass. Our Te Ahi Kaa community house is located at 25A Amesbury St just around the corner from the Cathedral. We will meet in the church foyer & make our way over. Please join us for a kai (feed), great fun & laughter. Come meet our new & old members. Bring a friend! We look forward to hosting you again!

Next Week: Sun 17th March - Pub Night at the Celtic Inn after 6:00pm Mass. It is St Patricks Day so come wearing green. It's going to be a great night! See you in the Cathedral foyer after Mass or Celtic at 7:15pm!

Junior Youth Group years 6-9 at the Diocesan Centre 5:30pm-7:00pm Friday 15th March. Social night, games and food. Bring a friend! Contact Tausilia, Citywide Youth Minister, for details 021 509439 or tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz

Red Cross Refugee Support Volunteers - the next training course starts: Option 1: Tuesday 26th March 9:30am-12pm (Tues & Thurs for 3 weeks), OR Option 2: Thursday 28th March 6:00pm, & Saturday 30th March/ Saturday 6th April 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact us for more information: 0800 RED CROSS or 06 356 8152 manawatu@redcross.org.nz

Prison Chaplain job vacancy full-time position - 3 days at Manawatu Prison & 2 days at Whanganui Prison. Applications close 31st March. Please see job description on notice board in gathering area.



All citywide PFG members (and Parishioners interested in Passionist Family Groups)

You are invited to a fabulous opportunity to deepen your knowledge about PFGs, belonging, and living Life more purposefully.

Come to Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St for 9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea and interesting sessions in the LOL hall on Sunday 5th May – led by Fr Brian Traynor (from Australia). Activities and care will be provided for children of attendees.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch on 5th May. Contact Jenny with any questions. Please confirm your attendance by 30th April to Jenny on 027 4187 906 or email doidgefamily@xtra.co.nz.

Voice for Life is currently hosting an online campaign "We Deserve Better" to raise awareness about the impact of abortion on NZ women. Look up #wedservebetter & #conversationsaboutabortion on Facebook. **For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

We Pray for the Sick: Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Colin Quirk, Gary Meyer, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.

Mass has been offered for recently deceased
Fr Peter Carde sm, Paterno Acampado